



SEAC SOUNDBYTES

Raising awareness of the Special Education process at HCDSB

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World Down Syndrome Day School Contest

World Down Syndrome Day is a United Nations sanctioned observance celebrated on March 21st (3/21) with the goal to create a single global voice for advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down Syndrome.

Halton Down Syndrome Association launched WSDS Contest in 2015 with the same goal to spread awareness about Down Syndrome and help promote diversity and inclusion in our schools.

WSDS School Contest was AMAZING last year! A total of 21 schools entered - choosing between our Digital Media or Photo Contest. We reached almost 15,000 students in and around the Halton region.

This year the contest sections are:

Digital Media Contest:

- Schools must submit a 3-5 minute video showcasing how their school celebrated WSDS
- The top three schools have the chance to win \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 respectively
- Open to grades JK-12

Student Voice Contest:

- Three categories: Essay (grades 6-8); Artwork (grades 1-5 & 6-8); Poetry (grades 1-5)
- Student submission only
- For each category students can win up to \$500 for their schools and an Indigo gift card
- Open to grades 1-8

Please register for 2019 HDSA WSDS School Contest at

<https://www.haltondownsyndrome.com/>

Halton Down Syndrome Association is actively working to helping our children to become responsible, self-sufficient, fully integrated members of society.

Our goal is to see children accepted by their peers and lead happy, productive lives.

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