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Youth Empowerment

20 Twinkling Stars - A Book Review by Jaclyn Morton

"Twenty Twinkling Stars" are three words that will soon bring comfort and wide smiles across the faces of millions. The book was written to honor and pay tribute to the twenty children who lost their lives at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. In addition, Twenty Twinkling Stars, written for ages 3-7, celebrates every child in the world. Laurie Schloff, Senior Coaching Partner at the Speech Improvement Company, is the author of this wonderful children's book, scheduled for release on June 14th. Laurie stressed the significance of the release date in that it marks the six-month anniversary of the fatal Sandy Hook massacre.

The team researched many groups and felt that National SAVE's focus on youth and violence prevention was the ideal organization to support. Further proving her love of non-violence, Laurie is generously donating all proceeds from the sale of the book to National SAVE.

When asked to give a brief glimpse into the book, Laurie stated each star in the twinkling group of twenty has different interests, likes, dislikes, and activities. The book honors the passions and interest of the Sandy Hook children, such as their love of learning, sports and tacos! The twenty twinkling stars in the book are watched over by the six "Protecting Stars", which are a tribute to the six educators who perished at Sandy Hook Elementary while protecting the children.

Lena Warnke, a college student and illustrator of "Twenty Twinkling Stars" feels the book will impact the nation by being a great conversation starter, and a way to remember and celebrate the lives of all children in a positive, peaceful, manner. Lena stated she was proud to be a part of creating this legacy for all to enjoy. To sign up for more information on Twenty Twinkling Stars, please visit www.twentytwinklingstars.org and LIKE the Twenty Twinkling Stars Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TwentyTwinklingStars?ref=ts&fref=ts>.

We hope you will share the book with the little Stars in your life.

National SAVE and Twenty Twinkling Stars will be a great team for our cause.



(Twenty Twinkling Stars Illustrator Lena Warnke at work)



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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES FOR NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK - March 18-22



AWARENESS

Many activities can be conducted before National Youth Violence Prevention Week to bring awareness to your campaign:

Teacher Workshop

- ✓ conduct a teacher workshop and share tips, lesson plans and ideas for teachers to use during the week.

Awareness Posters

- ✓ create awareness posters that list the daily activities that will occur during the week

One in Four

- ✓ place purple and orange ribbons on lockers before school starts. Place purple ribbons on all lockers except the fourth locker where you place an orange ribbon. This represents the statistic that one in every four students will be affected by violence this year.



Manage Your Anger- Sponsored by The American School Counselor Association

Don't let anger heat you up!

- ✓ provide students with free hot chocolate or fireballs with the above phrase attached

Pledge to be Fight Free

- ✓ conduct a contest between grades to see how many students will pledge to remain fight free

Role Plays

- ✓ illustrate positive ways to deal with specific situations such as being bullied or theft

Exercise the Anger Away

- ✓ use physical education classes to demonstrate healthy ways exercise can be used to release anger and stress



Support Safety - Sponsored by National Association of Youth Courts

Poster Contest

- ✓ Conduct a safety-themed poster contest. Display and let students or faculty judge.

Crime Stoppers

- ✓ start a school crime watch program that includes an anonymous tip line or suggestion box

Safety Day

- ✓ coordinate a safety day with local rescue agencies providing exhibits and activities

School Safety Committee

- ✓ volunteer to serve on a school safety committee and encourage accurate incident reporting

For additional, age-appropriate activities, visit <https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/>



Promote Respect & Tolerance - Sponsored by Teaching Tolerance

Respect & Tolerance Essay Contest

- ✓ read winning entries over morning announcements or at an event

Reach out to the Unreached!

- ✓ challenge all students to get to know at least one person they do not know

Cultural Day

- ✓ a day where dress, activities, decorations and food reflect different cultures from around the world

Experience History

- ✓ identify examples of respect and lack of respect for others in history and literature



Resolve Conflicts Peacefully - Sponsored by The Association For Conflict Resolution

Can you hear me?

- ✓ have students brainstorm ways to be a good listener and illustrate the examples.

