

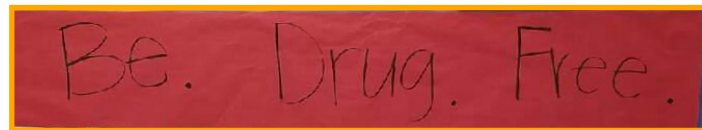
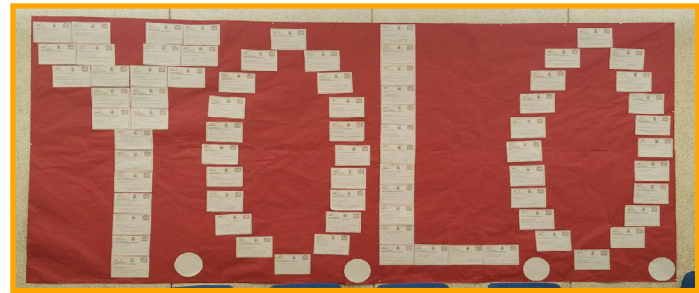
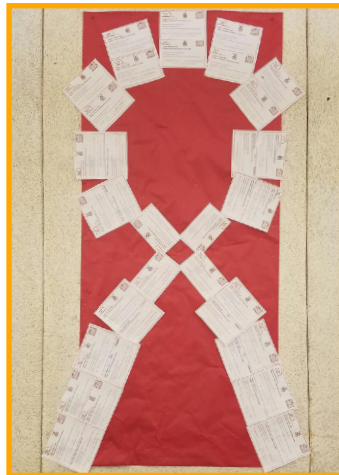
Red Ribbon Week Campaign 2016

Across Propel Schools, we were excited to participate in Red Ribbon Week! From a Hawaiian theme (“Lei Off Drugs”) to a footwear theme (“Sock It To Drugs”) to sports themes (“Team Up Against Drugs”), these fun events helped students gain an understanding of the benefits of a drug-free life and pledge to remain drug-free. Keep reading to learn more about the origins of Red Ribbon Week!

National Family Partnership, formerly the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth, is a national leader in drug prevention education and advocacy. It focuses on awareness, advocacy and resources. The NFP was established as a nonprofit

organization in 1980 by a handful of concerned and determined parents who were convinced they should begin to play a leadership role in drug prevention. In 1988, NFP sponsored the first National Red Ribbon

Celebration. The Red Ribbon serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. Hundreds of people pledge to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifice made by Kiki Camarena, an 11-year DEA veteran who was fighting the War on Drugs. The 2016 Red Ribbon Week theme was “YOLO: Be Drug Free”.



To learn more about the Red Ribbon Campaign and ways to take action, visit redribbon.org.

A Few Facts.....

- The National Family Partnership estimates that more than 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events each year.
- The campaign is a unified way for communities to take a stand against drugs and show intolerance for illicit drug use and the consequences to all Americans.
- Teens who have parents that talk to them on a regular basis about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs compared to those who don't have those conversations.
- Teenage drug abuse can result to them having long-term cognitive and behavioral effects because their brains are still developing.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control, 1 in 5 teens has abused prescription medications.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Propel Partners in Wellness will provide our students with dedicated mental wellness support at school. Partnering with TCV Community Services, we will bring a continuum of supports to Propel classrooms and families.

Together, we will overcome barriers to learning!

Possible barriers to learning may include:

*Relationship difficulties at school or home • The death of a loved one
A decline in grades or school engagement • A traumatic or stressful experience*

For assistance, please reach out to your school's principal, teacher or counselor. You can also contact the program administrators at: propelpartnersinwellness@propelschools.org

Our collaboration with TCV Community Services allows us to bring you the very best in wellness, their mission statement shows their commitment to excellence, diversity and teamwork!

TCV Community Services Value:

Customer Focus • Empowerment • Excellence • Diversity
Accountability • Teamwork • Leadership

Please note: The next Propel Partners in Wellness newsletter will be digital. To receive the latest information, please be sure that your email address is updated with your Propel school. Don't miss out on the next issue!

MEET THE NORTHSIDE PREVENTION SPECIALIST

- **What are your hobbies?**

-I enjoy playing basketball and spending time with my family and friends.

- **What is your favorite food?**

-Steak, tacos, Chinese food, pizza, Primanti's sandwiches. I can't pick just one!

- **What is your favorite thing about working at Propel?**

-My favorite thing about working at Propel Northside would have to be the daily interactions I have with the students and the great environment the administration, teachers and staff have created here.

- **Do you have any special words of wisdom or quote you'd like to share?**

Why did you pick this?

-"Love the life you live. Live the life you love".- Bob Marley

I enjoy this quote because it reminds me every day why I am in this line of work. I enjoy waking up every day knowing I can have a positive impact on a child's life. If you've spent too long ignoring that voice inside that guides you and spending time doing things that you don't enjoy, or living a life you're not in love with, it's time for a change.



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