

Choose Kind

Bush Hill Elementary School will celebrate **Inclusive Schools Week** through **December 4 to 8, 2017!** As our Panthers celebrate the uniqueness of our school community, they will also learn how to be more kind, accepting, and understanding of differences.



Featured Activities

- ❖ Frank Stephens will help kick off the week as he shares his experiences and accomplishments as an individual with a disability. Frank is a member of the Board of Directors of Special Olympics Virginia and a long-time Global Messenger, advocating on behalf of Special Olympics. He was awarded the Quincy Jones Excellence in Advocacy Award by the Global Down Syndrome Foundation in 2016 and is an active advocate for Global's research. Frank's business card describes him as an "Actor, Author, Advocate." He truly is all of these things.
- ❖ Throughout the week, students will bring home an assignment related to lessons they will receive in their classrooms. This assignment provides our families with a way to support conversations about inclusion at home.
- ❖ Students will rotate through a variety of stations that will help them experience the world as individuals who may be different due to disability, gender, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. Participation in these stations will lend a new understanding of and appreciation for obstacles that may be present in an increasingly diverse student population, and how we can help others accordingly.
- ❖ At the end of the week, students will have an opportunity to take the **ORANGE Pledge**. Students will pledge to always: **o**pen access, **r**espect others, **a**ssume ability, **n**ix labels, **g**et included, and **e**mbrace differences.

Spirit Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Superhero Day: Bush Hill Panthers are all Champions of Inclusion, so dress up like the superheroes that you are!	Everyone Counts Day: Wear a shirt or jersey with a number on it.	Diversity Day: Dress in a way that celebrates differences (mismatched socks, different color hair, clothing or accessories that represent different cultures).	Squad Day: Decide with your class what squad you all can dress up as (box of crayons, deck of cards, circus animals, fruit salad)!	Go Orange for Inclusion: Wear orange from head to toe to show your spirit for inclusion.