

# Leadership & Safety Calendar

2016 - 2017



The goal of *Safe to Learn* is to always remain a community of caring people with the same mission and commitment: Provide what is best for all children and keep them safe so they will be able to learn.



## Safe to Learn

# Year Round Leadership & Safety

The 2016-2017 **Safe to Learn Leadership & Safety Calendar** includes links to many nationally recognized Health and Safety events. Each year we will be updating the calendar and also adding events as they are submitted to Safe to Learn.

Submit Suggested Events or resources:

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# Plan Ahead for School Events

## Start planning in August future events

- **National School Bus Safety Month is in October**  
**Remember that posters must arrive by October 1, 2016 Contest**
  - **2016 Theme: # STOP ON RED!**  
All posters must be received at BNAPT Headquarters by October 1, 2016  
National School Bus Safety Poster Contest  
c/o NAPT: 1840 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203
    - **Poster Rules** <http://www.napt.org/files/2014PosterRules.pdf>  
**2016 Contest Page**  
<http://napt.org/resources/national-school-bus-safety-week.php>  
&
    - **Resource Guide and Activity Book<sup>1</sup>**  
[http://naptonline.org/files/NSBSWdoc\\_Color.pdf](http://naptonline.org/files/NSBSWdoc_Color.pdf)
- **Fire Prevention Resources - Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool & Call**  
<http://burnprevention.org/programs-services/childrens-fire-safety-burn-prevention/stop-drop-roll-cool-call/>
- **National Fire Prevention Week is in October**  
**Contact Local Fire Department** and ask if they are they hosting any events for National Fire Prevention Week in October?

### Camp Susquehanna

Camp is a 4 day, sleep-away experience for children ages 7-17 who have had a burn injury.

It is an opportunity for children to have fun, learn life skills, and meet other burn survivors.

Lancaster County,  
Pennsylvania  
June 2016

- **NFPA Education Programs: Sparky School House (K- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**  
<http://sparkyschoolhouse.org/>
- **Public Education – Safety Tips Page**  
<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/resources/safety-tip-sheets>
- **Burn Prevention Network – Teacher’s Corner**  
<http://burnprevention.org/programs-services/teachers-corner/>
  - **Burn Prevention Network** <http://burnprevention.org/>
- **Children’s Fire Safety & Burn Preventing Information**  
<http://burnprevention.org/programs-services/childrens-fire-safety-burn-prevention/>

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<sup>1</sup> Sponsored by National School Transportation Association, NASDPTS, NAPT, PTISI

- **Walk Bike to School Day is in October**
  - **Event Planning Tips:**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/plan-the-event/planning-a-biketoschool-event>
  - **First-Time Tips:**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/plan-the-event/first-time-tips>
  - **Plan an Event in 7 Days**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/plan-the-event/plan-event-in-7-days>
  - **Talking Points**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/promote-the-event/talking-points>
    - **Walk to School**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/sites/default/files/WTSD-Talking-Points-2013.pdf>  
Includes fuel costs data!
    - **Bike to School**  
[http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/sites/default/files/BTSD%20Talking%20Points-2014\\_0.pdf](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/sites/default/files/BTSD%20Talking%20Points-2014_0.pdf)
  - **Involve the Principal**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/involve-the-community/school-principal>
  - *Study by Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (84-page PDF)*  
**“The Association Between School-Based Physical Activity, Including Physical education and Academic Performance”**  
[http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/health\\_and\\_academics/pdf/pa-pe\\_paper.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/health_and_academics/pdf/pa-pe_paper.pdf)
  - **Involve the Community**  
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/involve-the-community>

# Summer Planning Resources

Plan in June for July Fireworks & Burn Prevention

- **Fireworks Safety is in July – information could be included in June**
  - **The National Council in Fire Works**  
<http://fireworkssafety.org/>  
& <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-tips/>
    - **Posters for Safety Including Safe Fireworks Disposal & Sparkler Safety** <http://www.fireworkssafety.org/safety-store/>
- **US Fire Administration**  
<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/>
- **\*\*\*\*\*Sesame Street Fire Safety Program**  
[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/ss\\_safety\\_program.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/ss_safety_program.html)
  - **US Consumer Product Safety Commission**  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/>  
&
  - **Sparklers Can Burn - Poster**  
<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Neighborhood-Safety-Network/Posters/Sparklers-can-Burn-at-2000-Degrees-Fahrenheit/>  
&
  - **Burn Prevention Network - Summer Information Links**  
<http://www.burnprevention.org/>  
&
  - **Fire Prevention for Big Kids (5-9 years)**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/big-kids-5%E2%80%93939-years/field\\_risks/fire/field\\_type/activities-kids](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/big-kids-5%E2%80%93939-years/field_risks/fire/field_type/activities-kids)  
&
  - **Fire Safety for Pre-Teens (10-14 years)**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/pre-teens-10-14/field\\_risks/fire/field\\_type/activities-kids](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/pre-teens-10-14/field_risks/fire/field_type/activities-kids)  
&
  - **Fire & Burn Safety For Teens (15-19 years)**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years/field\\_risks/fire/field\\_type/activities-kids](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years/field_risks/fire/field_type/activities-kids)  
&
  - **\*\*\*Fire Safety Facts**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/special-needs/field\\_risks/fire/field\\_type/activities-kids](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/special-needs/field_risks/fire/field_type/activities-kids)

Working Smoke Alarms reduce the chances of dying in a fire by nearly 50 percent!

- **Burn Prevention for Teens**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15-19-years/field\\_risks/burns-and-scalds](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15-19-years/field_risks/burns-and-scalds)
- **Burn & Scalds Prevention Tips**  
<http://www.safekids.org/tip/burns-and-scalds-prevention-tips>
- **More Tips about Preventing Burns & Scalds**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/burns-and-scalds](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/burns-and-scalds)

**Have your children learn CPR.**  
It's a skill that will serve them  
for a lifetime.

### Swimming Safety Tips

- **Safety Tips for Teens**  
[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years/field\\_risks/swimming-and-water](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years/field_risks/swimming-and-water)
- **Tips for Swimming & Boating Safety**  
<http://www.safekids.org/other-resource/useful-links-swimming-and-boating-safety>
- **How to Avoid Getting Caught in a Rip Current (National weather Service)**  
<http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov/>
  - Texas Sea Grant - Online Survey  
<http://today.tamu.edu/2015/06/04/rip-current-survey-could-save-lives/>
  - Break the Grip of The Rip (US Army Corps of Engineers)  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/training/BreaktheGripoftheRip/player.html>
  - IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A RIP (graphic)  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/training/BreaktheGripoftheRip/player.html>
  - How to escape a Rip Current #1  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/training/BreaktheGripoftheRip/player.html>
  - How to escape a Rip Current #2  
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/training/BreaktheGripoftheRip/player.html>



# Elementary School Resources

## Hand Washing

- **Handwashing Lessons Plans & Resources**  
*Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*  
**Classroom Lessons & Activates**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/training-education.html>
- **December is National Hand Washing Month**  
**Hand Washing Experiment (Grades 5-8)**  
[https://www.cdc.gov/bam/teachers/documents/epi\\_4\\_hand\\_wash.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/bam/teachers/documents/epi_4_hand_wash.pdf)
- **Glo Germ Grades (K-6) = Educational Worksheets**  
<http://www.glogerm.com/worksheets.html>

