

**CELEBRATING OUR  
DIFFERENCES  
Let's STAND UP  
A PRIDE PROGRAM**



## *Celebrating Differences*

Celebrating differences is a school climate program that was created for Mattlin Middle School by the Health Teachers and Fifth Grade Guidance Counselor. The goal of the program is to enhance character development, teach tolerance, discuss PRIDE, and create a positive change within the fifth grade. The students were separated into two groups for a gender specific assembly geared towards celebrating differences, standing up to harassment, and internet safety. Eighth grade students acted as mentors as they performed character development skits that were created in their Health classes. They then had lunch with the fifth grade students and provided them with an opportunity to ask questions and seek advice from the mentors. Data from the character development PRIDE survey was utilized throughout the assembly to show students their responses to questions which affect their everyday school climate.

