

Events List—Abilities Awareness Week
Haddon Height School District and Community

Monday March 5th:

There will be a **STEPS Abilities Awareness Family Film Night**. This will take place at the Haddon Heights High School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 pm. The featured film will be King Gimp. Here is a description of the featured film:

King Gimp: This short documentary follows the life of Dan Keplinger from age 12 until his graduation from college. This award-winning film documents the struggle of an individual with cerebral palsy entering the mainstream as well as the birth of an artist. To view a short preview, visit: http://www.videopress.umaryland.edu/King_Gimp.html

Throughout the Week of March 12th through the 16th, the Haddon Heights Public Library will be honoring Abilities Awareness Week! Here are some of the events happening at the library:

1. A display of disability related books will be available for reading!
2. There will be “*Storytime*” events throughout the week. During storytime, the librarians will address the themes of acceptance, tolerance, and friendship regardless of differences. Storytime will take place **Wednesday at 7:00 pm** and **Thursday at 10:30 am**. Additionally, there will be **Lego Storytime on Friday had 3:30 pm**.

Also, throughout the week of March 12th through the 16th, The Sports Specialty Store on Station Avenue will be featuring posters of sports legends who have succeeded living with distinct disabilities. Posters of Bruce Jenner, Olympic Decathlon diagnosed with dyslexia, and even Jay Cutler, current quarterback of the Chicago Bears, who lives with diabetes. Please stop by **The Sports Specialty Store to see these amazing posters! You’ll be surprised to see so many famous athletes with disabilities!**

Monday March 12th:

Haddon Heights Junior High School: Guest Speaker, ***Mrs. Simcox***, will be talking about ability awareness.

Haddon Heights Elementary Schools: Guest Speaker ***Carolyn Tassini***, physical therapy team leader from the Drucker Brain Injury Program (*Part of Moss Rehabilitation*) will be talking about brain injury and prevention. She will be accompanied by Seamus the service dog!

9:00-9:30 am: *Glenview Elementary School*

10:00-10:30 am: *Atlantic Avenue Elementary School*

11:00-11:30 am: *Seventh Avenue Elementary School*

Tuesday March 13th:

The Christian Science Reading Room is presenting two free video talks via computer from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The first is "Are you ready to flourish?" with Evan Mehlenbacher (20 minutes) and "Accessing our unlimited resources" with Beth Packer (25 minutes). Refreshments will be served. The Reading Room is located at 604 Station Avenue next to the public library.

Afternoon.

Wednesday March 14th:

Haddon Heights High School: Guest Speaker **Dan Keplinger**, *artist, advocate, and individual with Cerebral Palsy*, will be presenting "King of Arts." This is a presentation where Mr. Keplinger shows his video "King of Arts" (10 minutes) and then discusses his disability and how his art represents his personality. Please visit his website at <http://www.kinggimp.com/>.

(Time Still yet to be Determined)

First Church of Christ, Scientist (Located at 3rd and Station Avenue in Haddon Heights): The church will be dedicating their regular Wednesday testimony meeting to support Abilities Awareness Week. All are welcome to attend. **The meeting will be starting at 8:00 pm.** There may be a guest speaker attending to talk about disability awareness.

Seventh Avenue Elementary School: **Everyone is welcome!** The Child Study Team will be presenting "**Different Like Me Night.**" Participants will be traveling from station-to-station learning and engaging in activities designed to help show people what it is like to live with a disability. Also, guest speaker **Dan Keplinger**, *artist, advocate, and individual with Cerebral Palsy*, will discuss his disability and how his art represents his personality. **Mrs. Tagmire**, librarian at Haddon Heights School District, will be presenting a quilt for the Ronald McDonald House. Lastly, **American Dance Wheels** will be joining us. They are an artistic organization that trains individuals with disabilities, ballroom dance teachers, and occupation and physical therapists the art of wheelchair ballroom and Latin dancing. They will show us their moves. Get your dancing shoes on because they will need volunteers. Come with your family and enjoy a night of being different with us! This event will begin at **6:00 pm.**

Thursday March 15th:

The First Church of Christ, Scientist is presenting a free talk entitled "Acceptance Through the Power of Love" with Maryl Walters at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Third & Station Avenues in Haddon Heights. Refreshments will be served.

The Christian Science Reading Room is presenting two free video talks via computer from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The first is "Are you ready to flourish?" with Evan Mehlenbacher (20 minutes) and "Accessing our unlimited resources" with Beth Packer (25 minutes). Refreshments will be served. The Reading Room is located at 604 Station Avenue next to the public library.

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Friday March 16th: No Events

Other Events in Mid March: The Boys Scouts will be going on an outing to the Special Olympics Basketball games in Sewell and having a den meeting with a speaker and activities.

Some Powerful Quotes:

- "I choose not to place "DIS" in my ability!" Robert M. Hensel
- "The only disability in life is a bad attitude." Scott Hamilton
- "If you're an underdog, mentally disabled, physically disabled, if you don't fit in, if you're not as pretty as the others, you can still be a hero." Steve Guttenberg
- "Placing one foot in front of the other, I've climbed to higher lengths. Reaching beyond my own limitations, to show my inner strength. No obstacle too hard, for this warrior to overcome. I'm just a man on a mission, to prove my disability hasn't won." Robert M. Hensel
- "Continuous effort—not strength or intelligence—is the key to unlocking your potential." Winston Churchill
- "Nobody's good at everything. Advantages and disadvantages come in many forms." Charles Schwab