## Nutrition

- **School Meal Trends & Stats**  
<https://schoolnutrition.org/AboutSchoolMeals/SchoolMealTrendsStats/>
- **More than Just Lunch**  
<https://schoolnutrition.org/AboutSchoolMeals/MoreThanJustLunch/>
- **School Lunch Hero Day (May 5, 2017)**  
<http://www.schoollunchheroday.com/downloads.html>
  - **Stories of Lunch Heroes**  
<http://www.schoollunchheroday.com/slhdstories.html>

## \*\* Free Coloring Books (K-Elementary)

<http://www.first-school.ws/theme/educational-resources/free-coloring-books-online.htm>

**PDF** <http://extension.illinois.edu/foodfun/downloads/book.pdf>

- **Super Kids Nutrition + Coloring Pages**  
[http://www.superkidsnutrition.com/nutrition\\_resources/nutritioncurriculum/](http://www.superkidsnutrition.com/nutrition_resources/nutritioncurriculum/)
- **Food Printable Worksheets**  
**Nourish Interactive**  
<http://www.nourishinteractive.com/nutrition-education-printables>
- **Meal Planners by Age** (2 to 9 years)  
<http://www.nourishinteractive.com/nutrition-education-printables/category/16-printable-kids-healthy-menu-plans-daily-meal-planner-childrens-healthy-food-groups-balanced-meals>

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### School Bus Safety

- **School Bus Safety Reminders – 10 Points (Printable PDF)**  
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/free-printable/more-printables/school-bus-safety-printable-poster>

### Fire Prevention

- **October is National Fire Prevention Week**  
**Sparky the Fire Dog** web site – October  
<http://www.sparky.org/>  
&  
**Where Safety Connects with Learning**  
*Teach Fire Safety and Save Lives*  
<http://sparkyschoolhouse.org/>  
&  
**Home Fire Drills – featuring Help Mikey Make it Out**  
Video –Interactive Q&A  
<http://www.homefiredrill.org/Mikey/mikeygame.html>  
&  
**Stop, Drop, Roll, Cool & Call – Burn Prevention Network**  
<http://www.burnprevention.org/programs-services/childrens-fire-safety-burn-prevention/stop-drop-roll-cool-call>

### Library Month

- **December is School Library Month**  
Link to Videos of winners of “Lives Change @ Your Library”  
Features winners from high schools, middle schools and elementary schools  
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/2014/video>
- **Libraries Transform Communities**  
<http://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/presskits/lrc>
- **Resources for School Librarians**  
A Directory of Lesson Plans for Information Skills Instructions  
<http://www.sldirectory.com/libsf/resf/libplans.html>



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- **February is Burn Awareness Week**
  - **Home Fire Drill Resources**  
*This September remember to change your clock, update emergency supplies, pick a spot to meet and practice a fire drill*  
<http://www.homefiredrill.org/>  
&
  - **Help Mikey Make it Out**  
*Interactive animation*  
<http://www.homefiredrill.org/Mikey/mikeygame.html>  
&
  - **Fire, Burns and Scalds Prevention**  
<http://www.safekids.org/fires-burns-and-scalds-prevention>
    - Burn Safety Fact Sheet  
<http://www.safekids.org/fact-sheet/burns-and-fire-safety-fact-sheet-2015-pdf>
    - More Safety Fact Sheets  
<http://www.safekids.org/listing/fact-sheet>
  
- **March is Learning Disabilities Month**  
Books for children  
<http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books>  
Ages 9-12 <http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books/onlyone>  
Ages 9- 12 and Teens <http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books/ld>  
Ages 3 - 12 <http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books/expressing>  
Ages 3- 12 and Teens <http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books/friends>
  
- **March is Poison Prevention Week**  
Child Tips  
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/prevention-tips/child-tips/index.html>

**1 (800) 222-1222**  
**American Association of Poison Control Centers**  
Hours: 24 hours, 7 days a week  
Languages: English  
Website: [www.aapcc.org](http://www.aapcc.org)



## April is School Library Month

- **April is School Library Month**  
**2016 Theme – School Libraries Transform Learning**  
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>  
History <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/history>

The theme of the first national observance of School Library Month in 1985 was "Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center."

- **"School Libraries Transform Learning."**  
**2016 Spokesperson Megan McDonlad**  
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/2016/psa>

"I would not be who I am without the early impact of my school library and librarian. I grew up to become a librarian. I grew up to become a storyteller. I grew up to become a writer. School librarians not only foster a lifelong love of reading and story, they encourage thinking and creativity. They support curious minds. They inspire young imaginations. School librarians shape lives."

- **\*\* American Association of School Librarians (AASL)**  
**Best Websites for Teaching and Learning**  
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/standards/best/websites/2015>

The 2015 Best Websites for Teaching & Learning foster the qualities of innovation, creativity, active participation, and collaboration. They are free, Web-based sites that are user friendly and encourage a community of learners to explore and discover.

[Media Sharing](#) | [Digital Storytelling](#) | [Manage & Organize](#) |  
[Social Networking & Communication](#) | [Content Resources](#) |  
[Curriculum Collaboration](#)

- **My Storybook**  
Welcome to our Community to Storytellers  
<https://www.mystorybook.com/>

## MS & JH School Resources

- ❑ **Drunk Driving**  
About Drunk Driving, MADD's Annual Campaign, Information by State  
<http://www.madd.org/drunken-driving/>
- ❑ **Suicide Prevent Programs for Teens and Young Adults**  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
<https://www.afsp.org/preventing-suicide/our-education-and-prevention-programs/programs-for-teens-and-young-adults>
- ❑ **October is Fire Prevention Week**  
**The Great Escape (Grades 6-8)**  
<http://www.burnprevention.org/programs-services/childrens-fire-safety-burn-prevention/great-escape>
- ❑ **December is School Library Month 2014**  
Link to Videos of winners of "Lives Change @ Your Library"  
Features winners from high schools, middle schools and elementary schools  
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/2014/video>
- ❑ **December is National Hand Washing Month**  
[CDC Science Ambassador Lesson Plans – Inquiry into Infectious Disease: It's a Germy World After All](#) (9-12)  
This lesson engages high school students in a demonstration of how germs are transmitted from person to person and involves them in an inquiry-based activity and webquest.
- ❑ **March is Poison Prevention Week**  
Child Tips  
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/prevention-tips/child-tips/index.html>

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History <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/history>

☐ **\*\* American Association of School Librarians (AASL)**

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☐ **Resources for School Librarians**

A Directory of Lesson Plans for Information Skills Instructions

<http://www.sldirectory.com/libsf/resf/libplans.html>



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### HIV Awareness Resources

- **HIV Among Youth Information and Statistics**  
*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*  
*In 2014, youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for an estimated 22% of all new HIV diagnoses in the United States.*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/age/youth/index.html>
- **April is HIV Awareness Days**  
*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) participates in national HIV/AIDS Awareness Days in order to raise awareness of HIV*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/socialmedia/awarenessdays.html>
- **Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day – April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is observed each year on April 10 to educate the public about the impact of HIV and AIDS on young people and to highlight the work young people are doing across the country to respond to the epidemic.*  
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/nyhaad.html>
- **Advocates for Youth**  
<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/nyhaad-partners>

