



The Spreading Kindness Campaign invites your school to participate in the 2019-20 **Everyone Belongs** School Kindness Project.

The purpose of the project is to encourage and help schools initiate and/or maintain kindness activities that convey inclusiveness to students who may experience challenges to feeling welcome at school. These may be students of color, of poverty, with disability, LGBTQ, or non-English speakers. An example of such a project is a middle-school club in which eighth graders mentor sixth graders during their first year in middle school with special attention to students who may feel excluded. Many examples of kindness projects can be found at <https://www.spreadingkindnesscampaign.org/kindness-in-organizations/schools/school-kindness-challenge/>.

Everyone Belongs activities can involve a few classrooms, an entire grade level, or the whole school. A wide range of projects will be acceptable including kindness clubs and kindness celebrations that acknowledge academic success as well as student music, art, poetry, spoken word, skits, photography or film projects with a kindness theme. Follow this link https://www.sjcoe.org/selparesources/tiers/Positive_Greetings_at_the_Door_script.doc.pdf to learn of a simple greeting protocol that has been proven effective for helping students feel welcome. For more kindness project ideas, visit <https://www.spreadingkindnesscampaign.org/kindness-in-organizations/schools/>

The **Everyone Belongs** School Kindness Project opportunities and timeline:

Mini-grants. Schools with high needs may apply for a mini-grant to plan and carry out an **Everyone Belongs** kindness project. The goal of all projects will be to enhance inclusivity. Two levels of financial support are available. One level is a payment of up to \$100 to support a kindness project involving school personnel and students. A second level is a payment of up to \$200 for a project that includes families and/or PTO or PTA as well as school personnel and students.

Schools may apply for these mini-grants by filling out and submitting the **MINI- GRANT APPLICATION. Deadline is March 19, 2020.** Upon completion of the activity, the **Final Report** will be required by May 26, 2020.

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