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SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK, NATIONAL SAVE DAY, BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH & TEEN SAFE DRIVING WEEK

'Engage, Empower, Educate and Communicate!'

SAVE Chapters across America participated in a host of activities for the month of October including Bullying Prevention Month, Safe Schools Week, National SAVE Day, the National SAVE Rock-a-Thon and Teen Safe Driving Week. Chapters held rallies, memorials, contests, and dressed alike to celebrate peace and unity.

Academic Magnet High School (SC) kicked off Safe Schools Week by putting "violence to rest" with their PJ day and their peace chain. On Tuesday they encouraged students to put violence behind them by wearing their hats backwards. For National SAVE day they encouraged everyone to wear purple (nonviolence) and orange (remembrance of Alex Orange). On Thursday students were encouraged to turn violence inside out by wearing their clothes inside out. And on Friday they hosted a Rock-a-Thon entitled Peace: Rock out!



Cuthbertson High School (NC) sponsored an Equality Day to celebrate National SAVE Day and NC marriage equality. All SAVE members wore purple and orange and drew equality signs on their hands to spread the message of inclusion. Announcements and posters were also included. SAVE and Girl Scouts troop 2842 teamed up to collect food for a local food bank. The chapter participated in a Teen Dating Abuse and Prevention workshop at Waxhaw Police Department. For Teen Safe Driving the chapter hosted a "Don't be a 'dummy'; be a 'smartie' and buckle up event. Seat belt checks were conducted after school as student drivers left the parking lot - candy reminders were given.



"We do not need
guns and bombs
to bring peace,
we need love and
compassion."
-Mother Theresa

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Noxubee County High School (MS)

had their SAVE Chapter President provide daily announcements on the intercom reciting a story, quote, and message dealing with Violence. For Bullying Prevention Month they covered Cyber-bullying, Physical Bullying, Verbal Bullying and Sexual Bullying. The chapter conducted a poster contest focusing on Stopping the Violence. The SAVE chapter hosted a district wide Safety Fair that focused on Safe Driving and Violence Prevention. The SAVE chapter conducted an awareness event at the Football game and parents and students signed pledges.



Performance Learning Center of Charlotte (NC)

The SAVE Chapter visited the middle school and taught lessons on bullying prevention. The chapter facilitated a team building activity in an assembly and resource officer Titus Ivory conducted a prevention workshop on safe driving that included a crash dummy. The chapter hosted a bullying poster contest and posters were displayed. Students also participated in a quiz bowl with regard to bullying prevention.



Highland School of Technology (NC)

hosted a week of awareness activities including Matching Monday- Twin Day. Terrific Tuesday they wrote compliments on Orange and Purple post-it-notes and put them on all lockers, students took these down and shared them with a peer. Wonderful Wednesday students dressed their best, and acted their best. Tacky Thursday- being mean is tacky. Fantastic Friday- students wore orange and purple to celebrate SAVE. They finished up the week with a SAVE Rally, where students read I Believe Statements, viewed a video on anti-bullying (Take a Stand), heard from a speaker Will Merritt about making good decisions, 3 videos/ PSAs on dangers of texting and driving with student discussion afterwards.

Mukwonago High School (WI) created a great banner to let everyone know about their Safe Schools Week Activities. On Monday they introduced everyone in home room to SAVE and their activities. On Tuesday they did a "Make Kindness Viral Challenge".

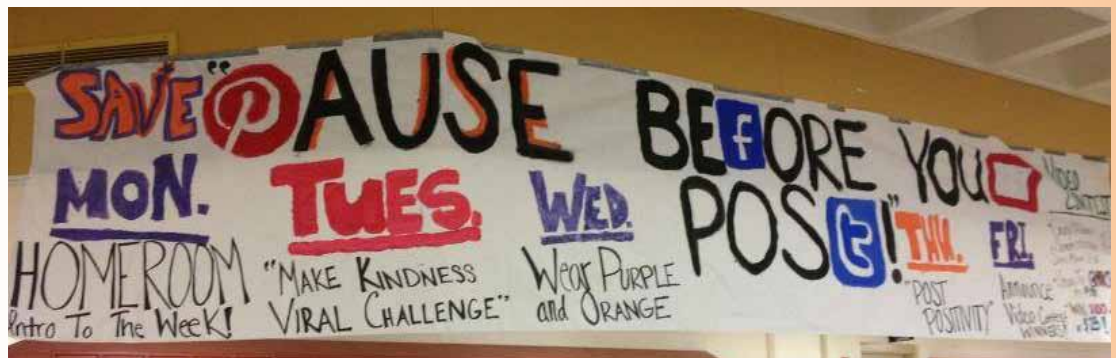


Be Heard - Get Social!

