

**October  
Classroom  
Guidance  
Topics**

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# Counseling Corner

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## Red Ribbon Week @AES

Algoma Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd– October 27th. A list of all our Red Ribbon Week activities is on the back page of the newsletter.

### *Purpose of Red Ribbon Week*

The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to reinforce our learning community's united stand against drug abuse, to create awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, and to support our students' decisions to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The color red and the 'Red Ribbon' have been the symbol of this national campaign since it officially began in 1988. The Red Ribbon is a symbol for Americans to show that ribbon by ribbon, we are united in our stand for a drug-free youth. Several points will be stressed throughout the week. These include encouraging children to get involved in positive youth activities and being a good role model for all, students and adults alike.

### *History of Red Ribbon Week*

Enrique Camarena was a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent working in Mexico.

During the first week of February 1985, Special Agent Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. However, Enrique was interrupted before he could enter his car and was kidnapped by suspected drug traffickers. Enrique's body was found a month later in a shallow grave. In 1988, the first national Red Ribbon Week celebration began to remember Enrique Camarena and to symbolize united stand against drug abuse.

### *Drug Prevention*

The dialogue started during Red Ribbon Week at school can easily be continued at home. It may seem too soon to talk to your child about drugs. However, research shows that talking early and often is the best prevention tool. Many teens say that talking with their parents helped them stay away from drugs. Families have a lot of power to help children make good choices.

Do your best to build a strong, trusting bond with your child. This will make it easier for him or her to come to you when feeling pressure from peers and advertisers to try alcohol or tobacco.

### *Ways to Help Your Child Stay Drug-Free*

1. Know what's happening in your child's daily life. Know who his or her friends are, how he or she is performing at school, and so on.
2. Be a positive role model. If you use alcohol, show your child how a responsible adult behaves. If you use tobacco, consider quitting for your own health and the health of your child.
3. Teach your child how to choose healthy and positive friends.
4. Know what your child does after school, on weekends, at friends' houses, and so on.

Drug Prevention Information taken directly from the Michigan Model Health Curriculum



### **From the Desk of:**

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# VIP to Present Lessons at AES

## Happenings at AES...

### Red Ribbon Week

**Oct. 23-27**  
*October 23rd- Proud to be Drug Free*

Wear as much red and as you can to school today.

**October 24th-**  
*"Be Drug Free & Be What You Want to Be!"*

Dress up in clothing that fits your dream career!

**October 25th-**  
*"Peace Out to Drugs!"*

Wear peace signs and/or tie dye.

**October 26th-**  
*"The Future is Bright with no Drugs in Sight!"*

Wear bright/neon colors and sunglasses.

**October 27th-**  
*"Our School Chooses to be a Drug Free Team"*

& Drug-Free Rally School your school spirit- Wear black and gold.

### Drug-Free Rally

**Oct. 27 @**  
**2:00 pm**  
**in PAC**

During the end of October and beginning of November, students in grades K-6 will have the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) coming into their classrooms during their regular guidance time for one lesson. VIP will be discussing important topics with students in the areas of protective behaviors. Exact topic areas are listed to the right. These are important areas for children to learn about at their appropriate ages. VIP has been doing these presentations for quite some time and has perfected them to fit the delicate needs of the grade level that they are teaching.

Please discuss with your child(ren) what they talked about during class, ask if they have questions, and contact the school if additional information is needed or questions your child has cannot be answered.

- K- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- 1st Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- 2nd Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- 3rd Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- 4th Grade- Being Safe Online and with Technology
- 5th Grade- Cyberbullying
- 6th Grade- Understanding Sexual Harassment

## Attendance is a Very Long Word

In first grade, our first guidance unit focused on attendance and the importance of coming to school every single day. We read the book "Attendance is a Very Long Word" together and discussed why it is important to come to school everyday, acceptable reasons for missing school, and unacceptable reasons for missing school. I then gave a copy of this book to every student and sent it home with them to read and talk about with their families. Some of the key concepts about attendance from "Attendance is a Very Long Word" are listed below:

### **Why it is Important to Come to School**

- ⇒ Every day there is important information for to learn. The information often builds off of what was learned the previous day.