### Children's Mental Health Awareness

- **National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is Celebrated in May each year.** <http://www.samhsa.gov/children/national-events>  
  
*National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day seeks to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and to show that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth.*  
*(Background: [May 5, 2016 event](#))*
- **Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Resources**  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/safe-schools-healthy-students>
  - **Suicide Prevention and Post-Suicide Coping Resources**  
<http://www.samhsa.gov/safe-schools-healthy-students/resources/suicide-prevention>

- **NASP – National Association of School Psychologists  
School Safety & Crisis**  
<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis>
- **Preventing Youth Suicide – Brief Facts and Tips**  
<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide>
- **Preventing Youth Suicides**  
<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/preventing-youth-suicide>

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
at 1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

- **Threat Assessment at School – Brief Facts & Tips**  
<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/threat-assessment-at-school>
- **School Violence Prevention – Brief Facts and Tips**  
<http://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources/school-safety-and-crisis/school-violence-prevention>

## Other Resources

- **Trevor Project for Youth**  
<http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>
- **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**  
<https://afsp.org/>
  - About Suicide  
<https://afsp.org/about-suicide/>
  - Suicide Statistics  
<https://afsp.org/about-suicide/suicide-statistics/>



## High School Resources

- ❑ **Drunk Driving**  
About Drunk Driving, MADD's Annual Campaign, Information by State  
<http://www.madd.org/drunken-driving/>
  
- ❑ **National Teen Driver Safety Campaign - Sample Campaign**  
*Ride Like A Friend. Drive Like You Care (RLAF)*  
October National Event (October 16-22, 2016)  
[http://www.teendriversource.org/more\\_pages/page/try\\_this\\_teen-to-teen\\_campaign\\_at\\_your\\_school/teen](http://www.teendriversource.org/more_pages/page/try_this_teen-to-teen_campaign_at_your_school/teen)
  
- ❑ **About AFSP's Suicide Prevent Programs**  
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention  
<https://afsp.org/about-suicide/>
  
- ❑ **CDC Science Ambassador Lesson Plan Inquiry into Infectious Diseases**  
[http://www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador\\_pgm/lessonplans\\_germs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador_pgm/lessonplans_germs.htm)  
\*\*\* **HS Lessons Plans – Germs (Page Links to Lessons Plan PDF)**  
[http://www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador\\_pgm/lessonplans/Germ-World.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador_pgm/lessonplans/Germ-World.pdf)  
&  
**CDC Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives (Training & Education)**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/training-education.html>
  
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Link to Videos of winners of "Lives Change @ Your Library"  
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<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/2014/video>
  
- ❑ **March is Poison Prevention Week (Teen Tips)**  
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/prevention-tips/teen-tips/index.html> \ **Get ready for 2015 National Poison Prevention Week, March 19-25, 2017**  
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/national-poison-prevention-week/index.html>

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### Library Resources

"A teacher affects eternity;  
he can never tell where his  
influence stops." ~ Henry Adams

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- <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

- **History**

- <https://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/history>

**Resources for School Librarians**

A Directory of Lesson Plans for Information Skills Instructions

<http://www.sldirectory.com/libsf/resf/libplans.html>

### Articles, Ideas and Experience

- **Education World References**

- **Article**

- "I Was There When High School Research Papers Came Alive!"

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/curr368.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/curr368.shtml)

- **\*\*\* Voice of Experience**

- Each week, an educator takes a stand or shares an Aha! classroom moment in the Education World Voice of Experience column.

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/archives/voice.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/archives/voice.shtml)

- **Three Differences Between Teaching and Administration**

- Time – Student Contact - Scope*

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/voice/voice114.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/voice/voice114.shtml)

- **Advice for Budding Teachers: Five questions to Consider**

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/voice/voice137.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/voice/voice137.shtml)

- **Taming the Three Ts**

- Thought, Temper and Tongue*

- [http://www.educationworld.com/a\\_curr/voice/voice098.shtml](http://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/voice/voice098.shtml)

**Noted educator, Haim Ginott said it best:**

"I've come to the frightening conclusion that I am the decisive element in the classroom. It's my personal approach that creates the climate. It's my daily mood that makes the weather. As a teacher, I possess tremendous power to make a child's life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration. I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal. In all situations, it is my response that decides whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated and a child humanized or de-humanized."

## High School Resources, page 3

### Earth Day

- ☐ **Earth Day is in April each year**  
<http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/>
- ☐ **History of Earth Day**  
<http://www.earthday.org/about/the-history-of-earth-day/>
- ☐ **Tool Kit**  
<http://www.earthday.org/earth-day/earth-day-toolkit/>

Add your favorite Earth Day Links

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# 2016 Calendar

## 2016 CALENDAR

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## Make sure your *Safety Plan* includes all special needs students

“Whatever Emergency Plan you choose, make sure it includes provisions for your special needs students and an accurate attendance accounting so you know if any missing students are really absent and not still in the building. Have people in your building assigned to certain accountability jobs to make sure that the building is cleared and the proper authorities are notified.”

*Principal Kelly Waters  
George Junior High School  
Lamar CISD - Texas*



### 10 Things Teachers Should Know About Servicing Students with Special Needs

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**Resource: WE are TEACHERS**

**Special Education** <http://www.weareteachers.com/lessons-resources/special-education>

# Special Needs Resources

- **Center for Parent Information and Resources**
  - **Special Needs - Disability (Links and Articles)**  
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/topics/disability/>
  - **Better Hearing and Speech Month (May)**  
*Each May, the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) highlights Better Hearing & Speech Month (BHSM) to raise awareness about communication disorders. The 2015 theme is "Early Intervention Counts." Results of a recent survey of ASHA's membership revealed that 45% of expert respondents reported lack of awareness as the #1 barrier to early detection of communication disorders.*  
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/may2015-asha/>
    - ASHA Link - 2016 theme was "Communication Takes Care"  
<http://www.asha.org/BHSM/>
    - John Hopkins Medicine: Better Hearing and Speech Month  
[http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/awareness/hearing\\_speech\\_month.html](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/awareness/hearing_speech_month.html)
  - **\*\*\*\*A Teen's Guide to Autism**  
*Video in English – narrator is also a teen, plus video in Spanish Created by Alexandra Jackman of Westfield, NJ, the purpose of this 14-minute documentary, released in 2013, is to help teenagers be more aware and understanding of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). It has also been translated to Spanish.*  
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/a-teens-guide-to-autism/>
  - **School Planning and Educational Strategies Following Traumatic Brain Injury** (Webinar and download handouts)  
<http://www.parentcenterhub.org/repository/webinar-tbi-2014/>
  - **A Special Needs Pre-Flight checklist: 16 things you need to do before heading to the Airport.**  
<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/01/09/a-special-needs-pre-flight-checklist/>
    - **Air Travel: 5 Books to help prepare your child for travel**  
While not specifically written for children with special needs these books do a great job to prepare an anxious child for flying and making sure they understand what to expect and what is appropriate while flying.  
<http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2011/12/05/airplane-travel-5-books-to-help-prepare-your-special-needs-child/>

