



‘What I Wish My Teacher Knew About Dyslexia’

**Join us in creating an impactful film for
October’s Dyslexia Awareness Month**



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**See next page to learn how to
participate.**



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Be a part of a short and impactful film aimed at teachers across the world.

“What I Wish My Teacher Knew About Dyslexia” will be first shown at Everyone Reading Illinois’ 2015 Annual Fall Conference in October. Shortly thereafter, the film will be available online on YouTube and DyslexiaBuddyNetwork.com.

We are looking for participation from a multitude of children of all ages. Our goal is to not only give our children a voice, but to build within the teaching community a new compassion and deeper understanding of the personal impact of dyslexia.

Luis Macias, director of the documentary *Embracing Dyslexia*, and DBN dad, will edit the video.

In addition to the footage of the children speaking on-camera, we would like for you to send us digital images of your child’s artwork, interests, hobbies, etc. that we can use to visually enhance your child’s section. We will also be including other impactful information using both on-screen graphics and voice over.

Here is how your child can participate!

(Please note that by submitting a video you are giving Dyslexia Buddy Network permission to use your child’s image and voice in this video and that Dyslexia Buddy Network has permission to use this video at public events and to release the video online.)

STEP 1

Using your phone or video camera, record your child answering these questions. It’s okay for the parent’s voice to be on the video, as it can be edited out.

1. **What’s your first name?** (The kids can introduce themselves, first names only)
2. **What do you want your teacher to know about dyslexia?**
3. Ask your child to say (clearly, proudly and with a smile) **“I AM YOUR STUDENT.”**

Technical notes:

1. Please do not shoot in portrait (or vertical) mode. Shoot only in landscape (or horizontal) mode.

2. Have your child look right into the camera. The reason is we want them to look like they are speaking directly to the teachers.
3. Because sound is very important for this video, please choose a location that doesn't have a lot of background noise. Also, stand close enough to your child so that the microphone on your phone or video camera can capture your child's voice clearly.
4. A good frame should have just a little bit of space above your child's head and should not show any part of the body below the chest.
5. Avoid shooting with a lot of light behind your child. The light should be in front in order to create a better looking image.

STEP 2

Gather 5 to 10 digital stills of your child holding his or her artwork or participating in interests, hobbies, etc. which we will use as supporting material during your child's section in the video.

STEP 3

Send us your video (and photo) files.

1. Download the video and still files to your computer - do not send them from your phone, as it reduces the quality.
2. Send them to us via the free online file transfer service called WeTransfer.com, which enables sending large media files from one email address to another. Send your files to DyslexiaBuddyNetwork@gmail.com.
3. DO NOT DELETE the files from your computer until you have heard back from us. You will receive an email from WeTransfer.com letting you know that the files were downloaded, but you will receive a separate email from DBN letting you know that we received the files and that we were able to open them.

Please email us if you have any questions at DyslexiaBuddyNetwork@gmail.com.

Depending on the number of submissions received, it is possible that not all submissions will make the final cut of the film. Please be sure to submit by the deadline below in order to make sure that your submission will be considered.

DEADLINE: Friday, September 18

Thank You!

Kristin Paxton and Luis Macias