

# What is AWOD?



- **A World Of Difference** is a school organization that trains students to become peer trainers that will help and teach in our school and community. By exploring issues of bias, discrimination, and through volunteerism at our local homeless shelters and community events, the students learn first-hand how to work not only with each other, but also with their younger peers.

# Our Goals



- To help people be more accepting of others.
- To encourage volunteerism designed to assist Huntington residents with their needs.
- To raise money for various charities and school events.
- To grow as individuals in communication, human relations and leadership.
- To make our community and “our” world a better place.

# Our Annual Agenda



- **Monthly meetings**
  - Issues forum regarding bias, discrimination and our community as a whole.
- **Diversity peer training**
- **Safe Halloween**
- **Food Drives for local agencies**
- **Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI)**
  - Coat and clothing drive for HIHI
  - Shelter-work December –March
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade training at Woodhull**



# AWOD 5<sup>th</sup> grade training May 29<sup>th</sup> 2013

**13 CLASSES OF 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS (APPROXIMATELY 350 STUDENTS)**



**2013 theme: Bystander/ Upstander**

**Our mission: To teach our audience how to safely interrupt bias and address uncomfortable situations.**

# True/ False



1. Bullying only affects a few kids.
2. Some kids deserve to be bullied.
3. Bullied kids should fight back.
4. Teachers always know when bullying occurs.
5. Kids who bully are cool.
6. Kids tell their parents when they are being bullied.



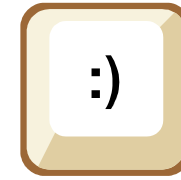
# A Bystander is:



- A spectator
- A witness
- An Onlooker
- An observer that does nothing



# Upstander



- Stands up for someone in a **safe** way
- **Tells** a trusted adult, like a teacher or parent
- An **upstander** reaches out in friendship
- **An Upstander also:**
  - **Surveys** for **safety**
  - Is **courageous**
  - Is **Kind**
  - **Leads** by example
  - **Speaks** up
  - **Gets involved!!!**



# Graffiti boards



1. What can you say when **you hear someone hurting someone else's feelings?**
2. What does **respect and acceptance sound** like?
3. How does being **left out** feel?
4. What does being **teased** sound like?
5. **Girls are?/ Boys are?**



# “Upstander 8”



**1. Have cried this week**

**2. Cross the line if you've ever been picked last or left out of an activity.**

**3. Cross the line if you've ever been judged or teased because of the color of your skin or because of your religious background.**

**4. Cross the line if you've ever felt alone, unwelcome or afraid.**

**5. Cross the line if you have intentionally hurt someone's feelings.**

**6. Cross the line if you've ever stood by and watched while someone was hurt and said or did nothing because you were too afraid.**

**7. Cross the line if you ever stood up for someone who's being picked on or wished you had.**

**8. Cross the line if you can give an example of how to safely stand up for someone.**



# *Some closing reflections...*



*"We may be different on the outside but we are all the same on the inside."*

*"I won't pick on anyone anymore."*

*"There's no point in being mean to someone. It just makes them feel bad and ruins their day."*

*"It only takes one to make a difference."*

*"When I'm bigger I want to be in AWOD."*

*"Next time I see someone being picked on, I'm going to ask them to join me so they know they have a friend."*

*"I never want to forget it could happen to me."*

*"Don't judge people."*

*"This was awesome!"*