### *Special Needs Resources, Page 2*

- **Air Travel: 5 Books to help prepare your child for travel, Continued,**
  - **The Noisy Airplane Ride** by Mike Downs – Illustrator David Gordon
  - **Going on a Plane** by Anne Civardi – Illustrator Stephen Cartwright
  - **Airport**  
Author/Illustrator Byron Barton (Ages 3 to 6)
  - **Amazing Airplane**  
Author Tony Mitton – Illustrator Ant Parker (Ages 3 to 5)
  - **All Aboard Airplanes**  
Author Frank Evans – Illustrator George Guzzi
  
- **YouTube Videos: Autism and Asperger for Educators**
  - **A Teen's Guide to Autism**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9-l19CKISg&feature=youtu.be>
  
  - **Essentials for Educators: High Functioning Autism & Asperger Syndrome**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_S35NDMuoj4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S35NDMuoj4)
  
  - **Understanding Autism: A Guide for Secondary School Teachers (Part 1)** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4yAAOI6JUzM>
    - **(Part 2) Integrating Supports in the Classroom**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veQKDDE9C\\_w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veQKDDE9C_w)
    - **(Part 3) Practices for Challenging Behavior**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK5Pr9h10BY>
    - **(Part 4) Effective Use of Teacher Supports**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4GdaD2lzxc>
  
- **Education Week**
  - **By the Numbers> Students with Disabilities** (May 2015)  
*Hearing Impairment; Emotional Disturbance; Specific Learning Disability; Autism; Intellectual Disability;*  
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/dc/2015/by-the-numbers-students-with-disabilities.html>
  
  - **Next Steps: Life After Special Education**  
**Diplomas Count 2015: Report and Graduation Rates**  
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/toc/2015/06/04/index.html>
    - **Experience Is Key for Special Ed Students Headed to the workplace**  
<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/06/04/experience-is-key-for-special-ed-students.html?intc=EW-DPCT15-TOC>

**RESOURCE**

# Links to Phillip Martin's FREE Clip Art for Educators

The Clip Art from Phillip Martin's website (links listed below) is Free for teachers to use in their classrooms for student worksheets, on blogs and websites, and other NON-COMMERCIAL uses.

The Classroom Presentations in PowerPoint format are for teacher use only and are not permitted to be put on any other site. <http://www.phillipmartin.info/clipart/terms.htm>

School Clip Art for Teachers & Educators

[http://school.phillipmartin.info/index\\_school.htm](http://school.phillipmartin.info/index_school.htm)

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- Animals  
[http://animals.phillipmartin.info/index\\_animals.htm](http://animals.phillipmartin.info/index_animals.htm)
- Holidays  
[www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home\\_holidays.htm](http://www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home_holidays.htm)
- Language Arts  
[http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home\\_language\\_arts.htm](http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_language_arts.htm)
- Math  
[http://math.phillipmartin.info/index\\_math.htm](http://math.phillipmartin.info/index_math.htm)
- People  
[http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home\\_people.htm](http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_people.htm)
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- Travel the World  
[www.phillipmartin.info/webpage/travel/text\\_map\\_globe.htm](http://www.phillipmartin.info/webpage/travel/text_map_globe.htm)
- Other Things  
[http://www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home\\_other\\_things.htm](http://www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home_other_things.htm)

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**About Phillip Martin** <http://www.safetolearn.com/artist-phillip-martin.html>

Look for Author Phillip Martin's "The Mural Man Series"

<http://www.safetolearn.com/-phillip-martin---the-mural-man.html>

& A Taste of My World Cookbook" Series

<http://www.safetolearn.com/a-taste-of-my-world-cookbooks-by-phillip-martin.html>



**RESOURCE**

# Sing With Our Kids, Nancy Stewart's Pilot Project and Free Resources

“One day I realized many of our children were no longer singing, in their schools, on the playgrounds, or with their families. Why does it matter? Because we are literally wired to sing, and when we do, our children naturally gain countless skills and qualities they need to fully develop. Singing is free and is something everyone can do.

I created Sing With Our Kids to provide everyone, regardless of income or education, the resources to take advantage of this natural ability *we all already have.*”

~ Nancy Stewart, Founder of Sing With Our Kids

The free resources on SingWithOurKids.com empower families, parents, teachers, and their communities to support early learning *by simply singing together*. Because Sing With Our Kids is also an ongoing pilot project, resources are being constantly updated to reflect changes in our communities and new information provided by the most current research.

*Information for this page is provided by Nancy Stewart, Founder of Sing With Our Kids*

<http://www.safetolearn.com/lets-sing.html>

## Why Sing?

We are literally wired to sing, from before birth. And when we do, here are just a few of the things that happen.

- When we sing together we instantly connect, building empathy and understanding of each other
- When we sing we are comforted, and our children feel safe and cared for
- When we sing with our children it helps build all the skills they need to be ready to read <http://singwithourkids.com/info-reading-skills.htm>
- Singing finger plays, like The Itsy Bitsy Spider, helps children develop fine motor skills.
- Singing game like Ring Around the Rosy help develop gross motor skills.

To learn more about how you can use these resources, visit [www.SingWithOurKids.com](http://www.SingWithOurKids.com)

**Read more about how Music Powers the Brain; Music Influences Us; Music Connects Us; and Music Comforts Us.** [nancymusic.com/music-why-sing.htm](http://nancymusic.com/music-why-sing.htm)

- Singing and Early Learning Skills [nancymusic.com/music-reading-skills.htm](http://nancymusic.com/music-reading-skills.htm)
- Singing and Language Acquisition [nancymusic.com/music-connection.htm](http://nancymusic.com/music-connection.htm)

### RESOURCE

## Learn more about the benefits of sign language from Nancy Hanauer, Founder of Hop to Signaroo ®

With 20+ years of teaching and signing experience, her passion for teaching and American Sign Language has taken her career in many unique directions, often bridging the gap between the deaf and hearing communities.

- [Teacher Nancy Hanauer, Founder of Hop to Signaroo ®](#)
- [Yes, Babies Can Communicate Before They Speak!](#)
- [American Sign Language Can Benefit All Children as They Develop Social and Learning Skills](#)
- [www.hoptosignaroo.com](http://www.hoptosignaroo.com)

### American Sign Language (ASL) Resources

- [Signing Savvy Online Dictionary](#) Signing Savvy is a sign language dictionary containing video versions of American Sign Language (ASL) signs, fingerspelled words, and other common signs used in the United States and Canada.
- [Teaching Your Baby Sign Language](#) An article from website PsychCentral

# September Event Links

School Health and Safety

## National Preparedness Month (Emergency)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <https://www.ready.gov/september>

### List 8 Tips for a Healthy School Year

Check out the list and see how your class did in matching the answers

<http://www.parenting.com/article/8-tips-for-a-healthy-school-year>

## September - 2017 Events

- **Children's Safety Week** (first week in September)  
Safety Themes <http://www.first-school.ws/theme/safety.htm>
- **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**  
<http://www.curesearch.org/> (End children's cancer) &
  - **Two 12 year olds fighting cancer for better or for worse**  
<http://curesearch.org/12-Year-Olds-Fall-in-Love-While-Fighting-Cancer>
- **Fruit & Veggie Month**  
<http://www.fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org/September+is+Fruits+%26+Veggies+--More+Matters+Month>
- **National Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month**  
<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/>
- **National Food Safety Education Month** (Site also lists recalls)  
<http://www.foodsafety.gov/index.html>
  - **Recent Recalls** <http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html>
- **Back to School News – Food Safety Tips** (includes Pack a Safe Lunch)  
<http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/events/backtoschool/index.html>
- **Suicide Prevention Week** (1st week in September)  
**September 5-11, 2016**  
<http://www.suicidology.org/about-aas/national-suicide-prevention-week>

