

Red Ribbon Week Celebration

October 5 – 9, 2009

Dear El Camino Creek Parents and Guardians:

Beginning October 5, 2009 students will be taking part in a week long, district wide program called Red Ribbon Week, which is designed to create an awareness concerning the problems, related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. The theme this year is "Healthy Me... the way to be."

Red Ribbon week was formed to honor the memory of Federal Agent Enrique Camarena who was murdered in 1985 by the drug cartel in Mexico. It is a nationwide program designed to demonstrate a commitment to a drug-free America. As movies and music bombard us with the myth that alcohol, tobacco and drug use is acceptable, Red Ribbon Week activities will help to dispel this myth and provide us a means of communication.

Some may think that elementary students are too young to be exposed to drug education, however, our students will focus on many aspects of health and safety. You can take advantage of this time to open a dialogue at home and discuss issues like peer pressure and making the right choices for a healthy future.

Our celebration at El Camino Creek will involve health and safety curriculum in class and assemblies appropriate for each grade level. The effectiveness of Red Ribbon Week is measured by how well we prepare our children for the challenges they will face in the immediate years ahead.

There will be a small raffle on Friday the 9th. To enter the raffle, children need to drop off their signed Drug Pledge card into the designated box on the way into school any morning Tuesday through Friday. Please note that the pledge card should be signed by both the student and a parent. The pledge cards will be coming home with your child on Monday afternoon.

Our week's activities have been planned by the 6th grade Girl Scout Troop 1125. We have worked hard to create a week for the kids to remember that living a healthy life is fun. We have a theme for every day, and activities for that themed day. Attached you will find our schedule for the week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our leaders with any comments or questions, Joani LaChance- Lachance4@aol.com or Barbara Stanforth- Lbstan@att.net

Sincerely,

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