Welcome Back to a New Year!
Getting back to school is a busy time, but we hope your School Climate Committee (SCC) has had a chance to meet and start planning the year ahead. One event to keep in mind is Bullying Awareness Week.

Revitalize your SCC! They can:
- Orientate all new staff members to your Imagine initiative
- Make sure all staff have a copy of the “Teacher’s Handbook” [the last section of Imagine manual] and grade appropriate lesson plans
- Invite additional members to sit on your SCC. They may want help out with a special activity or sub-committee. [Imagine manual pg. 36-42]
- Highlight bullying awareness activities in your school newsletter and website
- Arrange a staff meeting to:
  - review resources [look up resources in your Imagine manual pg 487-534]
  - share tips from facilitating classroom meetings
  - review your school response plan to bullying behaviour [Imagine manual pg. 78-83, 85-94, 104-116 and 132-170]

Classroom teachers are key! Encourage all to:
- Start or reintroduce Classroom meetings [Imagine manual pg. 85-94]
- Teach Imagine lesson plans [Imagine manual pg. 171-486]
- Be a positive role model

Don’t forget to involve students and parents! Invite them to:
- A parent info night [ask your Public health nurse for help]
- Join the School Climate Committee
- Help plan events for Bullying Awareness Week
- Participate in Bullying Awareness activities
- Create a welcome banner to promote inclusion [translated in a variety of languages]

Bullying prevention is an issue your whole school-wide community can rally around! Here are some additional ideas:
- Include your student & parent council in planning
- Have a contest to create a school logo or motto
- Highlight resources in your school library for students, staff and families
- Host a bullying prevention assembly
- Organize training for co-operative games on the playground
- Recognize positive behaviours (e.g. “Gotchas”)