#NATIONALSAVE

SCAN THE CODE WITH
YOUR SMART PHONE TO
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH SAVE!

For National SAVE Day everyone was encouraged to wear purple and orange. On Thursday students were encouraged to “Pause before you Post” on social media. They ended the week by announcing the winners of the video contest.



Optimism Prevention Services SAVE Chapter in Georgetown (SC) hosted a “Be Bold! Step Out Against Bullying!” Walk for Bullying Prevention Month. Great attendance by the community and a successful event!



Biloxi High School (MS) sponsored daily activities for Safe Schools Week. All students received a medical bracelet that said: I Choose To Be Drug Free. Each day students could register at lunch to win prizes if they were wearing their bracelet. The school was decorated with ribbons and banners. Students made announcements each morning about a drug and its statistic with teen use. They hosted a door decorating contest. SAVE students visited North Bay Elementary school where they shared the Ernie the Elephant books and taught students about bullying prevention. Over 600 students from the third and fourth grade enjoyed their presentations and learned about SAVE & bullying. On National SAVE Day they decorated the school with peace signs and anti-bullying banners, and chalked the sidewalks with peace signs and anti-bullying messages. The students handed out Pass It On Cards. These cards had special positive messages on them and were given to other students that they thought may need a motivational pick up.



West Clayton Elementary School (NC) Clayton Police Chief Bridges and several officers teamed up with McGruff the Crime Dog to help these awesome West Clayton Elementary School students observe SAVE Day! They visited classrooms talking to the students about the dangers of violence and the things we can do to avoid fights and conflict. They talked about why students should never put up with being bullied and about what it means to help each other and be a good citizen.



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Monthly Focus: **Weapon Safety**

Many weapons, not just firearms, are discovered on school campuses every year. Do students at your school know what is considered a weapon? Each state has a specific definition of what is considered a weapon and what the consequences are for bringing a weapon on campus. November is a great time to remind students of your school's weapon policies and the consequences for bringing weapons on campus.

For more Weapon Safety ideas:

<http://nationalsave.org/chapter-tools/crime-prevention/weapon-safety-2/>

Weapon Safety Public Service Announcement:

<http://nationalsave.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Weapon-Safety-November.mp3>

YABer Yak: Jordan German Optimism Prevention Services Georgetown (SC)

A student perspective... I think that weapons should only be used for Law Enforcement, Protection, and Hunting. People should get a gun permit before purchasing or using a gun. This way they can say that they have learned the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm that they are using. Parents should always keep firearms unloaded and in a locked safe place when it's not actually in use.

Unsecured firearms are tempting to children. Some may even take it to school to show it off. This type of situation can cause people to get injured or killed.

If I know or see someone with a weapon, I would walk away for my safety. Then I would find an adult immediately and let them know about the weapon. If you are experiencing bullying, taunting, harassment or name calling report it to an adult. Carrying a weapon is not the cool thing to do. It will not solve anything it's only going to cause you trouble. Once you get caught with a weapon and get arrested you now have to deal with having a charge on your record that could follow you for the rest of your life. So don't be afraid to **SPEAK UP AND OUT** about violence and weapons. Protect yourself and everyone around you. Make no mistake about it! Be Safe!



SAVE Question of the Month:

Please share the SAVE Question of the Month with your SAVE members. The Youth Voices section of the web is a place for students to ask questions and get responses from SAVE members across the country.

November QoM:

“During November the focus is on weapon safety. Do students at your school know what is considered to be a weapon? How does your SAVE chapter share your school's weapon policies?”

Please blog your responses to: <http://nationalsave.org/qom-november-2014/>

Teen Safe Driving Workshop Reckless or Wreckless?

