

Principal's Resource Calendar School Safety & Events

2015 - 2016



Safe to Learn

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.

Working Together Supporting School Safety

- Let's continue working together to support school safety so that all children can be safe so they can learn.
- **Remember that Ada Rosario Dolch's book**, "Principles for Principals, Leading the Way to School Safety" is available for all principals for *FREE*. Her story is based on her personal experiences during September 11, 2001 and also all she learned. <http://www.safetolearn.com/principles-for-principals.html>

Steps to download Ada' Rosario Dolch's eBook:

- a. Link to the Community Pages
<http://www.safetolearn.com/community-pages.html>
- b. Select Principals Page
- c. Please Register by adding name, email address and a password
- d. You will receive a confirmation and then you can login to the page.
- e. Login and download the Free copy of Ada Rosario Dolch's eBook, "Principles for Principals, Leading the Way to School Safety"

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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& President of Visual Imagry, Inc.

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Year Round Safety Planning

The 2015-2016 **Safe Schools Planning 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 Schools Planning.

Submit Suggested Events or resources:

<http://www.safetolearn.com/contact-us.html>

Email Safe to Learn:

info@safetolearn.com

Safe to Learn Community Web Site:

www.safetolearn.com

Download 2015-16 Free Calendar

<http://www.safetolearn.com/safe-to-learn-2015-16-calendar.html>

The *Safe to Learn* Calendar for 2015-2016 is designed for principals and assistant principals to be shared with teachers and staff. It includes resources, references and links to many nationally recognized health, safety and educational events.

Each year *Safe to Learn* will be updating the calendar and also adding events and suggestions as they are submitted to *Safe to Learn*.

The calendar is designed to support school safety events, national safety campaigns and to provide resources via links to all types of information focusing on leadership, safety and education. The information is designed to encourage principals and assistant principals to share events and resources with teachers. Also included are motivational quotes submitted principals and assistant principals; links to national safety and health events; and other resources such as lists of books and training materials.

Dolores E. Beaugez, Founder Safe to Learn Community Project

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Planning Deadlines

Plan in September

- **National School Bus Safety Month is in October**
Remember that posters must arrive by October 1, each year Contest
 - **Check each year for the theme and get students involved this year!**
 - <http://napt.org/resources/national-school-bus-safety-week.php>

 - **2016 Theme: # STOP ON RED!**
 - Download the Poster Contest Rules for 2016
file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/deb/My%20Documents/Downloads/2016_poster_rules_final.pdf
 - **2017 Theme: My Driver - My Safety Hero!**

All posters must be received at BNAPT Headquarters by October 1st
NAPT, 1840 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203

 - **Resource Guide and Activity Book¹**
http://naptonline.org/files/NSBSW/doc_Color.pdf

- **National Fire Prevention Week is in October**
 - **Contact Local Fire Department**
Are they hosting any events for National Fire Prevention Week in October

 - **NFPA For Teachers**
<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week/for-teachers>

 - **Burn Prevention Information & Children's Fire Safety & Burn Preventing Information**
<http://www.burnprevention.org/>

- **Walk Bike to School Day is in October**
 - **First-time event tips - Plan an Event in 7 Days**
<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/get-set/plan-the-event/planning-a-biketoschool-event>

¹ Sponsored by National School Transportation Association, NASDPTS, NAPT, PTSI

Summer Planning Resources

□ **Fireworks Safety is in July – information could be included in June**

- **The National Council in Fire Works**
<http://fireworkssafety.org/>
- **US Fire Administration**
Select Fire Prevention and Public Education
Download the Fire Safety Program Toolkit
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/>
- **US Consumer Product Safety Commission**
Poster of Most Injured Body Parts – 36% are Hands and Eyes
<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 Information Links**
<http://www.burnprevention.org/>

Elementary School Resources

- **October is National Fire Prevention Week**
Sparky the Fire Dog web site – October
<http://www.sparky.org/>
&
Where Safety Connects with Learning
<http://sparkyschoolhouse.org/>
&
Home Fire Drills – featuring “Help Mikey Make it Out” Video
<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>

