



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The following is a suggested list of ways your school can celebrate **World Autism Awareness Day** (April 2). World Autism Awareness Day is a great way to show your school's commitment to Autism Speaks. You can also use World Autism Awareness Day to kick off activities in your school for April, which is Autism Awareness Month.

AWARENESS

- ◆ Read autism facts during the morning announcements.
- ◆ Invite a speaker to your school to discuss autism. Contact your local Autism Speaks office to find a speaker.
- ◆ Show *Autism Every Day*, a powerful video that showcases everyday life with a child on the spectrum.
- ◆ Decorate your school's bulletin board with information about autism.
- ◆ Have a student write a letter to the local newspaper or school paper to discuss their awareness project and how they are helping to raise awareness in the community.
- ◆ If your school has a TV station, ask if they can post some information on autism.
- ◆ Host a Dress Down Day for autism.
- ◆ Work with the art department and host a banner contest. The banners can be posted around the school for students to vote on.
- ◆ Hold an art show featuring artwork by children with autism.
- ◆ For elementary school children, you can show the Autism Acceptance PowerPoint Presentation, or read a book selection from our autism book list during story hour.
- ◆ Start a school team to support your local Walk Now for Autism and raise funds for autism research, awareness and advocacy. Register your team at www.walknowforautism.org and start fundraising.

Questions? E-mail contactus@autismspeaks.org

To learn more about autism and Autism Speaks, please visit www.autismspeaks.org.

FUNDRAISING

- ◆ Ask everyone you know to make a donation
- ◆ Hold a bake sale
- ◆ Put on a weekend BBQ
- ◆ Have a car wash
- ◆ Have a no dress code or dress down day for a donation
- ◆ Have a dance marathon
- ◆ Order a Walk Now for Autism PSA to show during announcements.
- ◆ E-mail your fundraising web-page to everyone you know
- ◆ Hold a garage sale
- ◆ Ask a local restaurant to donate a portion of the proceeds from one night and invite people from the school to attend your Dine for Donations Dinner.
- ◆ Hold a wacky hat day
- ◆ Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Sell flowers on Valentine's Day
- ◆ Sell green carnations on St Patrick's Day
- ◆ Work at your school's concession stand during home games
- ◆ Bingo night
- ◆ Dunk tank
- ◆ Spaghetti supper
- ◆ Pancake breakfast
- ◆ Guess how many jellybeans in the jar
- ◆ Lemonade Stand
- ◆ Do odd jobs in the community
- ◆ Penny Wars
- ◆ Roll spare change
- ◆ Shave your head – get people to sponsor you
- ◆ Teachers vs. students softball or basketball
- ◆ Sell puzzle pieces
- ◆ Bag groceries for charity