

# National AccessAbility Week 2026

## School Announcements

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### Elementary — Morning Announcement

Good morning everyone,

This week is National AccessAbility Week, a time to learn about how we can make our schools and communities welcoming for everyone.

Did you know that disabilities can look very different? Some people use wheelchairs. Some are blind or have low vision. Some are deaf or hard of hearing. And sometimes, a disability can be temporary – like when someone breaks a leg playing sports and needs crutches.

Accessibility means making sure everyone can move through the world and take part in everyday activities – no matter how their body works.

This week was inspired by Rick Hansen, who wheeled around the world in his wheelchair to show what's possible and to challenge how people think about disability.

As you go through your day, take a moment to notice your surroundings, and think about how they might feel for someone else.

### Elementary — Afternoon Announcement

Before we head home, a reminder that this week is National AccessAbility Week.

Think about something simple, like opening a door, climbing stairs, or hearing an announcement.

For some people, those things aren't so simple.

Accessibility is about making sure everyone can take part, whether they have a disability that's visible, invisible, or even temporary.

Tomorrow, try to notice one thing you can do to help make our school more inclusive.

Have a great afternoon!

## **Secondary — Morning Announcement**

Good morning,

This week is National AccessAbility Week, a time to recognize the experiences and contributions of people with disabilities.

Disability isn't one thing. It can include mobility, vision, and hearing. It can be visible or invisible. And it can be permanent or temporary, like recovering from a concussion or a sports injury.

Accessibility is about more than physical features like ramps or automatic doors. It's about how spaces are designed and how people are included in them.

This week was inspired by Canada's Rick Hansen who wheeled around the world to challenge barriers and change perceptions about disability on the Man In Motion World Tour.

As you move through your day, consider this: who was this space designed for, and who might it leave out?

## **Secondary — Afternoon Announcement**

As we wrap up the day, let's take a moment to think about the effort it takes to move through the spaces around you.

For some people, that effort is greater because buildings weren't built for different bodies, and the way we think about disability can still create barriers.

Accessibility is about reducing that effort. It's about removing barriers so everyone can take part, equally and with dignity.

That starts with awareness. And it continues with action.