- **December is National Handwashing Month**
Hand Washing Experiment (Grades 5-8) - Download the Lesson Plan
Also in <http://www.cdc.gov/bam/teachers/epi-handwashing.html>
&
Glo Germ Grades (K-6)
Download the Lesson Plan for each Grade K thru 6)
Also available in Español and Français
<http://www.glogerm.com/worksheets.html>

- **December is School Library month 2015**
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>

- **February is Burn Awareness Week**
 - **Home Fire Drill Resources**
Home Fire Drills <http://www.homefiredrill.org/>
Help Mikey Make it Out Video
<http://www.homefiredrill.org/Mikey/mikeygame.html>

 - **Safe Kids Worldwide**
Fire/Burn safety and Start Safe program: www.safekids.org/safety-basics/safety-resources-by-risk-area/fire-burn-and-scalds/

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□ **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>

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□ **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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□ **April is School Library Month**

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

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

Julianne Moore, award-winning actress and best-selling author, was the national spokesperson for the [2015 observance](#).

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/2015>

MS & JH School Resources

- **Drunk Driving**
About Drunk Driving, MADD's Annual Campaign, Information by State
<http://www.madd.org/drun-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 2015**
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>
- **March is Poison Prevention Week**
Child Tips
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/prevention-tips/child-tips/index.html>
- **April is School Library Month**
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>
History <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/history>

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□ **April is HIV Awareness Days**

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 2015

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/age/youth/index.html>

Advocates for Youth

<http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/nyhaad-partners>

□ **May 2, 2016 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**

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

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
http://www.teendriversource.org/more_pages/page/try_this_teen-to-teen_campaign_at_your_school/teen

- **Suicide Prevent Programs for Teens and Young Adults**
November National Event
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
<https://www.afsp.org/preventing-suicide/our-education-and-prevention-programs/programs-for-teens-and-young-adults>

- **CDC Science Ambassador Lesson Plan Inquiry into Infectious Diseases**
http://www.cdc.gov/excite/ScienceAmbassador/ambassador_pgm/lessonplans_qerms.htm

- **December is School Library month 2015**
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>

- **March is Poison Prevention Week**
Teen Tips
<http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/what-can-you-do/prevention-tips/teen-tips/index.html>

- **April is School Library Month**
<http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm>
History <http://www.ala.org/aasl/slm/history>

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*



List 8 Tips for a Healthy School Year

1. Tip #1 _____
2. Tip #2 _____
3. Tip #3 _____
4. Tip #4 _____
5. Tip #5 _____
6. Tip #6 _____
7. Tip #7 _____
8. Tip #8 _____

References

U.S. Department of Education Integrating Students with Special Needs and Disabilities Into Emergency response and Crisis Management Planning (PDF)
http://rem.s.ed.gov/docs/Disability_NewsletterV2I1.pdf

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

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- Animals
http://animals.phillipmartin.info/index_animals.htm
- Holidays
www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home_holidays.htm
- Language Arts
http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_language_arts.htm
- Math
http://math.phillipmartin.info/index_math.htm
- People
http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_people.htm
- Science
http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_science.htm
- Social Sciences
http://directories.phillipmartin.info/home_social_sciences.htm
- Sports
http://sports.phillipmartin.info/index_sports.htm
- Travel the World
www.phillipmartin.info/webpage/travel/text_map_globe.htm
- Other Things
http://www.directories.phillipmartin.info/home_other_things.htm

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The artwork contained on Philip Martin's website are original works created by Phillip Martin and are protected by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and other laws. The artwork contained on this website are original works created by Phillip Martin and are protected by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976 and other laws.

<http://www.phillipmartin.info/clipart/terms.htm>

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 and photography 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

Read more about how Music Powers the Brain; Music Influences Us; Music Connects Us; and Music Comforts Us. nancymusic.com/music-why-sing.htm

- Singing and Early Learning Skills nancymusic.com/music-reading-skills.htm
- Singing and Language Acquisition 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

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)

Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/> & Homeland Security <http://www.ready.gov/>

