Say Hi
Suggested Activities

Have students trace their hand on different coloured paper, decorate and tape **handprints** to the walls throughout in the school as a visual reminder of saying hi - each student then shares in the ownership of that. Be creative.

Create a **school banner** with all students' handprints (paint stamped) on the banner, to demonstrate school commitment to saying hi to each other and promoting and engaging school community.

Say Hi in Style - **Wear black and yellow**

Say Hi in **a different language** – learn to say Hi in a different language and use that greeting instead – or try a different Hello each day. How many new languages can you learn? Visit www.sayhi.ca for list of different greetings.

Say Hi **Word Find** (download from www.sayhi.ca)

Enlist the help of student ambassadors to **greet fellow students** at the doors in the morning to Say Hi as students enter the school. This could rotate students all week and include greetings in different languages.

Invite local dignitaries to join your school Say Hi Day by greeting students (mayor, municipal councilor, regional councilor, MPP, MP, school police resource officer, local sports, media celebrities etc)

Do "The Wave" as a school. Or wave to a neighbouring school.

Encourage as many students as possible who speak a language other than English to "say hi" in another language during **morning announcements.**

Go on a **class tour of the school**. Enter another classroom as a group and introduce yourselves. Have students say "Don't Be Shy….Just Say Hi" and go down line with students calling out their names ("I'm _____"). A great way for primary and junior students to interact. Don't forget to stop by the principal's office, main office, library, computer lab, custodian.

Have students gather outside and hold hands around the school, or this could be done in a classroom setting or gymnasium. While holding hands, one person starts and says Hi to the person to their left, creating a chain of events (like telephone). This activity reinforces the message: a connected school is a safer school.

Challenge the group to come up with as many **different languages** for "hello" as possible. When somebody volunteers (e.g., Bonjour!), make sure they say it or repeat it clearly for the rest of the group who then repeat.

Challenge students to say hello to at least 25 fellow students, teachers, staff. Create a "Say Hi" tally sheet to track. Encourage students to use greetings in different languages. Younger students could do this with a partner.

Become **pen-pals** with another school. Send a letter saying hi!

Host a **school picnic** in the gymnasium … students from different classes and grades can eat together, and get to know each other.

Have a **potluck nutrition break**. Ask students to bring an item to share (keep in mind allergies and food sensitivities) with classmates.

Around the World – each classroom picks a country and researches the greeting used for Hello, decorates the classroom and highlights something of interest from that country (food, traditions etc). Students would then have an 'open house' or assembly and share their learning.

Make a **school greeting card**. One person starts with the greeting card, they sign it, throughout the day they say hi to someone and pass the card on to that person. The recipient then signs the card and passes it on to the next person he/she sees and says hello to…by the end of the day the greeting card should make its way around the school and have many signatures.

Create your own event. Get the students involved in the planning.
Be creative! Have fun! Get connected!!

Visit www.sayhi.ca for additional games, activities and downloads.