

# INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

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AUTHENTIC INCLUSION: INCREASE OUR COMFORT ZONE! • DECEMBER 2-6, 2013

**Inclusive Schools Week** is celebrated annually in the first week in December by families, schools and organizations around the world.

The District of Columbia defines inclusive schools as environments in which all children, including those with significant disabilities, are welcomed and have an equal opportunity to receive high quality instruction.

Inclusive Schools Week highlights and celebrates the progress that schools have made with inclusive practices. The week provides an important opportunity for educators, students, and parents to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

OSSE and its planning partners have coordinated a week-long series of city-wide events and trainings in celebration of Inclusive Schools Week. Please join us in our efforts to raise awareness about the importance of inclusion and the great work our city is doing to ensure that inclusion is more than just a seat in a class!

## ISW Planning Partners:

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc., Department of Parks and Recreation, District of Columbia Public Charter School Board, District of Columbia Public Schools, DC Special Education Co-operative, SchoolTalk, the State Advisory Panel on Special Education, and University Legal Services.

Please contact the respective organizations for additional information or to register for specific events. Please note that additional events may be added; the calendar of events will be updated accordingly.



# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

## Calendar of Events: December 2 - 6, 2013

December 2, 2013

### Inclusive Schools Week Begins!

Help spread the word and download great resources to help celebrate the event from the National Inclusive Schools Network:  
<http://inclusiveschools.org/>

December 3, 2013<sup>1</sup>

### Inclusive Schools Day at the District of Columbia Public Schools

DCPS will be celebrating Inclusive Schools Week by holding Inclusive Schools Day across DCPS. On this day, participating schools will have staff teach a lesson to students on the meaning of inclusion, why it is important, and how it can be encouraged at their school. Participating schools will be given the option of using a preselected module or developing their own unique lesson on inclusion.

The aim of Inclusive Schools Day is to encourage inclusive practices from the ground up and foster a sense of ownership amongst students regarding inclusion. While this event is designed specifically for the DCPS community, several participating schools will be selected by DCPS staff to showcase their lessons publicly at the DC Inclusive Schools Week family event in February.

Hosted by the District of Columbia Public Schools:  
<http://dcps.dc.gov>

December 4, 2013

### "What Inclusion Means to Me"<sup>2</sup>

A Youth Artistic Expression Event

Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.  
1012 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC  
(Metro Accessible: Eastern Market)

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Hosted by the Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

202.678.8060 | [www.aje-dc.org](http://www.aje-dc.org)

December 5, 2013

### "Who Cares About Kelsey?"<sup>2</sup>

Film Screening

The GALA Hispanic Theatre  
3333 14<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, D.C., DC 20010

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Hosted by the DC Special Education Co-operative, Public Charter School Board, University Legal Services, Two Rivers Public Charter School, and George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development's Division of Special Education Research, OSSE.

<http://specialedcoop.org/coop/>

### "Strategies for Parents: Supporting a Child in an Inclusive Setting": Parent Workshop<sup>2</sup>

1012 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Washington, DC  
(Metro Accessible: Eastern Market)

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Hosted by Advocates for Justice and Education, Inc.

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December 6, 2013

### Professional Development Opportunity<sup>\*\*</sup>: Universal Design for Learning (UDL)<sup>3</sup>

Universal Design for Learning (UDL) is a research-based framework for designing curricula—that is, educational goals, methods, materials, and assessments—that enable all individuals to gain knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for learning. This session will support teachers' efforts to meet the challenge of diversity by providing flexible instructional materials, techniques, and strategies that help teachers differentiate instruction to meet these varied needs using the Internet and multimedia. Participants will individualize teaching materials to make learning engaging and challenging for students with varied backgrounds, learning styles, abilities, and disabilities.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Participants are required to bring a laptop computer.

810 First Street, NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

9:00am – 12:00pm

Registration Link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/I4qkd0/4W>

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Registration Link: <http://www.cvent.com/d/w4qkd0/4W>

To learn more about inclusion and the District of Columbia's events, please visit <http://osse.dc.gov>.

1 This event will take place within DCPS schools across the city.

2 These events are open to the public.

3 This event is for District of Columbia educators – registration required.



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