Pinwheels for Prevention

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April is the beginning of spring. It is also a month of many causes of awareness. The Bunn High School S.A.V.E. Club and Bunn Middle School S.A.V.E. Club, with Deputy Kyle Horton advising, combined efforts to bring awareness to child abuse. The clubs planted pinwheel gardens at their schools and put up signs so kids and parents would know what they were there for.

For those of you that know me, know that this is a cause near and dear to my heart and I wanted to let you know how hard our children are working to bring awareness to this cause and many others. S.A.V.E. is a club that was founded at West Charlotte High School in 1989, after a kid named Alex Orange who lost his life trying to break up a fight. His best friend and other classmates vowed to not let his death be in vain. The organization now has over 220,000 members and over 2,000 schools have S.A.V.E. chapters. It stands for “Students Against Violence Everywhere”. These clubs are student led and do most of their own organization and project planning. The goal is to empower, encourage, educate and engage students to take a stand against school violence, including gang awareness, drug awareness, and bullying. They also do projects throughout the year to educate other students on signs of depression and suicide, safe driving, and conflict management. To find out more about this organization

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or to make a donation, go to www.nationalsave.org.

At the beginning of April, the Bunn High School S.A.V.E. chapter sold the pinwheels to raise money for the TEDI BEAR Clinic of Greenville. This is a child advocacy center where abused children go for forensic interviews. The staff that work here are awesome. With the effort of the club, and many of the students and staff supporting this cause, we were able to raise $120.00 for the clinic. In May, a representative will come to the high school to speak on child abuse and share how students can protect themselves online.

On April 12, 15 students from the high school and two from the middle school attended the 25th Anniversary S.A.V.E. summit. At this conference, our club president, Zach Bakke, received a great honor. He was awarded the S.A.V.E. student of the year award. Zach has been the club’s president since the Bunn chapter was established in 2010. This is his senior year; what a great way to end this chapter in his life. At this conference, some of the S.A.V.E. students presented a PowerPoint slideshow on bullying at one of the breakout sessions. There were about 60 students from all over the United States that heard this presentation. After attending this conference, our students were on fire and eager to take what they learned back to their classmates.

I am extremely proud of these wonderful students and their willingness to do great things in our community and beyond. I also look forward to see where our club’s new student leadership will take them next year. I wholeheartedly believe that because of these students bringing awareness to the issues students currently face, it has made Bunn Middle and Bunn High two of the best schools in the county.

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Join us Sunday mornings at the clubhouse at 8:15AM. Bring a covered dish to share.

Sunday School for grades K through 12