

Project UNIFY

Inclusion. Acceptance. Leadership.

September 2013

Welcome back! I'm sure you're already in the swing of things at this point. Here are some quick news items I wanted to share with you for the 2013-2014 school year.

Spread the Word to End the Word

I am currently recruiting an intern to get to work on Spread the Word promotions for 2014. If you have a former student who resides in or around Columbia, have them send an email to Ashley (contact info below).

Also, this is the time to let me hear your feedback. Have you been doing STW for several years and are looking how to take things to the next level or want to know how to recapture student attention about important issues like bullying, respecting others, and putting people first? Let's talk.

Impact Reporting

If you've been a Project UNIFY school for long, you have probably been hit up for all kinds of info regarding your events related to Special Olympics activities. Because the basis for our activities is currently a government grant, we are required to submit a lot of data back to our program headquarters. I want to ensure this process is as easy as possible. Please let me know how it is easiest to contact you about activities like: volunteering at Special Olympics events, YAP programs, STW activities, etc. Let me know if you want me to call, email, or if you would like to fill out a monthly report to me. I'd really like to work on the system we have for data gathering, but I need your input!

Get Into It

Get Into It is our school curriculum that incorporates Special Olympics values (respect, acceptance, teamwork, etc) into lesson plans that you can use in your classroom. And now, there's an app for that! Look in your iTunes or Android store for "Get Into It" and have lesson plans and resources at the tips of your fingers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September events are listed at www.somo.org/calendar.

September 14 -
KC Metro Area Bocce, Blue Springs

September 15 -
STL Metro Area Bocce, Hillsboro

September 21 -
STL Metro Area Flag Football, Earth City

September 22 -
STL Metro Area Soccer, St. Louis

September 28 -
North Area Tennis, St. Joseph

October 4 -
STL Over the Edge, St. Louis

**October 11 -
State Fall Games, Cape Girardeau**

**October 12 -
Central Over the Edge, Jefferson City**

Bolded events are in need of a high number of volunteers still. Please consider getting a group of students or teachers together to help with one of these events!

Do you have questions about or ideas for our newsletter or website? Let us know!
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