### Random Acts of Kindness September Calendar – Theme: Peace

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_September\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_September_2016.pdf)

# September 2016 Calendar

## September is National Emergency Preparedness Month

Submit your safety posters by October 1, 2016 for Bus Safety Month  
Elementary & Middle Schools

<http://www.napt.org/files/2014PosterRules.pdf>

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	Labor Day  Children's Safety Week →			01	02	03
04	07 <a href="#">Labor Day 2016</a>	06	07	08	09	10
11 <a href="#">Patriot Day 2016</a>	12	13	14	15	16	17
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**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – September Theme is Peace**

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_September\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_September_2016.pdf)

**RAK website** <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/inspiring-resources>

# Provide Students with Tools to Keep Them Safe in Any Situation

“It is so important to share how vital it is that we teach students to be intrinsically driven in all aspects of their lives.

We want them to be safe and secure, and the school can only protect them during school hours. Our goal is to provide children with the tools to make decisions practically and safely; and to keep them safe in any situation and at all times.”

*Former Assistant Principal Doug Waddill  
Velasquez Elementary School  
Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (LCISD), Texas*



**List 4 Trainings or Tips that could help keep students safe, even when they are not in school:**

1. Tip #1 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tip #2 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tip #3 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tip #4 \_\_\_\_\_

# October Event Links

## School Health and Safety

### National Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15, 2016

<http://www.nfpa.org/>

& <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>

& <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week/about-fire-prevention-week>

### 2016 – Don't Wait – Check the Date

#### Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years

[www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org)

### 3rd Week

### National School Bus Safety Week – October 17-21, 2016

<http://napt.org/resources/national-school-bus-safety-week.php>

Poster Contest deadline for submitting posters - October 1st

Theme for 2016: # STOP ON RED!

### National Crime Prevention Month (October)

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/crime-prevention-month>

## October - 2014 Events

### National Teen Driver Safety Week (October 16-22, 2016)

[http://www.teendriversource.org/more\\_pages/page/get\\_behind\\_national\\_teen\\_driver\\_safety\\_week\\_ntdsw/teen](http://www.teendriversource.org/more_pages/page/get_behind_national_teen_driver_safety_week_ntdsw/teen)

#### School Campaign

[http://www.teendriversource.org/more\\_pages/page/try\\_this\\_teen-to-teen\\_campaign\\_at\\_your\\_school/teen](http://www.teendriversource.org/more_pages/page/try_this_teen-to-teen_campaign_at_your_school/teen)

### National School Lunch Week (2nd Full Week)

October 10-14, 2016

<https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSLW/2016/>

Get Started <https://schoolnutrition.org/Meetings/Events/NSLW/2016/GetStarted/>

### Safe Schools Week

Example October 16-22, 2016

<http://www.schoolsafety.us/safe-schools-week>

### Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – October 2016 Theme is Teamwork

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_October\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_October_2016.pdf)

RAK Resources <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/inspiring-resources>

# October 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

Smoke Alarms:  
Don't Wait  
Check the Date!

National Fire Prevention Week

National Health Education Week (3rd Week)

National School Bus Safety Week (3rd full week)

Safe Schools Week

National Bullying Prevention Awareness [Month](#)

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9 National Fire Prevention Week	10 Columbus Day ←	11	12 Yom Kippur	13	14	15
	National School Lunch Week				→	→
16 National Teen Driver Safety Week	17 National Health Education Week	18	19	20	21	22
& Safe Schools Week	National School Bus Safety Week				→	→
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30	31 Halloween					

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – October Theme is Teamwork

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_October\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_October_2016.pdf)

## Involve *Everyone* in Safety Planning

“Involve EVERY staff member on campus in school safety and drills (custodians, cafeteria servers, teachers, paraprofessionals, etc.).

*Principal Lisa McKey  
Meyer Elementary School  
Lamar CISD – Texas*



**List 7 ways you can involve students, staff, teachers, administration in safety planning or updating your school’s safety plan (Emergency Operations Plan):**

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## November Event Links

School Health and Safety

### Home Fire Drills

<http://www.homefiredrill.org/>

### American Education Week

(The week before Thanksgiving)

### National Picture Book Month

#### November 2012 Events

##### American Education Week

***Sponsored by National Education Association***

November 14-18, 2016 the week before Thanksgiving

<http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm>

+ Toolkit <http://www.nea.org/grants/47623.htm>

##### National Picture Book Month

<http://picturebookmonth.com/>

##### Bullying Awareness Week (Nov. 13-19, 2016)

<http://www.bullyingawarenessweek.org/>

##### Recycles Day (Nov. 15, 2014) or <http://americarecyclesday.org/>

Join an Event America Recycles Day

<http://americarecyclesday.org/join-an-event>

##### Great American Smoke Out Day (3rd Thursday of November)

<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout/history-of-the-great-american-smokeout>

##### International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (November 19, 2016)

<https://afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day/>

##### Tie One on For Safety (MADD)

<http://www.madd.org/drunk-driving/how-you-can-help/tie-one-on-for-safety.html>

##### National Family Health History Day (Every year it is on Thanksgiving)

<http://www.hhs.gov/programs/prevention-and-wellness/family-health-history/index.html>

HHS – Portrait <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/fhh-web/home.action>

##### Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – November Theme is Gratitude

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_November\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_November_2016.pdf)

# November 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

## American Education Week (week before Thanksgiving)

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06 Daylight Savings Time Ends	07	08 Election Day	09	10	11 Veterans Day	12
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**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – November’s Theme is Gratitude**

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_November\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_November_2016.pdf)

# December Event Links

School Health and Safety

School Library Month

## December

**National Impaired Driving Prevention Month**

<http://www.madd.org/blog/prevention-month.html>

&

<http://youth.gov/feature-article/december-national-impaired-driving-prevention-month>

**National Safe Toys and Gifts Month**

<https://child-familyservices.org/december-is-national-safe-toys-and-gifts-month/>

**National Hand Washing Awareness Week (1st full week in December)**

Henry Hand <http://www.henrythehand.com/>

& CDC <http://www.cdc.gov/features/handwashing/>

& Training & Education <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/training-education.html>

**National Influenza Vaccination Week (December)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/NIVW/>

**Human Rights Day (December 1, 2016)**

<http://www.un.org/en/events/humanrightsday/>

**World AIDS Day (December 1st)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/socialmedia/awarenessdays.html>

Link to Worlds Aids Campaign page <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/wad.html>

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – December' Theme is Generosity**

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_December\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_December_2016.pdf)

# December 2016 Calendar

## School Health and Safety

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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04 National Hand Washing Awareness Week	05	06	07 Pearl Harbor Day	08	09	10 Human Rights Day
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18	19	20	21 Winter Begins & Flashlight Day – check your batteries & National Homeless Person Temperance Day	22	23	24 Hanukkah begins at sundown
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – December's Theme is Positive Self Care**

[http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK\\_December\\_2016.pdf](http://rak-calendars.s3.amazonaws.com/2016/RAK_December_2016.pdf)