- ⇒ Fun and educational classroom activities!
- ⇒ Socialization with friends and classmates
- ⇒ It is the law.

### **Acceptable Reasons to Miss School**

- ⇒ You are sick and need to stay in bed to recover and/or you are contagious.
- ⇒ You have a doctor appointment that could not be scheduled outside of the school day.
- ⇒ A loved one has passed away.
- ⇒ You are celebrating a religious holiday that falls during school hours.
- ⇒ Your family has scheduled an extended vacation and has notified the school ahead of time.

### **Unacceptable Reasons to Miss School**

- ⇒ You are late- it is better to

- be late than not to come at all
- ⇒ To clean the house
- ⇒ To babysit siblings
- ⇒ To go to a restaurant
- ⇒ To go shopping
- ⇒ You don't feel like coming to school.

### **What to Do if you Miss School**

- ⇒ Parents/guardians need to call the school with an excuse and/or bring a doctor's note.
- ⇒ All classroom work that was missed will need to be completed.



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October 10, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the last week of October and in the first few weeks of November, students in grades K-6 will have the Violence Intervention Project (VIP) coming into their classrooms during their regular guidance time for one lesson. VIP will be discussing important topics with students in the areas of protective behaviors, the touching rule, bullying, and online safety. These are important areas for children to learn about at their appropriate ages. The specific topics that will be discussed according to your child's grade level(s) are:

- Kindergarten- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- First Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- Second Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- Third Grade- Safe, Unsafe, and Unwanted Touches
- Fourth Grade- Being safe Online and with Technology
- Fifth Grade- Cyberbullying
- Sixth Grade- Understanding Sexual Harassment

Please discuss with your child(ren) what they discussed during class, ask if they have questions, and contact the school if additional information is needed or questions your child has cannot be answered. Please contact me if you do NOT want your child to participate in the VIP lesson by Friday, Oct. 27. Children whose parents do not contact the school will be participating in the presentations. Again, if you have any questions, please call me at 487-7001 ext. 1212.

Sincerely,

*Angela Kinjerski*

Angela Kinjerski  
pK-6 School Counselor

# Painting Workshops by



**Located at**  
**506 Ralph Street**  
**in Luxemburg**



## Black Kitty

**Saturday, October 21 at 10:00 am**

This adorable painting is done on a 11 X 14 canvas. Grab a friend and join me in painting this sweet Autumn image. Recommended for ages 9 and up. Please arrive 15 min. early (9:45) so we can all begin together.

\$22.00 per person. 15 seats available. Accepting cash and check. This painting is expected to take 2.5-3 hours. Feel free to bring snacks to munch on during this time.

Find us on **Facebook**

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*Margarita is licensed Pre K -12 in Art Education as well as Adaptive Education. She is a UW Madison graduate with over 15 years of education experience. Margarita also substitute teaches locally. Please call (608) 290-8269 with questions.*



## Polymer Ghost Pin

**Saturday, Oct. 28 at 10:00 am**

Have you ever worked with polymer clay? This clay is easy and fun to work with whether you are new to the medium or experienced. This cute ghost can be turned into a he or she by simply moving the bow. This workshop is recommended for ages 9 and up. Why not sign up with a group of friends.

\$13.00 per person (cash or check) 15 seats available. This project is expected to take 1.5 – 2 hours.

## Jack o Lantern **Saturday, October 28 at 1:30 pm**

Come on in and enjoy creating your own Halloween decorations. This painting is done on an 8 x 8 canvas and is designed for ages 5 and up. Painting will start at 1:30 but come 15 min. early (1:15) so we can all begin together.

\$13.00 per person. 15 seats available. Accepting cash and check. This painting is expected to take 1 - 1.5 hours