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 - 2015 Events

- **Children's Safety Week** (first week in September)
Safety Themes <http://www.first-school.ws/theme/safety.htm>
- **Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
- **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**
<http://www.foodsafety.gov/index.html>
Back to School - Great Graphic for Food Safety Tips
<http://www.foodsafety.gov/keep/events/backtoschool/index.html>
- **Sports Eye Safety Month**
Wise About Eyes – Lessons for Teachers
<http://wiseabouteyes.preventblindness.org/educators/lessons-for-teachers.html>
- **Star Pupils Eye Health and Safety Curriculum (TX) – Download Lessons**
<http://texas.preventblindness.org/star-pupils-eye-health-and-safety-curriculum-1>
- **Suicide Prevention Week (1st week in September)**
<http://www.suicidology.org/home>

Random Acts of Kindness September Calendar & Posters Theme Peace

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

September 2015 Calendar

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07 Labor Day	08	09	10	11 Patriot Day 9/11	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15 Rosh Hashanah begins at dusk	16 Rosh Hashanah	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Autumn First Day of Fall Yom Kippur	24 Yom Kippur	25	26
27	28 National Good Neighbor Day	29	30			

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – September Theme is Peace

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2015/RAK_September_2015.pdf

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.”

*Assistant Principal Doug Waddill
Velasquez Elementary School
Lamar CISD - Texas*



List 4 Trainings that can 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 4-10, 2015

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

& <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

3rd Week

National School Bus Safety Week

<http://naptonline.org/>

Themes for National Crime Prevention Month (October)

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/celebrate-safe-communities/resources/crime-prevention-month-resources/?searchterm=crime%20prevention%20month%202014>

October - 2014 Events

International Walk - Bike to School Day (October 7th)

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

National Crime Prevention Month

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

National Teen Driver Safety Week in October

Ride Like A Friend. Drive Like You Care (RLAF) - <http://www.teendriversource.org/>

National School Lunch Week (2nd Full Week)

October 12-16 <http://www.schoolnutrition.org/>

& <https://schoolnutrition.org/NSLW2015/>

Safe Schools Week- October 18-24, 2015

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

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – October Theme is Integrity

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2015/RAK_October_2015.pdf

October 2015 Calendar

School Health and Safety

Smoke Alarms Save Lives:
Test Yours Every Month

National Fire Prevention Week

National Health Education Week (3rd Week)

National School Bus Safety Week (3rd full week)

Safe Schools Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Walk - Bike to School Day	8	9	10
National Fire Prevention Week						→
11	12 Columbus Day ←	13 National School Lunch Week	14	15	16	17
18	19 National School Bus Safety Week ←	20	21	22	23	24
National Teen Driver Safety Week	& National Health Education Week	Safe Schools Week				→
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – October Theme is Integrity

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2015/RAK_October_2015.pdf

Involve *Everyone* in Safety Planning

“Involve EVERY staff member on campus (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):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

November Event Links

School Health and Safety

American Education Week (The week before Thanksgiving) & National Picture Book Month &

November Events

American Education Week

Sponsored by National Education Association

November 16-20, 2015 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. 15-21, 2015)

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

Recycles Day (Nov. 15, 2015)

Join an Event America Recycles Day

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

Great American Smokeout Day (3rd Thursday of November)

<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/greatamericansmokeout/>

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day (November 21, 2015)

<https://www.afsp.org/coping-with-suicide-loss/international-survivors-of-suicide-loss-day> | <http://www.survivorday.org/>

Tie One on For Safety (MADD) Starts in November – check by State

<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/familyhistory/>

Creative Child and Adult Month – November

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

Other Resources Moms Gone Global

<http://www.momsgoneglobal.com/it%E2%80%99s-international-creative-child-and-adult-month-get-your-art-on>

November 2015 Calendar

School Health and Safety

American Education Week (week before Thanksgiving)

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

&

National Principals Month

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Daylight Savings Time	02	03 Election Day	04	05	06	07
08	09 Recycling Week →	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13 World Kindness Day	14
15 Recycling Day Bullying Awareness Week →	16 American Education Week	17	18	19 Great American Smokeout Day	20 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Holiday →	27	28
29	30					

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – November's Theme is Gratitude

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2015/RAK_November_2015.pdf

December Event Links

School Health and Safety

Read a Book A Month!