With motor vehicle accidents topping the list as the leading cause of death among teenagers in the US, SAVE was proud to announce that it has been presented with a \$75,000 grant from The Allstate Foundation to sponsor a teen safe driving and youth safety campaign led by 20 of its chapters across North Carolina. As part of the grant, each of the chapters received free SAVE affiliation and mini grants for teen safe driving activities, educational materials, ongoing support and technical assistance and opportunities to partner with local Allstate agents to further the cause.

The Allstate Foundation and SAVE kicked off this campaign with the Teen Safe Driving Workshop: Reckless or Wreckless. The Oct. 23 workshop hosted participating Allstate grant chapters' advisors and student leadership for a day of direction and strategy-sharing that empowered them to return to their chapters and implement effective safe driving solutions. Attendees heard from Thomas Walters of Allstate as well as the State Highway Patrol, SafeKids and the UNC Highway Safety Resource Center and students from SAVE chapters that have excelled in teen safe driving efforts in years past.

"Teen drivers are three times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash, so it is critically important that we educate teens about safe driving," said Thomas Walters, Allstate agent with Walters Insurance Agency. "We're thrilled to be able to partner with SAVE to educate students on safe driving and equip them in a way that will hopefully prevent senseless accidents."

"We cannot thank The Allstate Foundation enough for awarding us this grant," said Carleen Wray, executive director of SAVE. "Our core mission is to keep kids safe – and we've already seen how this program furthers that mission. It's helping our SAVE students get their message out in ways that weren't previously possible, so we're incredibly grateful for the support and dedication of Allstate."

Opportunities & Information

Thanks to the Allstate Foundation, SAVE is offering Teen Safe Driving Mini-grants in NC & MS

Many schools, organizations and community agencies are planning activities to encourage Teen Safe Driving during key times including back to school, America's Safe Schools Week, holidays, National Youth Violence Prevention Week, National Youth Traffic Safety Month, Prom and Graduation. SAVE has mini grants available for schools and community agencies who are conducting activities this fall in Mississippi and North Carolina. Mini grants are \$1,000 and include educational items, materials, Teen Safe Driving Toolkits and a free SAVE Chapter affiliation. <https://nationalsave.org/allstate/teen-safe-driving-grant-application/>



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Youth Research for Grant Competition

Youth Research for Action will award, on a competitive basis, grants of up to \$2,000 to youth-designed and -led action research projects across the U.S. The competition is open to teams of public high school students nationwide, along with youth in community-based organizations. <http://www.whatkidscando.org>

NCJRS Resources for Internet and School Safety

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) has launched two online special features:

- 1) The Internet Safety Special Feature contains materials for use during October, which is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Topics include online safety for youth, Internet privacy, and cyberbullying and cyberstalking. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/internetsafety/>
- 2) The School Safety Special Feature provides information on the National Institute of Justice's Comprehensive School

Safety Initiative plus resources on bullying, violence, and training in regards to school safety. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/schoolsafety/>



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<http://nationalsave.org/shop/>

Twenty Twinkling Stars

Twenty Twinkling Stars is a beautifully illustrated picture book written for children aged 3-7 to celebrate their passions, interests and tender spirit. Inspired by the Sandy Hook students. The book celebrates the universal wonder and spirit of all children and is a perfect bedtime story.

The Twenty Twinkling Stars team is honored to donate all book sale profits to National SAVE's goals: curbing violence, resolving conflict peacefully and preventing the loss of more precious lives.

Like us on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/TwentyTwinklingStars>

Twenty Twinkling Stars Item #159

<http://nationalsave.org/twenty-twinkling-stars-3/>



November Special! Buy 5 posters get 1 free!

Posters - Items #111, 112, 162

<http://nationalsave.org/shop>



Closeout White Long Sleeve T-shirt \$12.00 each

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

Upcoming Events

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2	Global Youth Justice Training Institute	http://www.globalyouthjustice.org/Training_and_Events.html
Jan		
19-23	No Name Calling Week	http://glsen.org/nonamecallingweek
30	SAVE Summit Early Bird Deadline	http://nationalsave.org/summit/
Feb		
9-15	Random Acts of Kindness Week	http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/
24-27	National Conference on Bullying	http://www.schoolsafety911.org/
March		
21	National SAVE Summit	https://nationalsave.org/summit/

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