

## **Recognizing Differences, Celebrating Strengths**

### **Inclusive Schools Week**

*Inclusive Schools Week (ISW)* is an annual event sponsored by the *Inclusive Schools Network*. Celebrated during the first week in December, *ISW* was created to commemorate the progress that schools have made in providing a quality education to an increasingly diverse student population including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economics status, cultural heritage language preference and other factors. *ISW* also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

Flint Hill Elementary School will celebrate Inclusive Schools Week by recognizing that all students have differences as well as strengths and weaknesses during the week of December 3 through December 7. So how does the FHES PTA plan to recognize our differences and celebrate our strengths? We would like our students to tell us about their strengths, and we would like to highlight these strengths by creating a "Recognizing Differences, Celebrating Strengths" bulletin board in our school lobby.

If your child would like to help our school recognize that even though we are all different, every person has unique strengths during Inclusive Schools Week, please have your child complete the attached form and include a picture. The picture can be drawn by your child or your child can choose to include a photograph.

Even though we are celebrating Inclusive Schools Week in December, we hope to continue this dialogue throughout the year. We hope the events scheduled this week promote that dialogue.

Please have your kids turn the form into the main office by Monday, November 26 so that they can be included in the bulletin board. Please email Erin Lauer at [erinferrier@hotmail.com](mailto:erinferrier@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

**Celebrating Inclusive Schools Week**  
**Recognizing Differences, Celebrating**  
**Strengths**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and  
one of my strengths is...

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