



# TEANECK COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear TCCS Community,

This April will be Neurodiversity Celebration Month at TCCS! As a community, we feel it is important to celebrate neurological differences, such as Autism, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity, Dyslexia, Bipolar, and beyond.

Neurodiversity Celebration is a worldwide initiative that was founded by Siena Castellon in 2018. It challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences and aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organizations and individuals with the opportunity to recognize the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent.

The goal is to build community, connection, and support by trying to share as many resources, insights, and stories as possible through this month-long celebration. Our Upper School grade levels will be working on research-based projects and presentations during their Community and Social Studies classes which will be displayed and shared around TCCS. Our Lower School grades will be participating in read-alouds and mini lessons focusing on neurodiversity.

In addition, TCCS will also be hosting a school-wide week of respect with neurodiversity inspired spirit days. This will take place the week of April 10. Please see the attached for more information!

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mathias Andrade, MA, BCBA

Sonia Torres, Principal

# NEURODIVERSITY Celebration Week!

To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind.

APRIL 10 - 14, 2023

MONDAY 4-10



**Magnificent  
Mind Monday!**

Celebrate how amazing it is that all our minds work in different, wonderful ways by wearing a fun hat and or wild hair!

TUESDAY 4-11



**Autism  
Acceptance  
Tuesday!**

Love and acceptance go a long way. Blue is being shown off to support autism awareness. The color blue's association to autism originated with the autism advocacy association known as Autism Speaks. Their "Light it Up Blue" campaign calls for people to wear blue to promote autism awareness. Blue is also the organization's primary color, and is associated with a calm feeling and acceptance in an otherwise loud and busy world for people on the spectrum. A relatively new symbol for autism, the butterfly has been a suggested replacement for the puzzle piece as it inspires thoughts of change and symbolizes the beauty of diversity and continued development.

**Wear BLUE or  
Butterflies**

WEDNESDAY 4-12



**What's Your  
Passion  
Wednesday!**

**Dress up to show something you love! - Sports, Theater, Music...etc.**

THURSDAY 4-13



**Neurodiversity  
Thursday!**

**Wear rainbow and/or tie-dyed clothes to school!**

**SPRING FLING  
School Event  
Thursday  
4/13/23  
4:30-5:30**

FRIDAY 4-14



**Sensory  
Friendly  
Friday!**

**Dress up today in your most comfy clothes (including school-appropriate PJs).**