



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Parsippany Hills High School
ACTIVITY: Violence Awareness Week
DATE(S): October 8th-12th
CATEGORY: Educational
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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

The purpose of Violence Awareness week is to promote kindness and anti-bullying in the community and school. Student Council leads the school in recognizing the issue of physical, verbal, and cyber bullying in a week-long event.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

The Friday before Violence Awareness week, anti-violence posters made by the National Art Honors Society are put up in the hallways along with Student Council made flyers. Both are made with the purpose of discouraging violence in the community. On the morning announcements, all throughout the week, a Student Council Executive Board member gives a statistic about bullying or violence to provide knowledge to the students about the harmful effects of bullying. In addition, red rubber wristbands are sold during the week to encourage the stand against violence. Students wear these wristbands throughout the week.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

Violence Awareness Week benefits the school and the community because it promotes a violence free atmosphere for everyone in Parsippany. It reinforces the right to live free from abuse and fear of violence, as well as encouraging students to value the differences within our communities. The week is about protecting individual human rights regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability. By informing students about the issue of bullying, the school and community can come together in order to put an end to it. By showing a commitment to nonviolence we can promote peace and move forward through social change. The main goal in this project is to teach students how to build a safe community that protects its members from violence.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

The Violence Awareness Week project is effective because it reminds students about the dangers of bullying. With a school that provides a safe place for students, the whole community becomes a better place. A change the Executive Board may consider is a way to involve a larger percentage of the school in executing Violence Awareness Week. A school-wide or community-wide activity or assembly could encourage further participation in the project against violence.