



Red Ribbon Week

October 21, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week is Red Ribbon Week, a national program designed to promote drug awareness and prevention. You are invited to have your children participate in the Red Ribbon Week spirit days, please see the attached page. The theme for Red Ribbon Week is **FUN THINGS TO DO INSTEAD OF DOING DRUGS!** At the elementary level, we are focusing on making wise and healthy choices!

In addition, the Kindergarten through Second Graders will be asked to read and sign a pledge in their classrooms during their Character Education Lesson. The students are being asked to pledge to grow up safely and make healthy choices. Pledges will be displayed in the classrooms or hallways.

Our third graders are being asked to participate in the “Life Choices Coloring and Activity Book” sponsored by Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. This program encourages students to pledge to make safe and healthy choices. Please look over and discuss the contract, which will be sent home with your child. On the first page of the Coloring Book with your children, **have them sign and you sign the contract.** Along with the contracts, the coloring books have activities and cut out bookmarks - all encouraging the students to make healthy choices.

Our fourth graders will be participating in a Design a Folder Contest sponsored by Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. Students will be working on the folder designs based on the theme **FUN THINGS TO DO INSTEAD OF DOING DRUGS!** in their art class and may be asked to complete it at home. All folder entrees are **due by Tuesday, November 19, 2019.**

Our fifth graders have been participating in our L.E.A.D. (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) Program provided through our partnership with the Hanover Township Police Department. The program is taught by Officers Pete Hermans and Steve Manney, under the supervision of Lt. Mike Look. For even more information on how to open up the conversation of being drug-free in your home, we are providing to the fifth grade parents a Parent Alert sponsored by Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. The alert will be sent home on the first day of Red Ribbon Week, Friday 10/25/19.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in discussing healthy choices and drug awareness and education with your children. If you should have any questions, feel free to contact me at (973) 637-1550.

*****To celebrate Red Ribbon Week,
we will be dressing up next week.
Please see the attached sheet!*****

Sincerely,
Deja Perpignan
School Counselor, MTV