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Dear family and friends of the Multiple Birth Community,

Happy International Multiple Birth Awareness Week!

Wherever you live in the world, some of the issues of raising multiples are the same. How do we foster the unique bond between our multiple birth children while at the same time encouraging the individual development of each child. ICOMBO believes that multiples, just like other children, have the right to be respected and treated as individuals with their own needs, preferences and dislikes.

This week we are focussing on the educational needs of our multiples. How do we navigate our multiples through the education system? Will our school allow us a voice in the placement of our children – will the multiples be kept together, or will they be separated? How do we encourage their unique bond while treating each child as an individual?

Perhaps during the week, you will find some answers, or be able to provide your experience to other families – through activities within your group, or through social media. Take the opportunity to share your story, perhaps some families will find inspiration in your journey, or have solutions for your issues.

ICOMBO strongly believes that decisions about classroom placement of multiples should be made annually, on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the parents and if age appropriate, the children concerned. We believe that blanket policies on this issue are inappropriate. We support each and every multiple birth family in their quest to find the best educational outcome for their children and wish you well in your journey.

For further information, visit our website <http://icombo.org/international-awareness-week-2012/> or contact me at chair@icombo.org.

Have a great week,

Regards

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