

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Day Students Summary of the Day

They learn differently and they have different everyday life stuff. They also have different routines everyday and go through a lot of stress. They will help understand and have more empathy because it is stress for them.

A.P.

Jefferson County JVS

I learned that most children learn differently than others. Most children develop things later on in the day and others develop things quickly. I learned that you should just take your time with children and not rush because some children would not understand.

M.T.

Jefferson County JVS

I really enjoyed going through the stations to experience how daily life would be with a disability. It was very eye-opening, and I learned a lot! I also LOVED getting to interact with the kids. I wish I would've had more time with them in the classroom! This awareness day experience is one that I think everybody should experience in their lifetime. I absolutely loved every minute I got to spend here! Thank you for the opportunity to come here! P.S. Braydon from Amanda's classroom is such a fun kid! He's very cute and energetic—wish I could've spent more time with my little buddy!!!

L.C.

Harrison Central High School

That some people have different disabilities and they need different help because even people who are blind have different versions of it so no two students are the same. I had a lot of fun and meet some cool kids, Plus I learned a lot that I didn't know.

B.D.

Indian Creek High School

I learned that not every disability is the same. Kids may seem like they have the same problems, but even within each disability the kids experience different situations. No disability is the same. I really enjoyed the activities and thought they were a good representation of what it might be like to have such a disability. I am going to highly recommend these activities to everyone in my high school. If I could I would love to come back next year.

R.S.

Jefferson County Christian School

I have learned that there are many types of disabilities. It was a really fun exciting day with all the cool things we got to do today. I feel like it really helped me understand more about what this program is about. Everyone was really nice and fun to be around. I would highly recommend this to others.

R.M.

Jefferson County Christian School

From these activities I have learned what people go through on a day to day basis while experiencing disabilities. While we only experienced a short while of what these disabilities consisted of, these students never go to take off the goggles or stand up out of the wheel chair. I definitely have a new found understanding on what these students go through. These activities help you understand what their life is like every day, and I am grateful for this opportunity to put a smile on their faces.

L.P.

Edison High School

Yes it would help me understand and that it takes a very special person to take time and understand these kids with special needs. Also I liked how the kids if they couldn't talk they have a book where they could find the picture and that's how they identify if and being blind is very hard to get around by yourself.

A.B.

Jefferson County JVS

I was able to gain experience working with different people's disabilities and gain knowledge of how life may be for them. I feel that it helped me to know how to understand. I feel far more comfortable and have a more loving understanding than I did before. Now I may look into future work with disabilities. I highly enjoyed today and would recommend it to every single person.

R.S.

Jefferson County Christian School

I learned that having a disability is a lot harder than I thought. It was very difficult to do some of the things they have to do every day. It was very eye opening to me. These activities will help me understand how these people live every day and struggle when it comes so easy to us. I thank you for the opportunity to come and learn about what you do here.

E.F.

Edison High School

I learned that there's more than what I thought involved with the disabilities here. I feel that my experience here showed me just how much people with disabilities go through, and how much I love my senses. I never realized that vision and hearing impairments were included in the disabilities.

Z.D.

Buckeye Local High School

The beginning helped me to understand the world through these children's eyes and why they react the way they do. I also loved meeting with the kids and getting to know them a little. The only thing I would change is to give us a little more time with the kids. Thank you for allowing us to come!

A.D.

Buckeye Local High School

Being here helped me to understand and connect with people with disabilities. I knew it was hard to live without certain abilities, but it was harder than I first thought. Working with the kids in their classroom was a good experience. I enjoyed talking with the kids and doing a craft. I recommend this activity

to other high schoolers, even if they're not planning to go into Special Ed. or any other education. I believe this course helps to spread awareness.

B.R.

Jefferson County Christian School

I feel I gained a deeper understanding and appreciation for people with disabilities and I think it will help me learn not to pass judgment quickly. I believe observing the classrooms was the most eye opening experience. Thank you for allowing me to come!

C.D.

Buckeye Local High School

I learned that everyone is different, but that's okay. I learned how people with disabilities think and act. Some need to be watched, others just need extra help. These activities will definitely help me with day to day perspective. Thank you for letting us come for the day!

J.S.

Buckeye Local High School

Today was a lot of fun. I learned a lot that I did not know. I really had a lot of respect for people with disabilities, but now that I have a whole new understanding. I completely respect the work behind them. I plan to attend Bethany College where I will major in Special Education. This experience today made me want to do it even more. This is not an easy job and you have to be a special person to do this work. Thank you for what you do!

H.W.

Indian Creek High School

I was really thankful for the opportunity to be here today. I learned so much it really opened my eyes and gave me an idea of what their life is like. I will definitely have a different perspective when I meet people with a disability.

C.B.

Jefferson County JVS

These activities have taught me never to judge on first reaction because some of these disabilities you cannot see. These activities that not having some of our 5 senses is very difficult and can really slow things down for your life. It has also taught me to be thankful for what God has given me and to not take these gifts for granted. These kids are loving and amazing and the staff is 10 times more loving and amazing. I wish them all the best of luck!

T.M.

Edison Local High School

I learned to better accept children/people with certain disabilities. Especially to take how they feel into consideration when coming into contact with them. I better understand the daily obstacles they have to work to overcome in every situation. Thank you for this experience!

L.J.

Edison High School

Today was a lot of fun. I learned that these kids have it hard but that doesn't mean to exclude them. The kids that do this every day are brave and amazing. They are friendly and try to be sweet. It was cool to see the different forms of disabilities. This made me have a great experience and understanding of what goes on in a day to day lifestyle for them. I had a great time and hope they had a great time with me.

S.W.

Indian Creek High School

I learned a lot from all of the activities. Some of the things that I thought were going to be extremely difficult weren't as bad but things I thought that would be easy were more difficult. Overall, no one here or even in the world has it easy, but all the people here make it so enjoyable. The atmosphere is amazing here. I would definitely love to come back.

T.S.

Indian Creek High School

These activities taught me the hardships of disabilities. I've heard of disabilities but to actually be in the place of these children and understand

them from their perspectives. The activities we did certainly taught myself and other peers these difficulties. These people have their condition day to day and the activities today put me in their place for a brief time, allowing me to appreciate and understand what they go through. Overall, I'm thankful for the experience. I can apply it to my every day social interactions.

G.N.

Harrison Central High School

This experience has helped me to realize the struggle in everyday life for someone who is disabled. It helped me realize how much patience it would take to work with these children. I really liked the day spent here. My favorite part was the wheel chair station. I feel I will take a lot away from this experience and am looking forward to more opportunities like this.

C.D.

Harrison Central High School

From these activities, I learned to be more patient with people who have a disability. Now that I see and understand what they actually go through on a daily basis, I need to be more grateful for what I have. I enjoyed learning more about each disability and ways to help them and communicate with them. Today has made me extremely excited to start my future in the education field.

C.L.

Indian Creek High School

I learned about how people with disabilities live their life. It was an eye opening and an amazing experience for me to see the daily lives of people with disabilities. I can see how hard it is for these kids with certain disabilities. I loved going into the classroom and meeting the students. Overall, I loved coming here and it was great to see what these kids go through.

P.T.

Harrison Central High School