John F. Kennedy Elementary School will participate in “No Name-Calling” Week, which provides schools, students and educators with the tools and inspiration to challenge name-calling in their communities.

_No Name-Calling Week_ was inspired by The Misfits, a young adult novel by James Howe. The book tells the story of a group of friends who struggle to survive the seventh grade due to their experiences with name calling. Motivated by the inequities they see around them, the protagonists – “the Gang of Five” – create a political party during student council elections with a platform aimed at wiping out all forms of name-calling. In the process, they win the support of the school’s principal who helps them establish a “No Name Day” at school. Motivated by this simple yet powerful idea, nearly sixty education, youth advocacy, and mental health organizations have partnered to organize an annual _No Name-Calling Week_ in schools across the country.

_To celebrate No Name-Calling Week, we at John F. Kennedy have chosen the following themes for each day:_

- **Tuesday, January 19th – Kick Into Gear and Help Somebody Near:** Wear different color socks or shoes
- **Wednesday, January 20th – Score Points by Helping Others:** Wear sports attire
- **Thursday, January 21st – Crazy for Kindness:** Wear your favorite Crazy hat or hat/cap
- **Friday, January 22nd – School Spirit:** Wear Blue and Gold/JFK Apparel

Thank you for your continued efforts in helping our students realize the impact of verbal bullying, teaching them strategies for coping, and putting an end to name-calling.
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