

# e-SAVE SOURCE

Youth Voices...Grown-Up Choices!

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## School & Community Crime Prevention



America's Safe Schools Week occurs annually during the third full week in October (20-24). Activities conducted during America's Safe Schools Week will draw attention to the continuing problem of school violence and educate everyone about how schools can be made safer and more secure. America's Safe Schools Week offers an opportunity to address this very important issue and takes steps to ensure that schools offer students and teachers an environment in which they can perform to the best of their abilities. National SAVE Day falls on the Wednesday of America's Safe School's Week and the National Rock-A-Thon to benefit SAVE takes place on Friday, October 24th. Be sure to let National SAVE know about your activities during this important week! A list of primary strategies for dealing with students, parents, media, school administrators, service groups and community leaders, as well as a proclamation, can be found at: <http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/americas-safe-schools-week/>.

### NATIONAL SAVE DAY

**October 22, 2014**

The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) invites you to participate in National SAVE Day! Mark your calendars for this important event to take place on October 22, 2014. This event occurs during America's Safe Schools Week. SAVE members across the country are planning activities to bring awareness to the issue of school violence and finding real solutions to this problem. Join SAVE members as they empower, encourage, educate and engage others in preventing violence in their school and community. With a focus on crime prevention, conflict management and service, these students will highlight school and community violence prevention during National SAVE Day activities. SAVE members everywhere are showing how they are a part of the solution, as they live by SAVE's slogan of "Youth Voices... Grown-up Choices!" For more information checkout <http://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-save-day/>

#### To Do For National SAVE Day!

- write positive letters & deliver
- write compliments, quotes & happy comment post-it notes and place on lockers, mirrors, & desks
- create positive & encouraging messages with chalk on the sidewalks
- take a picture and share with SAVE!



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## **YABer Yak: Ariel Kantor** **Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill (NC)**

School is supposed to be a safe place for all. A place young children can regard as their safe haven no matter what circumstance they come from. However, it is the unfortunate truth that over the past several years, incidents of violence have intensified. Disasters like the shooting at Columbine High School, once viewed as long distant dreams, have turned into reoccurring nightmares. Even more troubling, this trend of violence has intensified within schools as well. Fifty years ago, the main disciplinary problems in our schools were running in the halls, talking out of turn, and chewing gum. Today's transgressions include physical and verbal violence, incivility, and in some schools, drug abuse, robbery, assault, and murder. A recent study run by CNN has reported that in the past 18 months, there have been 74 school shootings. Moreover, in a 2012 survey by the National School Safety Center, more than 60 percent of high school students reported they could get a gun if they wanted to, and more than 69 stated they know how to get drugs. In what could be a worrying precursor to adult behavior, nearly a quarter of students in this survey reported knowing at least one student in their school who had been a victim of dating violence. There is no clear answer to this disturbing trend in our schools, but the statistics do not lie, and it is clear that action by parents, educators, law enforcement, and students is essential.



While it is clear that crime prevention protocol must be implemented in schools, the procedure implemented is unique to the specific needs of every school. Some examples of administrator action include the enforcement of zero-tolerance policies towards the presence of weapons, alcohol, and illegal drugs, the development of protocols between law enforcement and the school about ways to share information on at-risk youth, and the involvement of teens in designing and running programs such as mediation, mentoring, peer assistance, SAVE, etc. Although administrative action is central to establishing a safe school environment, parents and students have an equally important role in this process. Parents can help in many ways, for example by teaching their children to resolve problems without fighting, and by regularly talking to their children and monitoring computer use and warning signs such as sudden drops in grades and losses of friendships, etc. The options administrators, parents, and students have to implement crime prevention strategies are endless, but one thing is clear—this disturbing trend of violence and crime in our schools must put stopped.



**Be Heard - Get Social!**

**#NATIONALSAVE**

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

## It's Rock-A-thon Time!

On Friday, October 24, 2014 SAVE Chapters from across the country will Rock in a Safe School Year as they kick off the National Rock-A-Thon to benefit SAVE.

By participating in the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon, SAVE chapters will have a tremendous impact on improving safety while helping to achieve SAVE's vision of schools being safe and secure, free of fear and conducive to learning. Funds received from the SAVE Rock-A-Thon will help sponsor local chapters and enable National SAVE to continue its mission by engaging, educating, empowering and encouraging students to make a positive difference in the safety of their school and community. SAVE will continue to distribute quality educational programs, brochures, lesson plans, technical assistance, and opportunities to exchange information as a part of general operating costs. National SAVE is a public 501(c)3 nonprofit and is funded through public support. We are asking every SAVE chapter to participate in this nationwide effort.



## Monthly Focus:

### School & Community Crime Prevention

Ghosts, goblins and witches too! Don't let violence haunt you! Here are some useful ideas to help keep your school and community safe during the Halloween holiday, football season, and throughout the fall! The third week of October is America's Safe Schools Week. National SAVE Day is the Wednesday of that week. This week provides a unique opportunity for SAVE chapters to focus on educational issues that directly affect the safety and security of your community. Planning and preparation can be done before America's Safe Schools Week to make sure your school and community have a week filled with awareness and activities.

#### For more Crime Prevention ideas

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

#### For more Conflict Management ideas

<http://nationalsave.org/chapter-tools/conflict-management/>

#### For more service project ideas

<http://nationalsave.org/who-we-are/chapters/chapter-access/school-community-crime-prevention/>

#### SAVE Crime Prevention Lesson Plan

<http://nationalsave.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/LessonCrime.pdf>

## SAVE Chapter Highlight

### Cuthbertson High School, Waxhaw, NC

The Cuthbertson High School SAVE Chapter has hit the ground running this school year! They conducted activities for the International Day of Peace on September 21. This year's theme was "We all have a right to peace." The International Day of Peace was first established in 1981 as a day of non-violence and cease-fire by the United Nations General Assembly. It is the hope that each year on this day, millions of people participate in activities, events, concerts and festivals to raise awareness of the need for peace. The SAVE club sold shirts that read "We are all Cavaliers" on the front and "We all deserve to walk in the sun" on the back. The money raised by the shirts was donated to the Turning Point in Monroe, NC which is a domestic violence shelter. "Domestic violence is, unfortunately, a problem everywhere. Our SAVE club wants to help support the members of our community who are affected and remind the families that they are not alone," said SAVE Adviser Leah Ross.

The SAVE Chapter also hosted the school's first blood drive of the year on September 12 sponsored by the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas. Many students and teachers came by to donate blood, hoping that they will save at least one life. Students from SAVE volunteered their time to help as well. Volunteers and donors received t-shirts that read, "I Give Blood Because I'm Awesome." "Volunteering is something that I am passionate about and it is a way to help my school out, as well as the people running the blood drive," said senior Mitchell Wesoly. Giving students and teachers the opportunity to donate blood teaches them what it really means to give back to the community.

Great job Cuthbertson High School SAVE!



**Shop the SAVE Store**  
<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/>



**October Special! Buy 10 Buttons get 1 free!**

**SAVE Buttons**  
**\$3.00 for set of 10**  
**Item #104**

<http://nationalsave.org/october-special-save-button-set-of-10-get-1-free/>



**Safe Driving Poster**  
**\$2.50 for set of 5**  
**Item #162**

<http://nationalsave.org/safe-driving-poster/>

**Upcoming Events**

OCT		
8-9	Keeping Our Children Safe: Strategies for Schools & Communities	<a href="http://www.safeschools.info/professional-development/2014-safe-schools-conference">http://www.safeschools.info/professional-development/2014-safe-schools-conference</a>
16-17	Arizona Regional School Safety & Bullying Conference	<a href="http://www.schoolsafety911.org/event30.html">http://www.schoolsafety911.org/event30.html</a>
20-24	<b>America's Safe Schools Week</b>	<a href="https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/americas-safe-schools-week/">https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/americas-safe-schools-week/</a>
22	<b>National SAVE Day</b>	<a href="https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-save-day/">https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-save-day/</a>
24	<b>National SAVE Rock-A-Thon</b>	<a href="https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-rock-a-thon/">https://nationalsave.org/what-we-do/save-events/national-rock-a-thon/</a>

**National SAVE Summit**  
 March 21, 2015  
 Raleigh, NC

taking the road less traveled

## 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/>

### KnowBullying Smartphone App

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has launched KnowBullying, a free smartphone app that provides parents, caretakers, educators, and others information and support to address youth bullying. The KnowBullying mobile app, developed in collaboration with the federal partnership StopBullying.gov, is available for iPhone and Android users.

<http://store.samhsa.gov/apps/bullying/>

### Safe Routes to School

The National Center for Safe Routes to School and Schwinn's Helmets on Heads program are teaming up to provide mini-grants to schools across the country. These mini-grants support a common goal of both organizations: to support educators, communities and families in encouraging children to safely bike to school. Applications are being accepted for mini-grant activities planned for the second half of the 2014-2015 school year. These funds can be used to fund activities ranging from the nuts and bolts to help start or sustain bicycling programs, to new, inspiring ideas that explore the range of benefits of safe bicycling. The mini-grant activities should occur between January 1, 2015, and the end of the Spring 2015 semester. <http://saferoutesinfo.org>



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## 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.

October QoM:

**“What is your chapter doing for America's Safe Schools Week, National SAVE Day and the National SAVE Rock-A-Thon?”**

Please blog your responses to:

<http://nationalsave.org/qom-october-2014/>



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