



# Whole School Engagement

**Whole School Engagement activities positively impact the school by including all students, teachers, staff, and administration.**

An inclusive school climate that fosters understanding and respect for all can influence how students think and act within and beyond the school. School-wide opportunities focused on social inclusion raise awareness and create an educational environment where respect and acceptance are the norm and all students feel included and engaged.

**Fans in the Stands.** Fans in the Stands is a program designed to promote unity and encourage students, friends, and families to get groups together to make posters, banners and create cheering sections for Special Olympics athletes in their schools and community events.

**Unified Sports Rally.** Celebrate your Unified team at a seasonal sports rally or throw an inclusive rally to bring awareness to your campus!

**RESPECT Campaign.** RESPECT Starts with You! We encourage the promotion of RESPECT, inclusion, acceptance, and unity for all students - regardless of disability - and encourage an end to hurtful speech and bullying. It's easy to promote RESPECT at your school and we're here to help get you started!

**Ability Awareness Day.** When a society misunderstands the capabilities of people with intellectual disabilities, opportunities are looked past, chances for friendships that might be sparked pass by, and respect that might be won is lost. Raise awareness on your campus about the abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. Be inspired by their stories when you learn what they must overcome and the barriers they face every single day.

