

## Our school will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on Monday, March 22, 2021.

What Can You Do? Wear your most colorful, fun socks in celebration of people with Down syndrome and the many ways that they make our world brighter.

What is Down syndrome? Down syndrome can affect how a person looks, speaks and learns. Students with Down syndrome may need extra help, but they can learn the same skills as their classmates. People with Down syndrome are more like you than they are different! They play on sports teams, are artistic, play instruments and join clubs at school. They want to have fun and make new friends, just like all kids do.

Why rock your socks on 3.21? Down syndrome happens when there are 3 copies (instead of 2) of the 21st chromosome. Socks were chosen because under a microscope chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks!

Today as you look DOWN at your feet and see the DIFFERENT socks, remember that we are ALL different and that different is a GOOD thing to CELEBRATE!



