

Totowa Borough Public Schools

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April is Autism Awareness Month. In support of the effort to increase awareness about all people with challenges, the Totowa Public Schools are providing opportunities for students and staff to learn and understand more about autism. The goal of this education is for our students to become more respectful, sensitive and tolerant in order to provide a welcoming community for all people, regardless of differences. The following activities will occur throughout the month:

District-wide activities

- Fish bowl bulletin boards will be created at both schools and "stocked" with Diversity Fish created by the students.
- On Tuesday, April 4th, students will be encouraged to celebrate their style by wearing something that makes them unique.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to "Light It Up Blue" by wearing blue on **Thursday, April 6th**.
- Students at both schools will participate in "Bubbles for Autism" on April 6th with a rain date of April 7th. The Totowa PTO will donate the bubbles.
- Blue ribbons will be displayed on classroom doors.

Memorial School activities

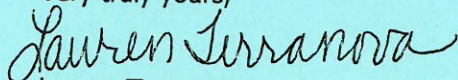
- Stickers symbolizing the celebration of autism awareness will be distributed to all students.
- Students will watch a video and participate in an activity.
- Students from Project Unify will read to the students at Memorial School on Friday, April 28th.

Washington Park School activities

- A quote will be shared each day during morning announcements celebrating our differences.
- On Wednesday, April 5th, students are encouraged to participate in "Wacky Wednesday" and promote peace by dressing in tie dye. The cafeteria will be selling "tie dyed" bagels for breakfast.
- Students from Project Unify will read to the students in Grades 3 and 4 on Friday, April 28th.

It is our hope that these activities will provide better understanding and support for all people with challenges.

Very truly yours,



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