December

Read A Book a Month

Toolkit of Promoting School Library Programs + Calendar

<http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/tools/toolkits/promoting/calendar>

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/11/30/national-impaired-driving-prevention-month>

National Safe Toys and Gifts Month

Child & Family Services Site

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

&

<https://www.healthtradition.com/december-is-safe-toys-and-gifts-month/>

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

Henry Hand <http://www.henrythehand.com/news-events/national-handwashing-awareness-week/>

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

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

National Influenza Vaccination Week (December 6-12, 2015)

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

CDC Update <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/nivw/2013-2014-nivw-update.pdf>

Human Rights Day (December 10th)

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

World AIDS Day (December 1st)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/awareness/wad.html>

& List of other dates

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

More about National World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, 2015

<http://www.worldaidsday.org/about-world-aids-day.php>

December 2015 Calendar

School Health and Safety

School Library Month - Read a New Book Month

Human Rights 365 (Every Day is Human Rights Day)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01 World AIDS Day meteorological winter	02	03	04	05
06 National Hand Washing Awareness Week	07 Pearl Harbor Day	08	09	10 Human Rights Day	11	12
← Hanukkah begins	National Influenza Vaccination Week					→
13	14 Hanukkah ends	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Flashlight day – check you batteries Winter Begins	22	23	24	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://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2015/RAK_December_2015.pdf

January Event Links

School Health and Safety

January 2016 Events

Martin Luther King Day - (3rd Monday in January)

MLK Day of Service – January 18, 2016

<http://mlkday.gov/>

About MLK Day of Service

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

January 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01 New Years Day	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – January’s Theme is Compassion

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_January_2016.pdf

February Event Links

School Health and Safety

Random Acts of Kindness Week

February 2016 Events

Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 8-15)

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/rak-week>

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

National Eating Disorders Week – February 22 through February 28, 2015)

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

World Thinking Day - Girl Scouts (Every February 22)

<http://www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/global/world-thinking-day.html>

February 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

Random Acts of Kindness Week

National Burn Prevention Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	01	02	03	04	05	06
07 Random Acts of Kindness week 8 thru 12	08 Write a letter to someone who has made a difference. ²	09 Tell parents they are doing a great job.	10 Give a generous tip to a server or "pay it forward".	11 Leave 10 encouraging sticky notes around your office or school.	12 Bake cookies to share at work or school.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 National Eating Disorders Awareness Week	23	24	25	26	27
	World Thinking Day - Girl Scouts					
28	29					

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – February's Theme is Self-Care

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_February_2016.pdf

² Suggestions from The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation Calendar from February 2015

March Event Links

School Health and Safety

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

March

American Red Cross Month

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

Brain Injury Awareness Month

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

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 <http://www.eatright.org/Public/landing.aspx?TaxID=6442451994>

National Poison Prevention Week (March 20-26, 2016)

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

Planning Guide (PDF) http://poisonhelp.hrsa.gov/uploads/nppw_2011_full_planner_final_v3.pdf

National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 20th)

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

Other HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

<http://www.nnhaad.org/pages/awareness.html>

Kick Butts Day (Stop Smoking) March 16, 2016

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

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

World Water Day (Every March 22nd)

2016 Theme: Water and Jobs <http://www.un.org/en/events/waterday/>

Ocean Portal – Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

<http://ocean.si.edu/>

American Diabetes Alert Day (4th Tuesday in March – 2016 March 22)

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

March 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

American Red Cross Month

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Kick Butts Day (stop smoking)	17	18 National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	19
20 National Poison Prevention Week	21 National Youth Violence Prevention Week	22 American Diabetes Alert Day	23	24	25	26
	World Water Day "Water and Jobs"					
27 Easter	28	29	30	31		

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar – March's Theme is Caring

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_March_2016.pdf

April Event Links

School Health and Safety

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Sports Safety Month

National Garden Month

World Health Day (April 7th, 2016)

National Environmental Education Week (April 17-23, 2016)

National Week of the Ocean

Earth Day (April 22nd, 2016)

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National Child Abuse Prevention Month

<http://www.nctsnct.org/resources/public-awareness/national-child-abuse-prevention-month>

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>

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 in April)

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

American Public Health Association Link

<http://www.apha.org/events-and-meetings/national-public-health-week>

National Week of the Ocean

Education World Link

<http://www.educationworld.com/blog/national-week-ocean-coming-share-these-fun-ocean-facts>

