



January, 2020

Dear Camelot Elementary Parents/Guardians and Staff,

We are excited to welcome back our “Acceptance Celebration Month” at Camelot Elementary School during the month of February. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to share so much important information about Acceptance in our school. By focusing on various themes each week over the course of a month, we will enable our students to better understand what it means to be *Accepting* of all people, regardless of ability or disability, culture, or other differences.

We will kick off each week on Monday morning with a 5-minute presentation focused on celebrating the “theme” following the morning news. We present teachers and staff Acceptance Celebration Month Toolkits to lead additional discussion and activities in the classrooms and reinforce the messages throughout the month. Each Friday of the week is a Spirit Day, where Camelot students and staff will be invited to wear different colors or items to support our various themes.

The four themes for this year include:

Spirit Day

Week 1: February 3-7, Understanding Acceptance	Friday, February 7: <i>Dress like a Superhero!</i>
Week 2: February 10-14, Anti-Bullying	Fri., February 14: <i>Wear Pink or Red</i>
Week 3: February 17-21, Disability Awareness	Fri., February 21: <i>Wear blue/yellow for down syndrome, light blue or silver for dyslexia, royal blue for autism, green for cerebral palsy, gold and silver for deaf/hard of hearing and orange for ADHD</i>
Week 4: February 24-28, Celebrating Our Diversity	Fri., February 28: <i>Wear Tie Die to support Diversity. And Don't Forget on March 6 to Wear culturally inspired clothing for International Night.</i>

The Acceptance Team will host a special Staff Breakfast on February 3 to kick off this month long endeavor. On February 21, we are excited to bring back our big event for students called **Walk in My Shoes**, giving students hands on experience through focused activities to better understand various disabilities. And don't forget, we moved **International Night** to March 6 to celebrate our diversity. Information about Acceptance Celebration Month with links to a calendar of events, teacher toolkits, and fliers and links to volunteer are available on the Camelot PTA website at camelotpta.org/acceptance.

We NEED VOLUNTEERS to make these events a success for our school. To volunteer or if you have questions about Acceptance Month, please contact Laura Allen at lallen5@gmail.com or **703-598-4987**. **Together we can show our students how to be a friend to anyone and everyone!**

Acceptance Celebration Month is organized by The Camelot Acceptance Team made up of school teachers, administrators, staff and PTA parents. Our mission is “to promote the acceptance of all students at Camelot, teach and give students the tools and knowledge they need to fully accept one another, and to encourage and show students how to be a friend to anyone and everyone, in all walks of life, both in and out of school.”

Sincerely,
The Camelot Acceptance Team