# 2017 Calendar

## 2017

## Holidays & Observances

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Jan 01	New Year's Day
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 28	Chinese New Year
Feb 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Feb 20	President's Day
Mar 01	Ash Wednesday
Mar 12	Daylight Saving (begin)
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 20	Vernal equinox
Apr 01	April Fool's Day
Apr 16	Easter
Apr 17	Taxes Due
Apr 26	Admin Assistants Day
May 05	Cinco de Mayo
May 14	Mother's Day
May 29	Memorial Day
Jun 04	Pentecost
Jun 14	Flag Day
Jun 18	Father's Day
Jun 21	June Solstice
Jul 04	Independence Day
Sep 04	Labor Day
Sep 11	Patriot Day
Sep 22	Autumnal equinox
Oct 09	Columbus Day
Oct 16	Boss's Day
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 05	Daylight Saving (end)
Nov 11	Veterans Day
Nov 23	Thanksgiving
Dec 21	December Solstice
Dec 25	Christmas Day
Dec 26	Kwanzaa Begins
Dec 31	New Year's Eve

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## January Event Links

School Health and Safety



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### January 2017 Events

**National Burn Awareness Week (January 31, 2016 to Feb. 6, 2017)**

<http://burnfund.org/prevention-and-education/burn-awareness-week/>

&

<http://www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php>

&

**Home fire drill**

[www.homefiredrill.org/](http://www.homefiredrill.org/)

**Martin Luther King Day - (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in January)**

MLK Day of Service – <http://mlkday.gov/>

About MLK Day of Service

<http://mlkday.gov/about/serveonkingday.php>

&

National Service Day

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar**

<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/calendars-and-graphics>

# January 2017 Calendar

School Health and Safety

# JANUARY



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 New Year's Day	02	03	04	05	06	07
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15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18	19	20	21
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Martin Luther King Day (National Service Day)

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/mlkday>

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar –**

<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/calendars-and-graphics>

## February Event Links

School Health and Safety

Random Acts of Kindness Week



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### February 2017 Events

**Random Acts of Kindness Week**

Projects <http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-project-ideas>

**National Burn Awareness Week (February 5-11, 2017)**

<http://www.ameriburn.org/preventionBurnAwareness.php>

**Home Fire Drills**

<http://www.homefiredrill.org/>

**Children's Fire Safety Links**

<http://www.burnprevention.org/programs-services/children%E2%80%99s-fire-safety-burn-prevention>

**National Eating Disorders Week -**

About <http://nedawareness.org/about>

**World Thinking Day - Girl Scouts (Every year it is on February 22)**

[https://www.girlscouts.org/who\\_we\\_are/global/world\\_thinking\\_day/](https://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/)

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar –**

<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/calendars-and-graphics>



## February 2017 Calendar

School Health and Safety

# FEBRUARY



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### National Burn Prevention Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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05 National Burn Awareness Week	06	07	08	09	10	11
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19	20	21	22 World Thinking Day Girl Scouts	23	24	25
26	27	28				

### Random Acts of Kindness Week is in February

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar

<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/calendars-and-graphics>

## March Event Links

School Health and Safety

**American Red Cross Month**  
**National Youth Violence Prevention Week**  
**Learning Disabilities Month**



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### March 2017 Events

#### American Red Cross Month

<http://www.redcross.org/>

Presidential Proclamation

<http://www.redcross.org/news/article/President-Obama-Proclaims-March-Red-Cross-Month>

#### Brain Injury Awareness Month

<http://www.biausa.org/>

<http://www.biausa.org/brain-injury-awareness-month.htm> 2016

CDC Resources - <http://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/index.html>

#### Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

Activates and Information <http://www.ldonline.org/calendar/ld>

Books <http://www.ldonline.org/kids/books>

#### National Nutrition Month

<http://www.eatright.org/>

About eating right for Kids <http://www.eatright.org/resources/for-kids>

#### National Poison Prevention Week (March 19-25, 2017)

<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/national-poison-prevention-week/participating-in-national-poison-prevention-week/index.html>

Link to the Planning Guide (PDF)

#### National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 20th)

<http://www.nnhaad.org/>

Other HIV/AIDS Awareness Events

<http://www.hvtm.org/en/resources/hiv-awareness.html>

#### National Youth Violence Prevention Week (March 23-27, 2015)

<http://nationalsave.org/event/national-youth-violence-prevention-week/>

#### Kick Butts Day (Stop Smoking)

<http://www.kickbuttsday.org/>

About <http://www.kickbuttsday.org/about/>

## March Event Links, page 2

### March 2017 Events

**World Water Day (Every March 22nd)**

<http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/>

**About** <http://www.un.org/waterforlifedecade/>

**American Diabetes Alert Day (4th Tuesday in March – 2015 March 24)**

<http://ndep.nih.gov/partners-community-organization/diabetes-alert-day/>

## March 2017 Calendar

School Health and Safety



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**American Red Cross Month**

**National brain Injury Awareness Month**

**National Youth Violence Prevention Week**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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19 National Poison Prevention week	20	21	22 World Water Day	23	24	25
26	27	28 American Diabetes Alert Day	29	30	31	

**Random Acts of Kindness Calendar –**

<http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/calendars-and-graphics>

## April Event Links

### School Health and Safety

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**National Sports Safety Month**

**National Garden Month**

**National Environmental Education Week (15-21)**

**National Week of the Ocean**

**World Health Day (April 7th)**

**Earth Day (April 22nd)**



### April 2017 Events, page 1

**School Library Month - Read a New Book Month**

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

(2016 information)

**&**

**Homeroom Link**

<http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/04/april-is-both-national-child-abuse-prevention-month-and-sexual-assault-awareness-month/>

**National Sports Safety Month**

<http://www.stopsportsinjuries.org/sports-safety-month.aspx>

**Sports Eye Safety Month April**

<http://www.preventblindness.org/sports-eye-safety>

**Other Eye Health Observances by the month**

<http://www.aao.org/newsroom/observances>

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**

<http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/sexual-assault-awareness-month-home>

SAAM Resources <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/resources>

Homeroom Link

<http://www.ed.gov/blog/2014/04/april-is-both-national-child-abuse-prevention-month-and-sexual-assault-awareness-month/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/sexualviolence/>

**National Public Health Week (1st week –April 6-12, 2015)**

<http://www.nphw.org/about>

**&**

**American Public Health Association Link**

<http://www.apha.org/programs/healthweek/>

## **April Event Links – Page 2**

National Week of the Ocean (1st week)

School Library Month

National Library Week (8-14)

International Children's Book Day (1st Wed of April)

### **April 2017 -**

**International Children's Book Day (1st Wed of April)**

<http://globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/event/4690>

**National Library Week - April**

<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/natlibraryweek>

**School Library Month**

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>

**Library Events 2016-2017**

<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks>

**National Environmental Education Week)**

<http://www.eeweek.org/>

About EE Week <http://www.eeweek.org/ee-week>

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/eeweek>

**World Health Day (Annually in April)**

**WHO Campaign**

<http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2014/event/en/>

Background 2014 event

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/worldhealthday2014/>

**Earth Day April 22**

<http://www.earthday.org/>

# April 2017 Calendar

## School Health and Safety

**National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**National Sports Safety Month**

**School Library Month**

**National Library Week (8-14)**

**National Environmental Education Week (15-21)**

**International Children's Book Day (April 2)**



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Columbine Shooting  
April 20, 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						01 April Fool's Day and International Children's Book Day <sup>2</sup>
02	03 <b>National Youth Violence Prevention Week</b>	04 World Health Day	05	06	07	08
	National Public Health Week					
09	10	11	12	13 Holocaust Remembrance Day	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter & Eastern Orthodox Easter	17	18	19	20 Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day & Anniversary of BP Oil Spill	21	22 Earth Day
23  30	24	25	26	27 Anniversary of Anne Frank's Diary being published in English	28	29

