



October 17, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week is Red Ribbon Week, a national program designed to promote drug awareness and prevention. This year's theme for Red Ribbon Week is **CELEBRATE LIFE. LIVE DRUG FREE!** At the elementary level, we are focusing on making wise and healthy choices! You are invited to have your children participate in the Red Ribbon Week spirit days below. <u>Please see the attached page for information on the other activities for our **3rd**, **4th and 5th** grade students!</u>

Red Ribbon Week Spirit Days

Monday, October 24th

"Turn the Lights Out on Drugs" - Wear your PJs to School

Tuesday, October 25th

"Sock it to Drugs" - Wear Crazy Socks to School

Wednesday, October 25th

"Team Up for Healthy Choices" - Wear your Favorite Team Jersey

Thursday, October 26th

"Healthy Choices Make My Future Bright" – Wear something **NEON** to School

Friday, October 27th

"Proud to be Drug Free" - Wear RED for Red Ribbon Week school colors

Monday, October 31st

"Say 'Boo' to Drugs" – Wear your Halloween Costume to School

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in discussing healthy choices, and drug awareness and education with your children. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me by phone at (973) 637-1553 or via email at deja.desai@hanovertwpschools.org.



Additional Information/Activities:

<u>-3rd grade</u> students will receive a "Fun Things to do Instead of Drugs" to sign along with a coloring book and parent resource information sheet about the contract. Students will review the contract in class during their character education period and parent information will be sent home.

<u>-4th grade</u> students will participate in a folder contest in which each student will design artwork based on the theme of "Celebrate Life. Live Drug Free". The activity will occur during art class. <u>Please see the attached sheet with information regarding submission guidelines and deadlines.</u> 4th grade students will also receive a folder with last year's winners' designs on them. They can use this to stay organized, but they also can be used as an example of what a winning design looks like! The folders will be sent home with students.

<u>-5th grade</u> students will be sent home with a "Parent Alert", an educational poster containing information and resources in support of making healthy choices. Feel free to review the alert with your children at home and have an open conversation about making healthy choices.





Red Ribbon Week 2022-2023 "DESIGN A FOURTH GRADE FOLDER" CONTEST

* PLEASE READ UPDATED RULES AND GUIDELINES BELOW *

CONTEST GUIDELINES

*Design must be in portrait format, not landscape, or entry will be disqualified.

- 1. Entries must be based on the theme "Fun Things to Do Instead of Doing Drugs". We recommend limiting text to a simple drug-prevention slogan or saying. The focus should be the artwork.
- 2. Students must work independently on their submission. Only one submission per student. Students should rely on their own imaginations; all artwork must be completely original - no tracing.
- 3. Not permitted: No copyrighted images, logos, cartoon characters, celebrities, or famous athletes, sparkles or neon colors. No photos, clipart or other images may be inserted. ***NO TRACING*** Must be original artwork.
- 4. **Submissions:**

Students must submit artwork to your teacher no later than FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2022.

• Use white, 8 1/2" x 11" printer paper only. Do not use construction or colored paper.

Please contact Mrs. Desai with any questions or concerns at deja.desai@hanovertwpschools.org We look forward to seeing your students' amazing creations! Please note that submissions will not be returned.