



IDEAS FOR RAISING AUTISM AWARENESS IN YOUR SCHOOL

Here is a list of activities your school can do to raise awareness and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Help us raise awareness and financial support for your local affiliate of the Autism Society:

- Be a **TEAM CAPTAIN** at **16th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism** on May 26th, (<http://ascv.org/ascv-5k/> for more information);
- Create **PENNIES FOR AUTISM** jars and have the students bring in their spare pennies;
- Hold a **PAJAMA DAY for AUTISM** where each student pays \$1 to wear pajamas;
- Hold a **HAT DAY FOR AUTISM** where teachers/students pay \$1 to wear a hat at school.

Post facts about autism on large puzzle pieces around the school:

- 1 in 68 kids have autism
- More boys than girls are born with autism (1 in 42 boys)
- Autism is a disability that makes it hard to talk to other kids
- Having autism makes it hard to know how to play with other kids
- Something like lights and noises bother some kids with autism more than they might bother you
- Everyone is different, being different is not a bad thing, we are all different
- Kids with autism look just like you and I do
- Kids with autism like to have friends they just may not know how to make them as easy as you do
- Kids with autism have feelings just like you and I do

Post things that kids can do on large puzzle pieces around the school:

- Learn about kids with autism
- Talk to your parents about autism
- Say hi to kids with autism
- Be a good role model and defend them against bullies
- Invite a friend with autism to play or to your birthday party

Ask the School Library to set books about Autism out on display through April

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| • Taking Autism to School | Andy and His Yellow Frisbee |
| • Trevor Trevor | Ian's Walk: A Story About Autism |
| • A is for Autism | Joey and Sam |
| • I have autism...what's that? | My Brother Sammy |
| • Adam's Alternative Sports Day: An Asperger Story | Please Don't Say Hello |
| • Of Mice and Aliens | Looking Out My Window |

Put on the Puzzle! The Autism Awareness Puzzle Ribbon is the most recognized symbol of the autism community in the world. Wear and/or display the autism ribbon this April. Don't have a ribbon? Contact us, info@ascv.org for info on where to purchase one online.