**USD 232** 

# SPED Connections

March 2023

### Spread the Word: Inclusion



The Spread the Word organization has reframed their movement to include ALL. Students with intellectual and developmental delays continue to face adversity in the area of inclusion.

2023 Spread the Word: Inclusion is Going ALL In(clusive).

Learn more: https://www.spreadtheword.global/theme

#### Educator Toolkit: Going All In



#### Did you know?

"With Us Not for Us" is a focus on being treated fairly, having the same rights and freedoms for all people. Recognizing Different abilities not just Disabilities.

A "hub" of resources for parents & educators is located on the USD 232 SPED webpage.



#### **SPED Events**

March is the beginning of Spring and what says Spring more than going to the park!

The Kansas City Metro area has many inclusive playgrounds - here is a list of the best inclusive parks & playgrounds in KC.



#### **Parent Tips**

Advocates for inclusion are not asking for special treatment, they are asking for equal opportunities for everyone.

You are not alone. Connect with other families of children with special needs >>

USD 232 SPED Family Directory

Special Services Resource Directory

**KC Inclusive Playgrounds** 

**Inclusion Starts with Me** 

## **Awareness Highlight**

#### March is Developmental Disabilities Month

In 1987, President Reagan recognized March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to increase "public awareness of the needs and the potential of Americans with developmental disabilities" and to provide the "encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential."

>> Learn more about Developmental Disabilities Month

