National AccessAbility Week and Red Shirt Day

May 30 to June 5, 2021

Celebrate, Take Part, and Show Your Support!

Suggested activities for your classroom and school:

- **Encourage students and teachers at your school to wear red on Red Shirt Day (Wednesday, June 2nd) and post your individual or group photos on social media with the hashtags #RedShirtDay, #RedForAcccessAbility, #EasterSeals. In your post, share the reason why your school has chosen to observe National AccessAbility Week and participate in Red Shirt Day, and what you pledge to do in the year ahead to enhance accessibility and inclusion in your classroom, school or community.**

- **Encourage your students to take part in the Easter Seals Art Contest for National AccessAbility Week by setting aside time and materials for the students to draw their artwork during your class. There are prizes to be won! More details about the contest can be found at www.RedShirtDay.ca**

- **Have your students create posters containing positive messages of support for people and families living with disabilities, and put them up on the walls of your class, or allow the students to bring the posters home to show their family and put up on the windows at home.**

- **Read books or watch movies and video clips that feature characters with disabilities or which touches on disability, accessibility and inclusion. Then have a discussion about what you have read or watched, and the message and lessons that the students took away from the books/movies/videos. For suggestions of children's books with themes related to disability, accessibility and inclusion, visit www.RedShirtDay.ca**

- **Organize the students into groups and have them think about physical and attitudinal barriers that may exist in the classroom and schools, and work together to identify ways to remove those barriers in order to make the classroom and school more accessible and inclusive of people of all abilities.**

- **Consider inviting a speaker from your local Easter Seals or other organizations serving people with disability to address students in your class/school. You might also consider inviting students at your school, who are living with disability, to share their experiences in your classroom or at the school assembly.**

- **Teachers or students can organize activities to raise funds/donations for Easter Seals or other local organizations that provide services in support of people and families with disabilities.**

For more information and resources, visit www.RedShirtDay.ca