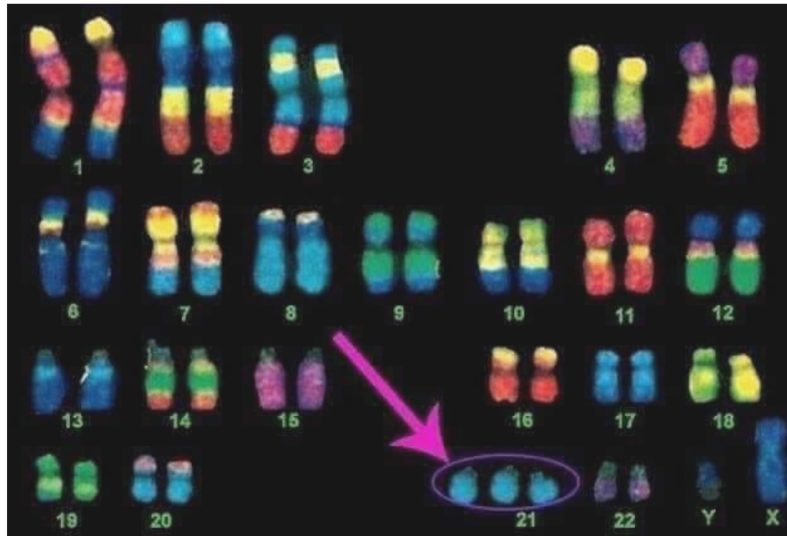


# FACTS ABOUT DOWN SYNDROME



**>>> This is a picture of chromosomes. The one circled is chromosome 21 - see the three copies of this chromosome? This is Trisomy 21, also known as Down syndrome.**

**>>> Most people have two copies of Chromosome 21. People who have Down syndrome have 3 copies. They look like socks, right? That's why, on World Down Syndrome Day, we celebrate and raise awareness by wearing our brightest, most colorful socks!**

**>>> Chromosomes determine everything about us; our hair color, eye color, facial features, muscle tone and more. People who have Down syndrome have lower muscle tone, which makes things like talking and walking harder for them, but they CAN and WILL do both.**

**>>> People who have Down syndrome thrive when they are included: in school, in play, in community, in friendship -- and when they are treated equally, with dignity and respect. Just like you.**