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## **Mill Neck Manor: We Are Turning Our Backs On Bullying!**

Anti-Bullying Week, organized by the Mill Neck Manor Student Government, was a week-long event including two activities that kicked it all off on May 13. At the opening rally that day, students and staff were seen wearing their shirts backward, accepting the challenge to “turn their backs on bullying”. Following a brief overview of the week’s planned activities, everyone also participated in the “Cross the Line” activity. It began with students and teachers standing on one side of the line. The group was then given examples of bullying, and asked to “cross the line if you’ve ever been bullied because of your height/age/skin color, etc.” By the end of the activity, everyone was standing on the opposite side of the line, indicating that we all have felt the effects of bullying at some point in our lives.

Tuesday’s Talent Show allowed students to share their special gifts with their classmates and teachers. Acts included piano tunes, hockey moves, hula hooping and lots of exuberant dancing! On “Mix It Up Day,” students wore mismatched clothing and sat with classmates they don’t normally share a table with during lunchtime. Classes also created anti-bullying posters, showcasing each student’s creativity to incorporate a “Don’t Dis’ My Ability” theme. To wrap up the week on Friday, everyone wore their student-designed anti-bullying t-shirts, encouraging students and staff to “Respect All.”

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf is part of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, a not-for-profit group dedicated to serving Deaf and hard of hearing individuals through educational, vocational and spiritual programs and services. For more information about any of its programs, please call (516) 922-4100 or visit <http://www.millneck.org>.

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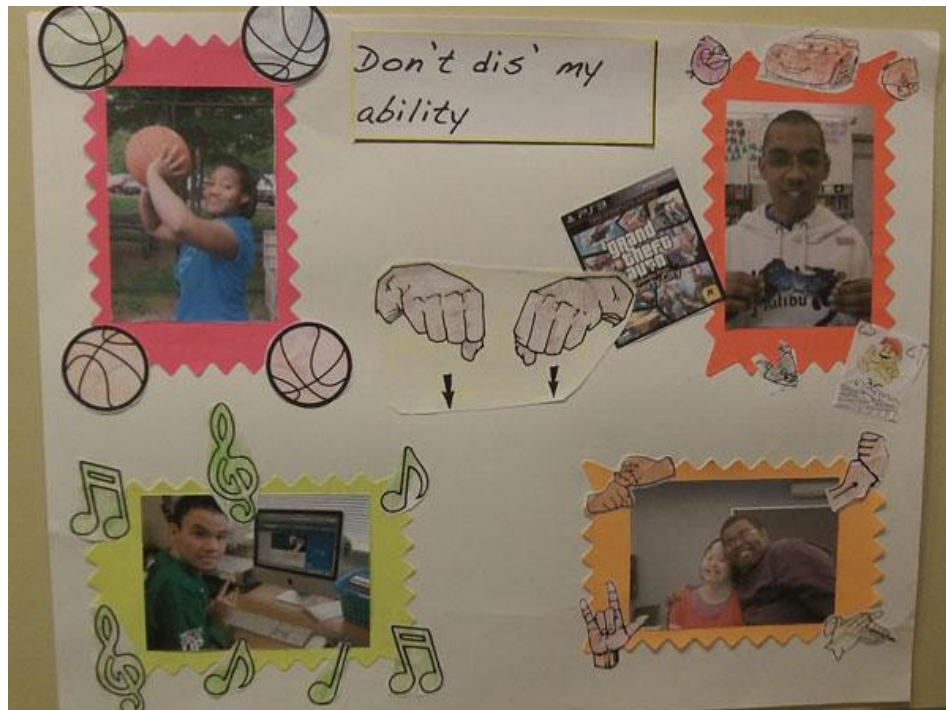
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1. The “Cross The Line” activity illustrated that everyone is affected by bullying.
2. One class’s “Don’t Dis My Ability” poster showing each student’s talents and skills.
3. The Talent Show featured a variety of student performances, including sports skills, hula hooping and of course, lots of exuberant dance moves!

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