Ocean Portal Find Your Blue -

Smithsonian National Museum of History

<http://ocean.si.edu/>

Gulf Oil Spill (April 20, 2010) <http://ocean.si.edu/gulf-oil-spill>

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School Library Month

National Library Week (8-14)

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

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International Children's Book Day³ (1st Wed of April)

April 2, 2016

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

National Library Week - April 10-16, 2016

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

School Library Month

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

ALA Weeks & Promotional Events

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

National Environmental Education Week – April 17-23, 2016

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

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

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

Ocean Portal – Find Your Blue

Smithsonian National Museum of National History

<http://ocean.si.edu/>

Gulf Oil Spill – April 20, 2010 <http://ocean.si.edu/gulf-oil-spill>

World Health Day (Annually on April 7, 2016)

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

background 2014 event <http://www.cdc.gov/features/worldhealthday2014/>

Earth Day

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

Reading for the Earth

Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day

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

³ “April 2nd is Hans Christian Andersen's birthday. **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.” <https://globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/event/4690>

April 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

International Children's Book Day (April 2)

School Library Month & National Library Week (April 10-16)

National Environmental Education Week (April 17-23)

National Sports Safety Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01 April Fool's Day	02 International Children's Book Day ⁴
03	04 National Public Health Week	05	06	07 World Health Day	08	09
10 National Public Health Week ends	11	12 National Library Week	13	14	15 National Environmental Education Week	16
17 National Library Week ends	18	19	20 Columbine Shooting 1999 & BP Oil Spill 2010	21	22 Passover begins Earth Day	23
24	25	26	27	28 Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day	29	30 Passover ends & Anniversary of Anne Frank's Diary published

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar - April's Theme is Environmental Stewardship

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_April_2016.pdf

⁴ 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>

Ten Inspirational Quotes by Anne Frank

1. "Where there's hope, there's life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again."
2. "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death."
3. "Women should be respected as well! Generally speaking, men are held in great esteem in all parts of the world, so why shouldn't women have their share? Soldiers and war heroes are honored and commemorated, explorers are granted immortal fame, martyrs are revered, but how many people look upon women too as soldiers?...Women, who struggle and suffer pain to ensure the continuation of the human race, make much tougher and more courageous soldiers than all those big-mouthed freedom-fighting heroes put together!"
4. "Everyone has inside of him a piece of good news. The good news is that you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is!"
5. "I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too, I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquility will return once more."
6. "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
7. "What is done cannot be undone, but one can prevent it happening again."
8. "I can shake off everything as I write; my sorrows disappear, my courage is reborn."
9. "Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness."
10. "I know what I want, I have a goal, an opinion, I have a religion and love. Let me be myself and then I am satisfied. I know that I'm a woman, a woman with inward strength and plenty of courage."

<http://www.marieclaire.co.uk/news/548765/anne-frank-inspirational-quotes-70-years.htm>

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May Event Links

School Health and Safety

National Mental Health Month

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Bike to Work Week (3rd Week in May)

International Building Safety Week (1st full week)

Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full week)

May 2016 Events

National Mental Health Month (MHA)

<http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/may>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – Call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) to be connected to a trained counselor at a crisis center.

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

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/>

Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full week in May)

for Teachers and Parents

<http://bekindexhibit.org/for-teachers-and-parents/>

Grades 1- 5

<http://bekindexhibit.files.wordpress.com/2012/03/nmas-be-kind-curriculum-1.pdf>

Children and Animals

<http://www.americanhumane.org/children/>

Be Kind Exhibit (Interactive online exhibition - <http://bekindexhibit.org/>)

<http://www.museumofanimals.org/#/be-kind/4022591>

Be Kind to Animals

http://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org/site/c.eIKWleOUIhJ6H/b.8922487/k.8F37/Be_Kind_to_Animals_Week_2014.htm

School Nurse Day (May 11, 2016)

<http://www.nea.org/grants/31691.htm> & <http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/national-school-nurse-day>

National Missing Children's Day (May 25th)⁵

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

⁵ 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 2016 Calendar

School Health and Safety

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

Building Safety Month

Be Kind to Animals Week (1st full week)

Holocaust Remembrance Day (May 5, 2016)

Bike to Work Day (May 20, 2016)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Eastern Orthodox Easter	02	03	04	05 Holocaust Remembrance Day	06 National Nurses Day	07
08 Be Kind to Animals Week	09	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20 Bike to Work Day	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 National Missing Children's Day	31				

