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Don't Be A Character...Have Good Character Traits!

National Youth Violence Prevention Week March 18-22, 2013



The National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE) is proud to be a founding partner of the National Youth Violence Prevention Campaign. The goal of this campaign is to raise awareness and to educate students, teachers, school administrators, counselors, school resource officers, school staff, parents, and the public on effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. This weeklong national education initiative will involve activities that demonstrate the positive role young people can have in making their schools and communities safer. SAVE serves as the crossroads to the campaign and provides countless resources to prepare for the event, including the official campaign Action Kit that serves as a step-by-step planning guide, suggestions on how each sector of the community can support the campaign, activity ideas, links to over 40 national organizations sponsoring the event, articles and interviews on violence prevention, and much, much more!

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UPCOMING EVENTS



DATE	EVENT	MORE INFO
FEBRUARY 17, 2013	25TH ANNUAL AT-RISK YOUTH NATIONAL FORUM	http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferences/25th-annual-risk-youth-national-forum
FEBRUARY 19-22, 2013	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CRIME PREVENTION - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT TRAINING CONFERENCES - CHARLOTTE	http://nicp.net/?page_id=359
FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 1, 2013	2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BULLYING ORLANDO, FL	http://schoolsafety911.org/event05.html
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 21-27, 2013	NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK	http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ncvrw/

2013 National Conference on Bullying
 Rosen Centre Hotel International Drive – Orlando, Florida
 February 27 – March 1, 2013

SPECIALTY TRACT FOR STUDENTS (18 AND YOUNGER)

New this year at the National Conference on Bullying will be a specialty tract designed for both middle and high school students who want to learn about the latest ways students are stepping up and speaking out against bullying. Distinguished speakers, breakouts and receptions are planned. In addition, all students who attend are awarded the “Ambassador Against Bullying” Certificate of Training from both the School Safety Advocacy Council & SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere). [Register](#) now and be among the first in the nation to receive this honor.

Monthly Focus: Don't Be a Character...Have Good Character Traits

All is fair in LOVE and SAVE! February, the month for love, is the perfect time to show your good character! What are some positive character traits that you admire in others? In this month especially, try to demonstrate good character traits. Be a positive role model for those around you so they can learn good traits as well. Pick out a person in your life that demonstrates good traits and shadow that person for a day. Use the activity ideas to put the following traits and others in action this month in your school and community.

RESPECT, SELF-DISCIPLINE, CARING, GOOD JUDGEMENT, HONESTY, UNDERSTANDING, KINDNESS, CITIZENSHIP, RELIABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, DEPENDABILITY, AMBITIOUS, COURAGE, FAIRNESS, HELPFUL, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE, COOPERATIVE

For suggested activities and downloads, visit: <https://nationalsave.org/who-we-are/chapters/chapter-access/good-character-traits/>

T-Shirt Markdown Sale!

These SAVE T-shirts are on sale while supplies last!

White SAVE logo T's, \$5. Sizes: S, L, XL, XXL. (<https://nationalsave.org/white-save-logo-t-shirt-2/>).

Orange SAVE logo T's, \$5. Sizes: XL, XXL. (<https://nationalsave.org/save-logo-t-shirt-orange-2/>).

Teaming Up T's, \$5. Sizes: XL. (<https://nationalsave.org/teaming-up-for-a-better-tomorrow-t-shirt/>).

Unmasking T's, \$5. Sizes: S, L, XL. (<https://nationalsave.org/unmasking-the-violence-t-shirt-reduced-price-2/>)



Shop early for the best selection at <https://nationalsave.org/shop/>.

Techno Tidbit

Kids Place is an app launcher with parental controls and child lock that protects your personal data and restricts kids to parent approved apps. Kids Place also prevents children from downloading new apps, making phone calls, texting or performing other actions that can cost you money. Convenience features for parents such as auto app restart are useful for small kids who accidentally exit launched apps.



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kiddoware.kidsplace>

National Youth Violence Prevention Week, cont.

Each day of the week will highlight a specific challenge to prevent youth violence and will be sponsored by a national premier youth-serving organization. The challenges highlighted for 2013 were proposed by the campaign's Youth Advisory Board and will include:

Day 1: Promote Respect and Tolerance
Sponsored by [Teaching Tolerance](#)

Day 2: Manage Your Anger
Sponsored by the [American School Counselor Association](#)

Day 3: Resolve Conflicts Peacefully
Sponsored by the [Association For Conflict Resolution](#)

Day 4: Support Safety
Sponsored by the [National Youth Court Center](#)

Day 5: Unite in Action
Sponsored by [Youth Service America](#)

For more information visit: <https://nationalsave.org/>

Teddys for Love Challenge

Children with cancer have always been close to my heart. I want to help them as much as I can. From February 14 - March 1, I would like all SAVE Chapters to ask their members to collect bears and donate them to the cancer patient ward at their local children's hospital for what I call "Teddys for Love". I want us to brighten their day and put a smile on their faces so please help me make this happen! Thank you!



Lexi VanKoughnett, Cuthbertson High School SAVE

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.

February QoM: "February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. How does your SAVE Chapter raise awareness about abuse in youth relationships and help to prevent Teen Dating Violence?"

Please blog your responses to:
<https://nationalsave.org/?s=qom>

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



What a character! How many times do we think that about someone? And when we call them a character, are we happy with their description? Every school has a list of character traits that they want to see develop in their students. How can we help guide our students in their search to find the “character” they want to be? In this season of Valentines, love songs, daffodils, college acceptance letters, and new semester starts, there are many ways to capture the cabin fever that has been building up in the fluctuating cold weather. So what are we to do? Let’s think about some of the character traits we want to see in our students – respect, courage, honesty, understanding, and caring. To cultivate these, let your students put together “A Character Trait” advertisement to be aired on your morning announcements – let your club members be the role models. Help them sponsor a conflict management workshop with your counselors to help students understand why they are angry and how to control their anger. Have a lunch booth set up on Valentine’s Day to hand out brochures on substance abuse with abuse help hotline numbers for your student population – the best Valentine they can give to themselves. Support

their service project ideas such as making Valentines for a local women’s shelter or working in a local soup kitchen. Your club members are characters with character – help them grow! Have a great month and be safe!

YABer Yak: National Youth Advisory Board Member: Jaclyn Morton, Highland School of Technology, Gastonia, NC



Your character is what people remember about you. Your parents are proud of your good character. You are responsible for upholding your good character by following simple character traits. Honesty, respectfulness, fairness, helpfulness, patience, kindness, etc. are all traits that we should try to build up every day of our lives. Living by these traits can be difficult at times, but luckily we are given a little extra help. For all ages, SAVE gives you the confidence to stand out against the norm and do the right thing. SAVE acts as the little extra push that we all need to be the friend of the friendless or to be the light in a world that seems so dark. SAVE does all these things for us because SAVE has a deep focus in building the character of its members. Your good character traits will benefit you throughout your entire life. Thanks to SAVE, my good character traits have strengthened and expanded. Having good character in life may not be the easiest route, or you may not always follow the decisions of the crowd, but your light will shine brighter in the end.

Chapter Highlight: Terry Sanford High School, Fayetteville, NC

A new SAVE chapter and Allstate grant participant, Terry Sanford High School is addressing the issues of school and teen driving safety with films, presentations from the Department of transportation and a “No Texting While Driving” Campaign. Drunk driving demos and DWI wrecked automobiles will remind students of the dangers of distracted driving. Students will sign a Prom Pledge to not drink & drive and to always buckle up. In November, the chapter had a “Smash Out Drunk Driving” event using impaired goggles. Students also pledged to drive sober, not call or text, avoid distractions and buckle up by signing the SAVE banner.

Upcoming plans include a wrecked car demonstration, a speaker from the Department of Transportation and an X the TXT event in May. Drunk driving demos and signs reminding students to buckle up will be part of promoting a safe Prom.

Mr. Robert Hight is the SAVE Chapter advisor.



Prevention Resources:

Half of U.S. Kids Are Under-Vaccinated

In recent years, nearly half (49 percent) of U.S. children under the age of 2 did not receive all the recommended vaccinations or received some vaccinations late..

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/news/articles/2013/01/21/study-finds-nearly-half-of-us-kids-are-under-vaccinated>

Teenagers Avoid Early Alcohol Misuse Through Personality Management

Personality-targeted school interventions delivered to high risk adolescents manage to reduce and postpone problem drinking.

<http://www.medicalnewstoday.com/releases/255316.php>

School Violence: Data & Statistics

The first step in preventing school violence is to understand the extent and nature of the problem.

http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/youthviolence/schoolviolence/data_stats.html?utm_source=January+15%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+summit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email

CDC Special Supplement: Issues, Evidence & Public Health Implications of Protective Factors for Youth Violence Perpetration

Homicide continues to be the second leading cause of death for youth ages 15-24, and the leading cause of death for African American youth.

http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/YV_ProtectiveFactors.html?utm_source=January+15%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+summit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud&utm_medium=email

Small Acts of Kindness May Help Fight Bullying, Study Finds

New research from the University of B.C. has found that children who perform small acts of kindness tend to boost their own happiness and that may help counteract bullying.

http://life.nationalpost.com/2012/12/27/small-acts-of-kindness-may-help-fight-bullying-study-finds/?utm_source=January+8%2C+2013&utm_campaign=Teen+traffic+safety%2C+NOYS%2C+teen+video+awards%2C+distracted+driving%2C+teen+distracted+driving+summit%2C+Because+i+Care...%2C+Act+Out+Loud%2C+Sandy+Hook&utm_medium=email

Fast Food Diet Linked to Asthma and Eczema Severity in Kids

Eating three or more weekly servings of fast food is linked to the severity of allergic asthma, eczema, and rhinitis.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/01/130116085352.htm>

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.



Kids to Parks Day School Contest

Deadline: March 1, 2013

The purpose of the contest is to help teachers engage their students with their local parks. This national contest is open to all schools across the country and in the U.S. territories.

<http://www.kidstoparks.org/school-contest>

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

Deadline: February 28, 2013

Promote and support educational programs that enable children and youth to understand and appreciate our world through learning experiences that engage them in active, hands-on projects.

<http://captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/>

Healthy Playground Makeover Sweepstakes

Deadline: March 15, 2013

A chance to win a \$30,000 grant and new playground.

<http://www.togethercounts.com/at-school/win-for-your-school/sweepstakes>

SIGMS Technology Innovation Award

Deadline: February 28, 2013

This award is presented to two teams of a school librarian and a collaborating teacher from one primary school, or its equivalent, and one secondary school, or its equivalent each year.

<http://www.iste.org/membership/awards-recognition/sig-media-specialist-technology-innovation-award>

Youth Football Fund Grassroots Program

Deadline: March 15, 2013

The purpose of this funding is to address the shortage of clean, safe, and accessible football fields in low/moderate income neighborhoods by providing financial and technical assistance.

<http://www.lisc.org/section/ourwork/national/youth/request>

Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes

Deadline: April 30, 2013

Honors outstanding young leaders who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet.

<http://www.barronprize.org/>