Mediate This!

- ✓ establish a peer mediation program at your school. Kickoff with an assembly that includes role plays.

PSA

- ✓ create a public service announcement on the importance of managing conflicts peacefully

Establish Fight Free Days

- ✓ if students and faculty can go so many days fight free the entire school receives a reward such as an ice cream cone or early release on Friday



Unite in Action - Sponsored by Youth Service America

Service your School or Community

- ✓ organize a service project where all students and members of a community can come together and make a difference

Peace Murals

- ✓ paint a peace mural over graffiti or provide sidewalk chalk to students to create a peace sidewalk

Adopt-a-student

- ✓ institute a program where younger students are paired with older students

Fingerprinting

- ✓ coordinate a fingerprinting afternoon. Work with local law enforcement and parent to fingerprint young children

UPCOMING EVENTS



| DATE | EVENT | MORE INFO |
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| MARCH 18-22, 2013 | NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK | http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/ |
| APRIL 1-31, 2013 | NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH | https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/ |
| APRIL 7-10, 2013 | NATIONAL AFTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE | http://www.naaweb.org/default.asp?contentID=705 |
| APRIL 21-27, 2013 | NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK | http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/ |
| May 1-31, 2013 | NATIONAL YOUTH TRAFFIC SAFETY MONTH | http://fastlane.dot.gov/2011/05/national-youth-traffic-safety-month-a-reminder-to-teens-safe-driving-doesnt-take-the-summer-off.html#.US4asGd2t9c |
| June 14-16, 2013 | LIFESAVERS CONFERENCE | http://www.lifesaversconference.org/ |

4th Annual First Amendment Cartoon Contest

Join us in celebrating the Bill of Rights with the 4th Annual First Amendment Cartoon Contest. The contest is open to students nationwide—high school, middle school, and elementary school. Encourage students to exercise their creativity by entering the First Amendment Cartoon Contest.

Six winners will each receive a \$50* gift card. In addition, up to five entries will receive honorable mentions. Winners and honorable mentions will be announced on Law Day, May 1, 2013, and posted at <http://www.courtsed.org>. Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2013.

For more information and the contest rules/entry form, go to: http://www.courtsed.org/cartoon_contest.htm

Monthly Focus: Youth Empowerment

Reach for the Stars! SAVE was started by students in 1989 with the vision that all students would one day embrace the idea that the power of positive change was in their hands. SAVE has stayed true to its roots and today the overall goals of the program are still guided with the assistance of a Youth Advisory Board (YAB).

Youth who are EMPOWERED to make a difference in their schools and communities are a key component of the SAVE program. No matter what your age or school level, you can make a difference. Your ideas, views on safety and violence prevention, as well as your talents are important and vital since you are the future. Never set limits on what you want to accomplish! Feel the power within to take a step forward and Reach for the Stars!

National Youth Violence Prevention Week occurs this month (March 21-25, 2011). Be sure to visit www.nationalsave.org or www.nyvpw.org for each day of the week!

SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Media/Latest News section of the new website is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

March QoM: *“What SAVE chapter activities are you planning for National Youth Violence Prevention Week?”*

Please blog your responses to:

<https://nationalsave.org/?s=qom>

End-Of-Season Sale!

50% off SAVE black and white long sleeve T-shirts.

Originally \$14, now \$7, until March 31, 2013. Sizes Small - 2X.

<http://nationalsave.org/save-long-sleeve-t-shirt-2/>



Visit the SAVE online store for more great prices on T-shirts: <https://nationalsave.org/shop/>.

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Chapter Highlights

Union Chapel Elementary School, Pembroke, NC

Students at Union Chapel School have taken a stand against bullying. The SAVE Chapter members at this elementary school created a “Pledge Wall” that the students used to pledge their commitment to take a stand against bullying and show that there is zero tolerance for bullying at the school and in the community. The SAVE Chapter at Union Chapel School is facilitated by Ms. Lena Michelle Lowry – School Counselor and Ms. Rebecca Chavis-Nolley – P.E. Teacher.



