

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our goal at Kennedy School is to raise awareness and inspire respect about celebrating each other's differences. We are dedicated to promoting social inclusion for all of our students in school and beyond.

The Illinois Special Olympics aims to achieve a similar goal for all students, through Project Unify. Kennedy will be participating in the national Spread the Word to End the Word Day. This is an ongoing campaign to raise consciousness about hurtful effects words can have on people.

Our goal is to educate our students, staff and community on exploring and celebrating differences while showing acceptance toward each and every person.

This year at Kennedy, the students will partake in lessons to encourage differences and acceptance. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will learn that it is okay to be different by signing a pledge, promising to be dedicated to celebrating each other and being kind to each other. We will collaborate as a class to create an art project and explore our differences. Our projects will be displayed at the front of the school.

We are asking all Kennedy Kubbies to please <u>wear black on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to</u> black out the word.

Thank you for your support in this.

