

Celebrating Diversity: The Difference Is In Knowing

FEEDBACK FROM DPS STAFF ACROSS 4 SCHOOLS

Ms Ritika Sahni introduced the annual theme of this academic session in a very subtle way. She made us aware that if we made our students aware of varied ways people differ, they will learn to embrace diversities and respect and celebrate differences among us. The trainer introduced us to various types of disabilities and the disability scenario in India. Through various clipping and power point presentations, she made the teachers understand the term – Disability. It was a great learning experience wherein we will start looking beyond ourselves and understand certain values such as acceptance, respect, tolerance, sensitivity, sharing, accommodating and cooperating and value each other, despite differences and thereby teach the same to our children-
Joyeta Talapatra

The workshop was indeed very enlightening; it taught us that we are not obligated to do everything in this life. We are not obligated to be an inspiration but we need to make other people comfortable, especially as facilitators. The resource person was so motivating that she made us realize that we need to respect everyone, as if things are not in our control today it can happen to anyone tomorrow, thus we need to empathize not sympathize -**Abha Joshi/ Rukhsana Sheikh**

The workshop was very motivating and envisioned us to a world where we have turned a blind eye to. She made us ponder that roses have thorns, but we need to be positive and be thankful that thorns have roses. We need to change our outlook and treat the differently abled as one of us. Through different activities we realized the different problems faced by them, but these problems become their strength if we as facilitators encourage them and guide them with love and care -**Smita Hendre**

The workshop was very interesting and motivating, as we realized that we are a tiny drop where each drop matters in this world. The resource person was so dedicated that she made us change our thought process and educated us that we need to translate disability into ability; a capability and it indeed can become a reality when we as facilitators need to come out of our comfort zone and welcome children with open arms-**Swarna Saste**

The workshop was very informative, she stressed on the point of not calling anyone as "Disabled", but to treat every human being as equal, as, we all have in us some kind of disability which we always try to overcome. It was very encouraging to see the work being done by 'Trinayani Organization', the videos shown and the achievers in them made us a better person. The resource person made us understand that at the end of the day we are all humans and everyone has right to live a quality life, so we should not discriminate and never pity anyone, but we should treat each one of us as our own-
Gunjan Singh

The workshop was very interesting and motivating. We only knew that there is learning Disability but the characterization of it is very vast. Through the different activities she made us ponder how difficult it is to be different and how helpless one feels if one is not motivated, or is treated as an outcast. The activities helped us to be a better person and to understand their problems and we as facilitators need pave the way to success with their strengths and determination - Shakuntala Yadav

The workshop was conducted by Ritika Sahni providing an in depth knowledge on different physical disabilities. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness and do away with the disparities and discriminations against the differently abled people ; also to create equal opportunities for them. She told about the existing situation of indifference , lack of interest and inaccessibility , the rigid curriculum, large class size, lack of training in the educational faculty. She laid emphasis on inclusive education wherein the school can welcome children with their disabilities and do not expect them to change rather a change can be brought to accommodate them.

The workshop conducted by Mrs. Padma Shastri provided a deep insight into the "Learning Disabilities" faced by children. She began by throwing light and giving an introduction on the different Neurological Disorders which hamper the normal growth and development of a child. She emphasized upon the causes, symptoms and remedies to bring the best out of the children with disabilities. It is very important to identify the students who are not coping up with the regular course of work done in the classes and find the best possible solution to it at a very raw stage. A little deviation should be rectified at the earliest before the situation becomes of a big concern. She had arranged for the different activities which are done by the children with disabilities. The main idea was to experience and understand the discomfort faced by the students and the amount of patience and time and repetitive trials are given to them to get the maximum learning output. The session concluded on the interaction on this topic wherein the teachers discussed the problems faced by them and how to find the best possible solution to them. Overall it was an eye opener for all of us and equally shared- Nidhi Jaiswal