

**FRISCO I.S.D. INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**"WHITE RIBBON WEEK"**  
**DECEMBER 7-11, 2009**

**"If we cannot now end our differences,  
at least we can help make the world safe for diversity."**

*- John F. Kennedy*

- \*Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - Shine for Isbell (wear all white to show unity and friendship)
- \*Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - We are all UNIQUE (wear crazy socks or hats to express yourself)
- \*Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - Warm-up to a new friend (wear warm ups)
- \*Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - "I am Blue-tiful" Day. (Wear blue)
- \*Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Isbell UNITY Day (wear your spirit shirt)

**ABOUT THE WEEK**

- Inclusive Schools Week (ISW) highlights and celebrates our nation's schools in providing a supportive and quality education to a diverse student population,
- Includes students with disabilities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.
- FISD joins tens of thousands of students, families and educators in schools and communities in every state as well as several foreign countries as they celebrate ISW since 2001.
- Inclusive Schools Week is endorsed by The White House and the U.S. Department of Education.

**WHY "WHITE RIBBON"?**

In the light spectrum, white is made by combining every color in the rainbow. White ribbons have been used globally as the symbol of a wide variety of causes since the 1800s.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS:**

- Make sure each and every student feels welcome and is learning
- Embrace the understanding that every student is unique and, therefore, learns differently
- Understands that all children - students with and without disabilities, English language learners, those with special talents - learn better if teaching is tailored to their abilities, interests and learning style
- Collaborates with families
- Holds high expectations for ALL students success
- Keeps improving