



Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Jordan Eaton and I am an adapted physical education teacher in the Olmsted Falls City School District. I want to take a minute and tell you about an opportunity your son or daughter may really enjoy. The event is the **Special Olympics Track and Field Games at Ely Stadium in Elyria, Ohio**. This will take place on **Friday, May 8th 2020** (Rain date is May 12th). **Opening Ceremony is at 9:30 a.m. and events start at 9:45 a.m. Events end at approximately 1:30 p.m.** This is personally my favorite day of the entire year because of how much joy and excitement each participant, volunteer and family experiences. Please take a minute to read the information about Special Olympics below.

### **Special Olympics Mission**

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. **ANY STUDENT with ANY DISABILITY may participate.**

### **Event Info**

- Students choosing to participate in the track and field event must have a physical on file with me (or respective school) within the last 3 years. If your child needs a physical you have until April 13th to get that done and delivered to me.
- Students who participate will participate in a running and a throwing event. We (the teachers) conduct event trials for weeks leading up to the event. We submit the trial data to Elyria City Schools and they group athletes based on trial performance to assure an even playing field. The running event distance is determined by the athlete's endurance/ability level.
- Opening Ceremonies are from 9:30-9:45am. Event usually runs until 1:30pm.
- T-Shirt and a bagged lunch will be provided that day.
- Parents are allowed to take their child home if they coordinate with their child's teacher.

Thank you for your time, please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding Special Olympics.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jordan Eaton

**Date: Friday May 8th - Rain Date Tuesday May 12th**  
**Location: Ely Stadium - 1915 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH 44035**  
**Time - 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**