<sup>2</sup> 2 April is Hans Christian Andersen's birthday and since 1967 **International Children's Book Day** has been celebrated on or around this day to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. <http://globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/event/4690>

## May Event Links

### School Health and Safety

**National Mental Health Month**  
**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
**Building & Safety Month**  
**International Building Safety Week (1st full week)**  
**Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full week)**  
**Bike to Work Week (3rd Week in May)**  
**Teacher Appreciation Week**



### May 2017 Events

**National Mental Health Month**  
&  
**Mental Health America (link to 2016 information)**  
<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may>  
&  
**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**  
<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

**National Suicide Prevention  
Lifeline**  
**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
<http://www.fitness.gov/>  
&  
**Let's Move**  
<http://www.letsmove.gov/>  
&  
**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/physicalactivity/>

**Teacher Appreciation Week (scroll down page to May)**  
<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-stories>

**Teachers and Parents: A Visual History of Humane education 1880-1945**  
<http://bekindexhibit.org/for-teachers-and-parents/>

&  
**Grades 1- 5 (Be Kind to Animals Week Grades 1 -5)**  
<http://bekindexhibit.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/nmas-be-kind-curriculum-1.pdf>

&  
**Children and Animals (Canines and Childhood Cancer Project)**  
<http://www.americanhumane.org/children/>

&  
**Be Kind Exhibit**  
<http://www.museumofanimals.org/#/be-kind/4022591>

&  
**Be Kind to Animals (Poster contest – check the 2015 deadline this link was for 2014)**  
[http://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org/site/c.eIKWleOUlhJ6H/b.8922487/k.8F37/Be\\_Kind\\_to\\_Animals\\_Week\\_2014.htm](http://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org/site/c.eIKWleOUlhJ6H/b.8922487/k.8F37/Be_Kind_to_Animals_Week_2014.htm)



## May Event Links, page 2

### May 2013 Events

#### School Nurse Day (May 10, 2016)

<http://www.nea.org/grants/31691.htm> (Information about 2016 event)

#### National Missing Children's Day (May 25<sup>th</sup>)<sup>3</sup>

<http://www.fbi.gov/>

[Example 2016](#)

#### Amber Alert Program

<http://www.missingkids.com/Amber>

#### Building & Safety Month

<http://www.aia.org/advocacy/AIAB098859>

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<sup>3</sup> It falls on May 25 - on that date in 1979, six-year-old New Yorker Ethan Patz disappeared on his way to school. National Missing Children's Day was first observed in 1983.

# May 2017 Calendar

School Health and Safety



**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
**Building and Safety Month**  
**International Building Safety Week (1st week)**  
**Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full week)**  
**Bike to Work Week (3rd Week in May)**

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	01 <b>Be Kind to Animals Week</b> & <b>Building Safety Week</b>	02	03	04	05 Graphic by Pimp Martin	06
07	08	09	10 <b>National School Nurses Day</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <b>National Missing Children's Day</b>	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**Random Acts of Kindness – Inspiring Resources (Calendars)**

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/inspiring-resources>

## June Event Links

School Health and Safety

**Fireworks Safety Month**

**National Home Safety Month**



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### June 2017 Events

**Fireworks Safety Month (Begins in June)**

<http://fireworkssafety.org/>

&

**The National Council in Fire Works**

<http://fireworkssafety.org/>

&

**US Fire Administration**

[http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/holiday-seasonal/summer.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/summer.shtm)

&

**US Consumer Product Safety Commission**

<http://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Fireworks/>

&

**Sparklers Can Burn - Poster**

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Neighborhood-Safety-Network/Posters/Sparklers-can-Burn-at-2000-Degrees-Fahrenheit/>

&

**Burn Prevention Network - Summer Information Links**

<http://www.burnprevention.org/>

&

**Fire & Burn Safety For Teens (15-19 years)**

[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15%E2%80%9319-years)

&

**Burn Prevention**

[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15–19-years/field\\_risks/burns-and-scalds](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15–19-years/field_risks/burns-and-scalds)

&

**Fire Prevention**

[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_age/teens-15–19-years/field\\_risks/fire](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_age/teens-15–19-years/field_risks/fire)

**Reference links on page 6, 7 and 8**

## June Event Links, page 2

### June 2015 Events

#### National Safety Month

[http://www.nsc.org/nsc\\_events/Nat\\_Safe\\_Month/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx)

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#### Teachers Planet – Student Safety Month Lessons Plan Links

<http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/safetymonth.php>

#### National Cancer Survivors Day (Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>)

American Cancer Society

<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/news/specialcoverage/national-cancer-survivors-day>

&

<http://www.ncsd.org/>

More resources on page 45

#### World Environment Day (June 5th)

<http://www.unep.org/wed/>

&

#### Example - Many Species (2010 Theme)

<http://www.unep.org/wed/2010/english/theme.asp>

&

#### Sample Graphics for 2014

<http://missingbeatsoflife.blogspot.com/2014/06/happy-environment-day-hd-wallpapers-images.html>

# June Calendar 2017

School Health and Safety

**Fireworks Safety Month**

**National Home Safety Month**



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04 National Cancer Survivors Day	05 World Environment Day	06	07	08	09	10
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## July Event Links

School Health and Safety

### Fireworks Safety Month



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#### July 2017 Events

##### Fireworks Safety Month (Ends in July)

<http://fireworkssafety.org/>

# July Calendar 2017

School Health and Safety

## Fireworks Safety Month



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## August Event Links

School Health and Safety



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### August 2013 Events



# August Calendar 2017

School Health and Safety



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## 2017

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April 2017							
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May 2017							
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## Other Safety Resources

### □ Bullying Prevention Books & Web Sites

- **Nobody Knew What to Do - A Story About Bullying**  
by Becky Ray McCain and Illustrated by Todd Leonardo
- **King of the Playground**  
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and Illustrated by Nola Langer Malone
- **Say Something**  
by Peggy Moss and Illustrated by Lea Lyon  
Author's web site <http://www.saysomethingnow.com/>
- **The Recess Queen**  
By Alexis O'Neill and Illustrated by Laura Huliska-Beith
- **What Would You Do**  
by Melisa Haker Ridenour

### □ Safety Tips – National Fire Protection Association <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/safety-tip-sheets>

### □ Stranger Safety: No-Go-Tell Resources

- Tips to Teach children  
Safety Education Alliance of America, Inc.  
<http://www.safetieducationalalliance.com/5-stranger-danger-tips-teach-children/>
- Free for Kids worksheets and coloring pages  
<http://www.free-for-kids.com/stranger-danger-worksheets-2.shtml>
- What to Teach kids about Strangers  
National Crime Prevention Council  
<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/violent-crime-and-personal-safety/strangers>
- My Child Safety Site (Stranger Danger)  
<http://www.mychildsafety.net/stranger-danger.html>

