

A second grade parent at Coles Elementary School shared how impactful Start With Hello Week was for her daughter. Students were given 'HELLO' stickers to wear each day. The sticker came to represent much more than just a sticker to this student. Each night she asked her mom to gently peel it off her clothes and put it somewhere for safe keeping to wear to school the next day. Emboldened by the sticker and the Start with Hello activities taking place that week, she said she made two new friends because they said HELLO!

The students mother attributes this to the power of the Start with Hello mission and the ability it gives to our children to identify, relate and help those that may feel left out. Thank you Dr. Wetherell, Coles staff and our incredible students for creating a culture of inclusion.