Optimism Preventive Services, Georgetown, SC

Teens from Georgetown and Williamsburg counties attended the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Workshop, hosted by the SAVE Chapter from Optimism Preventive Services, and took the “Stop the Dating Violence Pledge”. With a 40% attendance increase from 2011, the facilitators included: Chanda Robinson, (Georgetown Law Enforcement), Alma Sierra and Donna Sherrill, (Georgetown County Sheriff Department); Bevelyn Mitchell, MSHS (Rape Crisis Center), and Officer Johnathan Guiles (Georgetown Law Enforcement). Melissa Bell, (SCDDJ) was the workshop moderator. Parents attended a session facilitated by Donna Watkins of Family Justice. Domestic Violence Survivor Michelle Williams shared her testimony with adult participants and Dr. Celeste Pringle, Asst. Superintendent, Georgetown County School District, got the teens motivated with a vibrant welcome.



Vickie Szarek, 2012 SAVE Advisor of the Year: Be Safe and Have a Great Day!



“Youth empowerment” ... when these two words are used together, SAVE will make an impact. What does this mean to your chapter? Well, just let your students’ creative juices flow. Our chapter did just that three years ago. Our SAVE students came up with a slogan and an idea for an event that we have continued every year since. Students hear about it word of mouth and want to participate every year. It’s one of the first questions I get from new chapter members and from members of the student body in general – when is the “Silence the Violence” day?

In recognition of Youth Violence Prevention Week, our students came up with a way for them to show solidarity against violence. They wanted to be silent for the day to show that violence is not the way to solve problems. So they came up with the slogan “Silence the Violence.” We create t-shirts that have the slogan on them and sell them for \$5. This is not a fund-raising event. They get students to sign a non-violence pledge. And those who do not wear t-shirts will wear a piece of duct tape on their shirts that has written on it “Silence the Violence” or “Get the Violence Out of Our

School” or “No means no!” Students come up with amazing ideas! Youth voices with grown up choices – and today so many of their choices do revolve around things that youth shouldn’t have to make choices about. Violence manifests itself in many forms – bullying, child abuse, domestic violence, hate crimes – just a few (unfortunately). So let your students brainstorm ideas about things that are hitting close to home for them and then empower them to execute on their ideas. Get your PTA/PTSA to help, get other clubs in your school to help, get the class officers to volunteer, team up with one of the sports teams – all of these are sources to help you spread the message that your SAVE members want to share. Good luck with your actions – hope you find a lucky shamrock in your chapter!

YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member: Justin Pearson, Memphis High School, Memphis, TN



A couple of weeks ago there was an incident in my community involving two teens in a relationship. The relationship turned vicious and some of the teens peers thought nothing of it. Unfortunately, our generation has seemingly taken dating violence to the extreme - often resulting in injuries to those we ‘love’. But, this violent trend is not taking root in the heart of our chapter and our school. The initiative for this month is Spread the SAVE. We are inviting people who date to come to meetings, both open and closed meetings, to hear about dating violence. And we are trying a new tactic - “One on Two Conversation”, where individuals involved in harmful relationships can come and talk it out with either one or two peers. Posters are being made to show students alternative ways to leave hindering relationships and are going to be hung in the hallways of our school.

Socialvest

What if you could multiply your giving to SAVE by doing something you already do every day? Well now you can, thanks to our new partnership with Socialvest! Socialvest allows you to shop online with over 800 retailers including Amazon, Best Buy, Expedia, Target, & Macy’s and earn a percentage of every dollar you spend back for SAVE with each purchase.



How to get started:

1. Sign up: Create a free account here: <https://www.socialvest.us/community>. Once you’ve signed up your Socialvest earnings will automatically be donated to us every month.
2. Get shopping: To start earning for SAVE, make sure you have downloaded the free browser app: <https://www.socialvest.us/toolbar-download>. This is an easy tool that allows you to go directly to a participating retailer’s sites. With the app, you can also search for retailers or products through Google or Bing and discover new earning opportunities!
3. Earn and Give: Each Socialvest retailer gives back anywhere 1-35% of the total purchase amount at no additional cost to you. Once you’ve made a purchase your giving dollars will automatically be donated to SAVE. You can keep track of the impact you have on your Socialvest account page.

