

A quick and handy monthly listing of important dates for parents who need to juggle many schedules!

Special National No One Eats Alone Edition

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015 NATIONAL NO ONE EATS ALONE DAY



Over 700 Schools in 38 States



On Friday, February 13th 2015, over 400,000 students participated in National No One Eats Alone Day, a Beyond Differences initiative that started in the Bay Area and has since grown nationwide.

We are thrilled that schools all over the country are working to make students feel valued, included, and like they belong. The popularity of No One Eats Alone demonstrates that social isolation is an epidemic, and events like NOEA are needed to fix it.

And it's not just about youth action. Adults are just as responsible for setting an example of positive and inclusive social dynamics for their children to follow.

It's clear that social isolation and bullying are a chronic problem in our schools. Beyond Differences' students leaders are poised to change that.

Highlighting Student Activism: Middle School Students Advocate for No One Eats Alone at School Board Meetings

Student leaders at Presidio Middle School in San Francisco, Roseway Heights School and Beasumont Middle School in Portland, Oregon spoke to their respective school boards about the importance of No One Eats Alone.

"Roseway Heights is working hard to be inclusive of all students because it's our belief that an inclusive community is a stronger community," said 8th grader Stella.

Tom, an 8th grader at Presidio Middle School in San Francisco touched on the reasons why No One Eats Alone is important for his school.



Remember this selfie? On October 4th, 2014 Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom launched Beyond Differences' I'M IN! Campaign, calling on teens from across the country to be kind online.

Our Teen Board of Directors took action: They launched a pledge that received over 5000 signatures where teens vowed to be kind, inclusive, and not post anonymously online.

A special note from the co-chairs of our Spring Garden Party:

Greetings everyone! We are buzzing with excitement over all the progress for the much anticipated "Spring Garden Party" March 29th.



We Are Parents in Action! Lets make this event a huge success!! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

I'm IN! Are YOU? is the powerful campaign launched by the student leaders of Beyond Differences. They personally pledged -- and asked all their friends and classmates from the West Coast to the East Coast -- to be kind online, to respect others' rights online and not to post anonymously!

In Lak'ech means 'You Are My Other Me' in Mayan tradition. It is a statement of unity and oneness. Quest speaker Berta Guillen used this to frame student's work about self inquiry and love at February's Teen Board Meeting.

- UPCOMING BEYOND DIFFERENCES EVENTS
Friday, February 27, 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM Marin Montessori Assembly, 5200 Paradise Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925
Sunday, March 1st - Teen Board Meeting, 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM Oji Life Lab, 992 4th St. San Rafael, CA
Thursday, March 5th, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Bahia Vista Elementary School Assembly, 125 Bahia Way, San Rafael, CA 94901
Sunday, March 29th Spring Garden Party, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Ross, CA

ASSEMBLIES! Beyond Differences offers a powerful assembly program for middle schools presented by the Teen Board of Directors! Students learn about social isolation and brainstorm ways to create a more inclusive community at their middle schools.

On assembly days, some schools host "Be Kind Online Day" in which students take the I'm IN! pledge and promote positive comments online!

