

October 28, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Today, RED RIBBON WEEK 2011 comes to a close, and what a week it has been! Monday, we began with nearly all of our students signing a RRW banner, pledging to be drug free. You can see the banner proudly displayed in the back of the Cafe. Tuesday, each student who signed the pledge received a red RRW bracelet to wear all week. The bracelet reads, "My Life, My Choice Drug Free" on one side, and "I respect myself - I work hard - I am drug free" on the other side.

Wednesday, perhaps the most anticipated event of the week, WEAR RED DAY, promised and delivered a friendly competition between Team Evans and Team Gough. At the end of the day, Team Gough was victorious with a total of over 5000 points! (Each point represented an item of red clothing worn by a member of the team!) A special shout-out to Ms. Offutt's homeroom, which tallied the highest total points of any homeroom with over 1,000 points. Ms. Offutt's homeroom enjoyed a pizza party as the prize. Team Gough homerooms (Oddo, Thompson, Silverman, Bey, Huwalt, Rosenthal, Reino, Offutt, and Teti) are able to wear jeans on Thursday, November 3rd as their prize! Of course, all other uniform dress requirements are in effect with the jeans worn by the winning team.

Thursday, students in grades 5-8 heard a motivational "Stay Drug Free" message from Allegheny County Sheriff, Jason Tarap. The day ended with the announcement of the winners of the Door Decorating Contest--with a variety of anti-drug messages. The judging was done by Dr. Wooten, Propel Schools Superintendent, and Ms. Chekan, Propel Schools Assistant Superintendent. And the winners are....Primary winner - The Kindergarten Team, Oddo's and Williamson's classes...Middle School winner - Mr. Rosenthal's class...Judges Special Recognition went to Mrs. Thomas' homeroom. The Primary and MS winners will each receive a pizza party, and Mrs. Thomas' homeroom will receive 2 ProBucks per student!

Today, RRW wrapped up with DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO DAY! It was wonderful to see our students and staff dressed as a variety of people who inspire them--especially the everyday heroes, who positively impact our lives every day!

With the end of October and the beginning of November arriving next week, we have two relevant reminders. First, please remember that we don't participate in Halloween activities during the school day, so students shouldn't wear any type of costume to school next week, and please don't send in candy to be distributed. Second, with November 1st comes permission to wear boots (solid muted color no higher than calf height) on days when conditions warrant. However, students wearing boots should always have a pair of tennis shoes available in their book bags to change into to fully participate in any physical activity.

Ms. Sandy Gough, Principal

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