- Preschoolers – Elementary schools – Tweens and Teens  
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/social-emotional-skills/talking-about-stranger-safety>
- In 5<sup>th</sup> grade the lesson focuses on internet safety using the website  
[www.NSTeens.org](http://www.NSTeens.org)

### □ **Stranger Safety - Books**

- Who Program, the book “*I Can Play It Safe*” by Author Alison Feigh and Illustrator Laura Logan
  - Videos: Winnie the Pooh: Too Smart for Strangers or Stranger Safety: The Safe Side
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Focus on being home alone  
“Would You Do? A Kid’s guide to Staying Safe in a World of Stranger”  
Author Melissa Haker Ridenour and Illustrator Leslie Fehling is designed to empower children in a non-threatening way
- *Molly Mouse learns about Stranger Safety*<sup>4</sup> from the *Pathways to Learning* series to support the *Stranger Danger* Program. (Ages 5-8)

### □ **Stranger Safety – Web Sites**

- Internet Safety (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
[www.NSTeens.org](http://www.NSTeens.org).
- Stranger Danger Trainings (K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)  
The *Safe Side* also lists other available resources on their website that we will utilize that includes songs, games, and a wrap-up quiz. [www.thesafeside.com](http://www.thesafeside.com)

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<sup>4</sup> *Molly Mouse learns about Stranger Safety*: Pathways to Learning Activity Book

Ages: 5-8. This 16-page activity book helps children deal with issues important to their physical and emotional health. The book features an appealing animal character whose story helps the reader learn about the issue through activities such as word searches, mazes, coloring page, and thought-provoking, open-ended questions. They are sold in packs of 25 activity books of the same style. Order *Molly Mouse learns about Stranger Safety* <http://store.guidance-group.com/Molly-Mouse-Learns-About-Stranger-Safety-Pathways-to-Learning-Activity-Book/productinfo/367279/>

## Event Links & Resources

- **American Cancer Society - Cancer Survivor's Day is in June**  
**Cancer in Children**  
<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/survivorshipduringandaftertreatment/storiesofhope/storiesbytopic/index?topic=Cancer%20in%20Children>
- **American Library Association**  
<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks>
- **Bicycle-Related Injuries**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Bicycle/>
- **Bicycles – Did You Know?**  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Bicycles>
  - **Bicycle Safety Kit** (English and Spanish versions)  
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Bicycles/Bicycle+Safety+Activity+Kit>
  - **Get to School and Back Game**  
Game Board, Game Card and Answers  
[http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Bicycles/Get+To+School+\(and+back+again\)+Safely+Gameboard](http://www.nhtsa.gov/Driving+Safety/Bicycles/Get+To+School+(and+back+again)+Safely+Gameboard)
- **Bicycle – Safe Routes to Schools**  
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>
- **Brain Tumors in Young Adults**  
<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/survivorshipduringandaftertreatment/storiesofhope/storiesbytopic/index?topic=Brain/CNS%20Tumors%20In%20Children>
- **Cancer in Young Adults**  
<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/survivorshipduringandaftertreatment/storiesofhope/storiesbytopic/index?topic=Cancer%20in%20Young%20Adults>
- **National Safety Council Calendar**  
[http://www.nsc.org/news\\_resources/Resources/Pages/NSCSafetyCalendar.aspx](http://www.nsc.org/news_resources/Resources/Pages/NSCSafetyCalendar.aspx)
- **Teachers Planet - Lessons Plans and Resources**  
<http://www.teacherplanet.com/>

## Research Links

- **.AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety**  
<http://www.aaafoundation.org/products/index.cfm?category=schoolbus>
  
- **Moultrie News Online**  
"1923 School Fire gave us fire codes, drills," by Tom Horton, Jan. 11, 2012.  
(*Dr. Thomas B. Horton is a history teacher at Porter-Gaud School. He lives in the Old Village of Mount Pleasant. See more columns online at [www.moultrienews.com](http://www.moultrienews.com). Visit his Web site at [www.historyslostmoments.com](http://www.historyslostmoments.com)*).
  
- **National Association for Pupil Transportation (NART)**  
<https://netforum.avectra.com>).
  
- **NCES report**  
[http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crimeindicators/crimeindicators2010/ind\\_11.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/programs/crimeindicators/crimeindicators2010/ind_11.asp)
  
- **Richmond Fire Department, Texas**  
<http://richmondfd.com/WaterSafety.html>
  
- **Stranger Danger**  
The Safe Side web site and videos were created by John Walsh and Julie Clark  
<http://www.thesafeside.com/>
  
- **U.S. Department of Transportation - Traffic Safety Facts – 2010 Data**  
<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811624.pdf>
  
- **YMCA – Houston, Texas – Youth and Family Program**  
<http://www.ymcahouston.org/youth-family/teen-programs/>

## About School Planning

**Safe School Planning®** is a community of practice movement that creates momentum through networks of individuals who believe that every child attending school learns best when he or she also has a fundamental and profound sense of personal security and wellbeing, safety, confidence and acceptance.

**Our goal is to provide leadership tools that educate and empower all stakeholders of the SSP community:** students, administrators, educators, school staff, parents, law enforcers, fire fighters, emergency medical (EMS) professionals, doctors, medical staff, dentists, judges, recreation program directors, prosecutors, probation directors, public health educators, mental health leaders and youth-serving professionals to better shape safe learning environments one school at a time.

The outcome of these collective endeavors is the flourishing of all schools as oases of creativity, engagement, and learning that allows for the fulfillment of the highest ideals of learning, wellbeing and personal achievement.

**All children deserve to attend safe and secure schools;** yet the frequency and severity of school violence, human-caused incidents and natural disasters is escalating. Our world is changing and schools can adapt to these changes by demonstrating the leadership to embrace a culture of safety and security.

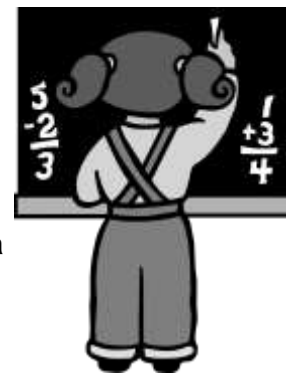


Thus, **it is time to renew our commitment to safety and the need for access to information that can be used to help all students feel safe within and outside the classroom and to do so with the “best practices” at hand.**

**Our team believes that a safe school – or any a safe learning environment - is one that is prepared to respond to both the “thinkable and unthinkable crisis or situation”.**

We also believe that the two are inextricably linked and more, that “there are two types of school administrators: those who have faced a crisis and those who are about to.”<sup>5</sup>

By learning and practicing what to do about the “thinkable” crises, we are able to more effectively handle the “unthinkable”.



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<sup>5</sup> Dr. Ronald D. Stephens, NSSC Executive Director, “Safe School Planning: The Art of the Possible.”

# Working Together Supporting School Safety

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- **Let’s work together to support school safety** so that all children can be safe so they can learn.
- **Start today by reading Ada Dolch’s book – *Principles for Principals, Leading the Way to School Safety (Lessons Learned from 9/11)*.** Her story is based on lessons learned from her personal experiences during September 11, 2001.

Thank you for all you do every day as you go to school to keep children safe so they can learn.

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