Thanks for your support of SAVE!

Prevention Resources:

Severe Abuse at Home Linked to Dating Violence

Young urban black women who are exposed to severe abuse within their families are much more likely to be victims of dating violence, according to a study led by a Michigan State University researcher.

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/01/130122102125.htm?utm_source=January+29%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email

Doctor Says 'Food Bullying' At School Could Be Fatal

There is another form of intimidation being used at school and the consequences of this type bullying could be fatal.

http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2013/01/24/doctor-says-food-bullying-at-school-could-be-fatal/?utm_source=January+29%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email

Obama seeks research into violent video games

As part of a broader gun control plan, President Obama is pushing Congress to fund research into the impact of violent video games.

http://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/gaming/2013/01/16/obama-gun-violence-video-games/1839879/?utm_source=January+29%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+submit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email

Registration Is Open for Free Minds, Free People

The national Free Minds, Free People conference will be in Chicago on July 11-14.

http://www.fmf.org/?utm_source=WhatCounts+Publicaster+Edition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Unlock+Your+Power+to+Dismantle+the+School-to-Prison+Pipeline&utm_content=Free+Minds%2c+Free+People

STEMester of Service™: Engaging Students through High-Quality Service and Learning

The guide includes six examples of how STEM educators and their students implemented a STEM-based Semester of Service™ in their classrooms.

http://20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=0016Nbn0mVq5KX4BIJaioqdNZe08QuAH2GM1LzgbH1Fe4GrNI-nMysBqKVYxKNUS1fpd5hgg4G2kjtLMMJA8KkPfoLf8BjvYIsS5E6X3xN3kNH4C_9d-hbX7fb1QA3sB0MzYdP604EXEp_ct0nl9mM4XYW1ebV6Omn3APtZYiliowM=

Parent Roadmaps to the Common Core Standards-English Language Arts

The Council of the Great City Schools' parent roadmaps in English language arts/literacy provide guidance to parents about what their children will be learning and how they can support that learning in grades K-8.

<http://www.cgcs.org/Page/328>

Funding/Contest Opportunities:

Allstate Foundation Mini Grants for Teen Safe Driving Activities!

Many schools and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during the holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Prom and Graduation. The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE)

would like to thank the Allstate Foundation for partnering with SAVE in North Carolina and Mississippi schools to support the youth safety and teen safe driving efforts of students through their SAVE Chapters.



Land O'Lakes Foundation

Deadline: April 1, 2013

The Land O'Lakes Foundation will begin accepting Community Grants after January 2, 2013. A limited number of grants will be made. The highest priority is Hunger, followed by Education and then Community giving

<http://www.landolakesinc.com/company/corporateresponsibility/foundation/communitygrants/giving/default.aspx>

World of Children Health Award

Deadline: April 1, 2013

Nominee must have created, managed or otherwise supported a sustainable program which has significantly contributed to the IMPROVED HEALTH of children.

<http://worldofchildren.org/theaward/awards-we-give/>

Target Arts, Culture & Design in Schools Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2013

Target Funds In-school Arts Programs That Enhance Students' Classroom Curricula By Bringing The Arts And Cultural Experiences To Schools, Such As In-school Performances, Artist-in-residency Programs And Workshops In Schools.

<https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/arts-culture-design-in-schools-grants>

Youth Running Program Grants

Deadline: June 13, 2013

The Saucony Run For Good Foundation informs the public about the cause and prevention of childhood obesity and provides funding to community organizations that promote running and healthy-lifestyle programs for youth.

<http://www.sauconyrunforgood.com/how-to-apply/>

McCarthy Dressman Education Foundation Teacher Development Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2013

The Teacher Development Grants Provide Funding To Individuals Or Small Teams Of Teachers In The Formation And Implementation Of Groundbreaking K-12 Classroom Instruction.

<http://mccarthydressman.org/teacher-development-grants/>