

Perry Local Schools

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
A Walk In Their Shoes  
Community Forum



March 27, 2012  
Perry High School

## A WALK IN THEIR SHOES

### A Community Forum on People with Special Needs

A powerful after-school event to promote understanding of people with disabilities in honor of DD Awareness Month.

#### Participants will:

- Engage in hands on activities including special needs simulations
- Attend panel presentations given by families of children and adults with special needs
- View a screening of *Shooting Beauty*, an inspirational story aimed at challenging stereotypes that prevent inclusive attitudes and inclusive communities. The screening will be followed by a Skype session with the filmmaker.
- Learn about opportunities to volunteer with people who have special needs.
- Participate in a one mile walk side-by-side with all who attend this event

***Applications available in the PHS Office or  
[www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us](http://www.perry-lake.k12.oh.us)***

***Applications due by Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012***

***All participants who pre-register will receive a free dinner.***

Special thanks to the following sponsors whose generous support makes this program possible:  
**Kohls, HandsOn NEO, and the Perry Service Learning Program**

If you or your company are interested in contributing time or financial support towards this event, please contact Mark Soeder at [soederm@perry-lake.k12.oh.us](mailto:soederm@perry-lake.k12.oh.us) or 440/259-3511

## A WALK IN THEIR SHOES: COMMUNITY FORUM ON PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

### Purpose

This event is designed to raise awareness about the challenges facing people with special needs.

### Time, Date, and Location

The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> and end at 7:30 p.m. PHS students are expected to attend the entire program. The event will take place at Perry High School.

### Schedule of Events

- 3:00-3:20 Welcome, explanation of purpose and programs, keynote speaker  
3:20-4:20 Screening of *Shooting Beauty*  
4:20-4:50 Skype session with the filmmaker  
4:50-5:00 Dinner...grab your boxed sandwich and take it to your assigned breakout session  
5:00-6:00 Dinner and breakout session speakers: Enjoy dinner while listening to students/parents from Perry and surrounding communities who have family members with special needs share their stories (PHS classrooms)  
6:00-7:30 One mile walk. Participants can participate in simulations set up around the perimeter of the track designed to raise awareness about a variety of disabilities and local organizations that service people with special needs in Lake County.

### Questions

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Mark Soeder or Allison Trentanelli at 440/259-9381 or [soederm@perry-lake.k12.oh.us](mailto:soederm@perry-lake.k12.oh.us) or [trentanellia@perry-lake.k12.oh.us](mailto:trentanellia@perry-lake.k12.oh.us)

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### A WALK IN THEIR SHOES COMMUNITY APPLICATION

We are happy that you are interested in joining us for the Community Forum on People with Special Needs on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-7:30 p.m. at Perry High School. This experience is open to all Lake County students, teachers, community members, and anyone else with an interest in diversity. In order for the event organizers to plan accordingly, we request that all participants pre-register. Please review this information with your parent/guardian, then detach and return this form no later than Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. (Note: Students under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants who pre-register will receive a free dinner.**

Sandwich preference:      Ham & Cheese      Turkey      Peanut Butter & Jelly

**A limited number of free t-shirts may be available for those who pre-register.**

**If you are interested in a free t-shirt while supplies last, indicate your size below.**

Shirt size (circle one):      Small      Medium      Large      X-Large      XX-Large