



**January 2014 is VSBA Bullying Prevention Month:
NNPS Schools Hosting Special Events and Activities**

The Virginia School Board Association has designated January Bullying Prevention Month in Virginia. While youth development and anti-bullying efforts are ongoing throughout the school year, NNPS students and staff are commemorating Bullying Prevention Month with numerous activities and programs.

An Achievable Dream Elementary

Teachers will join together on Monday, January 13 to wear orange as a show of their support to keep An Achievable Dream Elementary a bully-free school. On Monday, January 27, 3rd-5th grade students at An Achievable Dream Elementary will sign a bully free pledge to ensure the school remains to be a Bully Free Zone School.

Carver Elementary

Carver is implementing another Anti-Bullying student led campaign. Facts about bullying will be read on the morning announcements each day throughout the month of January. In addition, students from each class will be submitting messages regarding ways to stop bullying and be a good friend. Random student messages will also be selected to be read on the announcements daily. These messages will also be placed on display in our main hallway on an Anti-Bullying poster.

B.C. Charles Elementary

B.C. Charles Elementary is observing Bullying Prevention Month with several activities throughout the month. The principal along with a school counselor will have announcements on the morning show with a bullying prevention message. A newsletter on bullying prevention will be sent to the parents. Students will lead bullying prevention programs which will include student-led presentations and the school as a whole signing an anti-bullying pledge. B.C. Charles Elementary will also spread information about bullying prevention on the school's Facebook page. There will also be classroom guidance lessons focused on accepting differences, empathy and conflict resolution. The school will also have a writing and poster contest.

Dutrow Elementary

Dutrow Elementary has various activities planned in observance of Bullying Prevention Month. Kindergarten students will each make quilt squares depicting how they show kindness to others. The quilt squares will be assembled to form a quilt-like pattern for all students, staff and parents to see. Wednesday's will be dedicated to Williams' Words of Wisdom, which will be information about Bullying Prevention Month, a review of anti-bullying rules and other bullying related facts. Students in grades 3-5 will be given the 'Stop Bullying Pledge' to read and discuss during class meetings and sign. Students in grades K-2 will read the pledge together and proclaim publicly how they will stand up against bullying. Dutrow will also have a poster contest to promote student artwork along with an anti-bullying message to be displayed.

Epes Elementary School

To recognize National Bullying Prevention and Awareness month, Epes Elementary is showing their support by having Bullying Prevention Dress-Up Days from January 13-16.

General Stanford Elementary School

General Stanford students and staff will continue in implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

Greenwood Elementary School

Greenwood Elementary will hold Social Skills Groups on Bullying Prevention throughout the month of January.

Hidenwood Elementary

At Hidenwood Elementary, there will be several activities for students and teachers to participate in for Bullying Prevention Month. Students will be shown a video on bullying while teachers will be further trained in how to recognize and become proactive in cases of bullying. Hidenwood will have a “Just say no to Bullying Week” January 21-23 with various activities planned for students, with students wearing their favorite team or school shirt to show how students are ‘teaming up’ to stop bullying on Friday, January 23.

Hilton Elementary

To support Bullying Prevention Month, students will be asked to sign a No Bullying Pledge and Public Service Announcements about Bullying will be presented on the morning show. Hilton Elementary SCA students are designated as Ambassadors of Peace and model handling conflict in positive manner. SCA students will help promote awareness for Bullying Prevention. Bullying Prevention Month will be highlighted on the school calendar and on the Hilton Elementary Facebook Page.

Jenkins Elementary School

Jenkins Elementary School is collaborating with Linda Askew to train several students for a student led bully prevention program. The students will be able to discuss bullying within their classrooms and other classes as well.

Kiln Creek Elementary

Kiln Creek Elementary will have peer mediation groups for students throughout the school.

Lee Hall Elementary

Lee Hall Elementary will have all students sign the Stop Bullying Pledge form, and have student led bullying prevention training, presentations and discussions. The school will also have dress up activities and a Mix It Up day.

Magruder Elementary School

For the VSBA Bullying Prevention Month, Magruder Elementary School will review with students the school-wide Bullying Tell-It System and have different anti-bullying activities during the daily morning show.

Nelson Elementary School

To highlight Bullying Prevention Month, Nelson Elementary will present some new, student driven PSAs on the morning show and offer weekly tips in response to bullying. Later in March, Nelson Elementary will offer a parent workshop.

Newsome Park Elementary

For Bullying Prevention Month, Newsome Park will provide classroom guidance lessons for K-5 focused on bullying, respecting each other's differences and conflict resolution. The school will also hold small group sessions on bullying, name calling and treating others with respect. The daily morning show will give tips and other ways to help prevent bullying. In the classroom, meetings are being held to address bullying. Newsome Park students are also going to sign pledges against bullying and place them around the building to show their support.

Richneck Elementary School

For bully prevention month, Richneck Elementary has invited Parents Against Bullying and their mascot Protector Paul to speak to the K-2 students on January 23. Richneck will also try to have a law enforcement official to come and talk to 4th and 5th graders on the twenty-third as well.

Saunders Elementary School

Saunders Elementary will have classroom lessons and activities about Bullying Prevention for the entire month of January.

Yates Elementary School

Yates Elementary will be sending a special parent newsletter out on the topic of bullying, making announcements during the morning show and having classroom guidance lessons on the topics of bullying prevention and intervention. The school will also have a week of various activities all aimed at bullying prevention from January 28 – 31.

Crittenden Middle School

Crittenden Middle will have classroom guidance for all grade levels on how to prevent and handle bullying. The school will also make a phone call home to parents to have them remind their students to keep CMS a bully free zone. Crittenden will also have a Mix It Up day, where students will participate in a "getting to know me" activity, several days where students will dress according to different bullying prevention themes.

Huntington Middle School

Morning announcements at Huntington Middle School will focus on tips and information on how students can prevent bullying at their school. New Horizons will sponsor a special 6th grade assembly on January 10. Huntington Middle students will also lead presentations on bullying prevention. Students will be reminded of the Bullying Hotline where they can report instances of bullying. Huntington will also have a Locker 101 Awareness program.

An Achievable Dream Middle/High School

At An Achievable Dream Middle and High School there will be an anti-bullying rally along with a poetry contest and the students signing an anti-bullying pledge.

Denbigh High School

Denbigh High School will have morning announcements on the importance of preventing bullying in the school, a Mix It Up day so students interact with other students who they may not regularly talk with and a video to highlight safety and respect for others.

Heritage High School

Heritage High school will spread messages of Bullying Prevention during the morning announcements as well as remind students of the Bullying Prevention Hotline that is available to them anytime they may need it.

Menchville High School

Morning announcements at Menchville High School will highlight Bullying Prevention Month, with topics such as: signs of bullying, statistics about bullying and where to go for help, with a reminder about Menchville's Bullying Prevention Hotline.

Warwick High School

Warwick will have a student volunteer in each homeroom present videos and hold discussions with their peers on how students should stop being bystanders when bullying occurs to becoming Upstanders, and becoming proactive against bullying.

Woodside High School

Woodside High will have morning announcements discussing the topic of bullying prevention along with student led presentations.