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Jeffco Public Schools Celebrates Day Without Hate

GOLDEN, Colo. (April 28, 2016) – On Friday, April 29, Jeffco Public Schools will celebrate a Day Without Hate. This is the ninth year of the event, which began in 2007. Following the shootings at Virginia Tech, students at Standley Lake High School asked their classmates to wear white in order to show a commitment and trust in each other to make their school a safer place. The day was an overwhelming success.

Since then, students from Jeffco Public Schools, across the state, and the nation have taken this incredibly positive day to their communities to say that we will not tolerate violence or hate, and we will reach out to friends and acquaintances and say, "We're all in this together."

Day Without Hate is a student led, grassroots organization based out of Jeffco Public Schools that promotes nonviolence, unity, and respect in our schools. Nearly every school in Jeffco asks their students to wear white and participate in different activities that help spread the values of Day Without Hate. Schools can find resources and suggested classroom activities, differentiated by grade level, on the Day Without Hate [website](#).

The culminating event is the rally for high school students to celebrate all that is good in Jeffco Public Schools. All high school students in Colorado are invited to attend the rally the evening of April 29. Students, teachers, administrators, and parents will be admitted if they are wearing any official Day Without Hate t-shirt. Shirts will also be for sale for \$5.00 at the gates. The rally features live bands, guest speakers, and incredible student talent. The night will be capped off with a brilliant fireworks display.

Scheduled performers include Home Slice (a funk band featuring several Jeffco teachers), Anton Kiwimagi and Staff Infection from Stober Elementary, Arvada West Sparkles, Emery Hines from Standley Lake High School, Austin Diering from Dakota Ridge High School, Rowan Anderson from Arvada West High School, The Arvada Chorale from Arvada High School, and videos created by students from Ralston Valley and Arvada West.

Some of Denver's finest food trucks will be present outside the gates from 6:00-7:00 p.m., including Kona Shaved Ice, Moe's BBQ, Maui Wowi, Talarico's, B&O Fro-yo, Cali Wrap, Gigi's Cupcakes, and Devil Dog Grill. Inside the stadium, Pepsi is donating free bottles of water for everyone.

DWOH Activities and Projects 2016

School	Activity/Project	Contact
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Woodrow Wilson Academy	Motivational Speaker for Middle School	Natalie Grigsby
Mount Carbon Elementary	Implementing social emotional curriculum Kelso's Choice Conflict Management Skills Program. This program is taught to all students, and Mt. Carbon feels that if students learn the strategies to solve conflict peacefully, the success of recess will improve greatly.	Rachel Shulman
Jefferson Academy Secondary	Guest Speaker Assembly	Jennifer Davis
North Arvada Middle School	Guest Speaker Assembly	Tricia Tersigni
Green Mountain High School	Guest Speaker Assembly	Joey Ruppel
Shaffer Elementary	Leader in Me curriculum and assembly	Deb Peterson
Pleasant View Elementary	Guest Speaker Assembly	Faye Doverspike
Devinny Elementary	Pinwheel will decorate the school with kindness	Alisa Phenna
Ken Caryl Middle School	Guest Speaker Assembly	Shannon Schneider
Carmody Middle School	The "Be B.I.G.G.E.R- Connection, Compassion, Concern" Bully Prevention Program assemblies and workshop	Heather Sherman
Stevens Elementary	Guest Speaker Assembly	Jeff Lubansky
Evergreen High School	Diversity Day - APRIL 14	Alayna Bloom
Pennington Elementary	School-wide Balloon release	Michelle Witholder
Warder Elementary	Creating an "I Am" wall	Shannon Salcido
Rocky Mountain Deaf School	Activities throughout the week building up to DWOH	Jessica Rogers
Excel Academy	Installing a "Buddy Bench"	Starr Svaldi
Dunstan Middle School	Guest Speaker Assembly	Jennifer Baker
Kendrick Lakes Elementary	Magic Show - How can we make hate disappear? Activities and assemblies throughout the week	Cindy Lesser
Semper Elementary	Lots of new books aimed at preventing bullying	Cindy Gutierrez
Glennon Heights Elementary	"Wheel of Kindness"	Pamela Grace Okeke
Bear Creek K-8	Students are creating inspirational videos	Debbie Millard
Ryan Elementary	Purchased "Character Chronicles" DVDs to teach valuable lessons	Kristin Miesel
Kullerstrand	Installing permanent DWOH banner	Sean Burnham

Elementary		
Arvada High School	Installing "I Am..." wall	Michael Beckwith
Shelton Elementary	The Shelton "Health Heroes" will create a short video about self-empowerment and managing conflict, utilizing the DWOH tools and resources.	Kier Bard, PTA
Leawood Elementary	Guest speaker assembly	Jennifer Magri
Normandy Elementary	Creating peace buttons for the entire school	Rebecca Chao
Coronado Elementary	Rachel's Challenge assembly	Ashley Boetcher
Dakota Ridge High School	Rachel's Challenge assembly	Keary Sullivan

For additional information, please visit daywithouthate.org.

About Jeffco Public Schools

Jeffco Public Schools has been providing educational excellence for more than 60 years. Approximately nine percent of all the K-12 students in Colorado attend a Jeffco school. Our mission is to provide a quality education that prepares all children for a successful future. The district serves over 85,000 students at 154 schools on 168 campuses. Find [Jeffco Public Schools](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

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