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar - May's Theme is Communication

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_May_2016.pd

June Event Links

School Health and Safety

Fireworks Safety Month
National Home Safety Month

June 2016 Events

Fireworks Safety Month (Begins in June)

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

National Fire Protection Association – Fireworks

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/holidays/fireworks>

National Safety Month

http://www.nsc.org/nsc_events/Nat_Safe_Month/Pages/home.aspx

Teachers Planet – Student Safety Month Lessons Plan Links

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

National Cancer Survivors Day (Sunday, June 5, 2016)

American Cancer Society

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

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

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World Environment Day (June 5, 2016)

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

Example - Many Species (2010 Theme)

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

Sample Graphics and links for images to share

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

June Calendar 2016

School Health and Safety

Fireworks Safety Month

National Home Safety Month

World Environment Day (June 5, 2016)

National Cancer Survivors Day (June 5, 2016)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		0	01	02	03	04
05 World Environment Day National Cancer Survivors Day	06	07	08	09	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar - June's Theme is Helpfulness

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_June_2016.pdf

July Event Links

School Health and Safety

Fireworks Safety Month

July 2015 Events

Fireworks Safety Month (Ends in July)

<http://fireworkssafety.org/>

July Calendar 2016

School Health and Safety

Fireworks Safety Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Random Acts of Kindness Calendar - July's Theme is Community

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_June_2016.pdf

August event Links

School Health and Safety

August 2016 Events

August Calendar 2016

School Health and Safety

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Random Acts of Kindness Calendar - August's Theme is Friendship

http://calendars.randomactsofkindness.org/2016/RAK_August_2016.pdf

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
- **Stop Bullying Now – Web Site**
<http://www.stopbullying.gov/kids/>
- **Bullying Prevention – HRSA**
<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/bullying/>

□ 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/>
- 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
<http://www.mychildsafety.net/stranger-danger.html>

Stranger Safety: No-Go-Tell Resources, continued..

- **Preschoolers – Elementary schools – Tweens and Teens**
<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/social-emotional-skills/talking-about-stranger-safety>
- **In 5th grade the lesson focuses on internet safety using the website**
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
- 3rd and 4th – 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 an non-threatening way
- *Molly Mouse learns about Stranger Safety*⁶ from the *Pathways to Learning* series to support the *Stranger Danger* Program. (Ages 5-8)

□ **Stranger Safety – Web Sites**

- Internet Safety (5th Grade)
www.NSTeens.org.
- Stranger Danger Trainings (K - 2nd 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.
- Created by John Walsh and Julie Clark
www.thesafeside.com

⁶ *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
- **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>
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
Bicycle Related Injuries
<http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/bicycle/index.html>
- **Published in the 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.
Read more about the 1923 Cleveland School Fire on Safe to Learn – page includes links
<http://www.safetolearn.com/1923-cleveland-school-fire-was-catalyst-for-school-fire-drills.html>
- **National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT)**
<http://www.napt.org/>
- **NFPA – National Fire Protection Association**
Safety Information
<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information>
- **Richmond Fire Department, Texas - Drowning**
<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 – Data up to 2010**
<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811624.pdf>
- **YMCA – Houston, Texas – Youth and Family Program**
Example – L.I.F.E. Program (Leadership, Inspiration, Fellowship, Education)
<http://www.ymcahouston.org/youth-family/teen-programs/>

About *Safe to Learn*

Safe to Learn® 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 Safe to Learn communities: students, parent, families, 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.

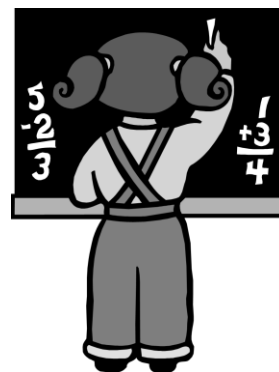


Thus, it is time to renew our commitment to safety and the need for access to information that can be used to help all students feel safe within and outside the classroom and to do so with the “best practices” at hand.

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.”⁷

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



⁷ Dr. Ronald D. Stephens, NSSC Executive Director, “Safe School Planning: The Art of the Possible.”

NOTES: