

DIVERSITY AWARENESS WEEK

Anderson School District Five

(MARCH 23-27, 2015)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Diversity Awareness Week is a project encouraging schools in the Upstate of South Carolina to annually engage young people – our future leaders – in recognizing the strengths that we gain as a community when we embrace and celebrate diversity. The Diversity Leaders Initiative (DLI) concept of "diversity" is broad and inclusive of everyone and all types of differences – race, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation, physical ability, thought, perspective, experience, etc. Its primary goal is to sow the seeds early for the acknowledgement, appreciation and respect of the many shades of human coexistence along which we differ from and complement one another.

Diversity Awareness Week, a week of exciting activities carefully designed for school children by participating schools, relies on the creativity of school teachers to teach aspects of diversity through the curriculum in a manner that is grade and age-appropriate. A diverse range of activities incorporating music, art, literature, social studies, geography, sports, and more will be demonstrated. Diversity Awareness Week is being launched in Anderson District Five as a pilot project in 2015. The goal is to expand the concept throughout the Upstate of South Carolina in subsequent years, ultimately reaching thousands of future leaders of our state.

2015 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Elementary:

Concord Elementary International Baccalaureate School

Whitehall Elementary-A Global Communication School

Middle:

Glenview Middle

Lakeside School of Inquiry and Innovation

McCants International Baccalaureate World School

Robert Anderson College and Career Academy

Southwood Academy of the Arts

High:

T.L. Hanna High School

Westside High School

TEAM MÉLANGE

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