

School Violence Awareness Week 2018

10/15-10/19

Morning Announcements & Themes

Monday, October 15

This week every school in New Jersey is observing “School Violence Awareness Week.” During this week, we will be spending time reflecting on the ways our conflicts can lead to violence and ways to solve our conflicts peacefully. Each day this week, we will be hearing a goal toward a peaceful school building.

Our goal for today is: **Manage your anger, don't let it manage you!** Your challenge is to think of peaceful and safe ways to deal with anger. Let's work on controlling our actions. When we manage our anger, we stay in control, and we are better able to resolve our conflicts peacefully. Don't let anger heat you up!

Tuesday, October 16

Today is the second day we are observing School Violence Awareness Week. Our goal for today is: **Promoting Respect and Tolerance.** Let's work on treating everyone with respect – people similar to us and different. We should embrace differences and make it a point to learn about people's differences. Different is different, not bad. There is no reason not to like someone because they are different than you. Accepting everyone for who they are is so important. Treat everyone equally.

Wednesday, October 17

Today is the third day we are observing School Violence Awareness Week. Our goal for today is: **Resolve conflicts peacefully.** There are many useful strategies to help you have a peaceful resolution to your conflicts such as: compromising/making a deal, agree to disagree, walk away until you cool off, help from an adult, talk it out and listen to one another and always think before you speak. Sometimes friends even need a break from each other too. Remember yelling, name calling and blaming are not examples of solving conflicts peacefully. No matter how angry you get violence is never the answer!

Thursday, October 18

Today is the fourth day we are observing School Violence Awareness Week. Our goal for today is: **Supporting Safety.** One way we practice safety is by having our monthly fire drills and lock downs. In case there was a real emergency we would be prepared to ensure the safety of everyone in the building. All of the Staff including Mr. Pease, Mr. Ford, myself and the teachers, support staff, assistants, the Somerdale Police

Department, and Buildings and Grounds help all of our students stay safe at school each day. Be sure to say thank you when you see any of these key people.

Friday, October 19

Cool to be Kind Assembly (in gym): 5th- 6th 8:20-9:07; 7th- 8th 9:56- 10:43

Today is the fifth and last day we are observing School Violence Awareness Week. During this week, we have spent time reflecting on the ways our conflicts can lead to violence and ways to solve our conflicts peacefully. Each day this week, we heard a goal toward a peaceful school building. Our last goal is: **Unite in action and make a difference**. Let's all make an effort to put our good lessons into practice for the remainder of the school year. If we all work hard at using peaceful strategies when we lose our cool, our school will continue to be a wonderful place to learn and grow every day.