



The Bullpup Bulletin

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Started as a tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who was tortured and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers, Red Ribbon Week (October 26 - 30) is a moment for schools and communities to not only honor those who fight the war against illegal drugs in our country, but also to gain and share knowledge about many of the drugs that pervade our society today—from alcohol and marijuana to club drugs, inhalants, cocaine, heroin and more. The decision to live a drug-free lifestyle is the most important one that your students can make. The school will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during October 26 – 30. Here is a schedule of dress up days that students may participate in: **(With the expectation of the particular dress item, everything must remain with the uniform code)**

- Monday – “TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS”; wear a TEAM JERSEY with uniform bottoms
- Tuesday – “GIVE DRUGS THE BOOT”; wear BOOTS with uniform
- Wednesday – “JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS”; wear a CAMOFLAUGE shirt with uniform bottoms
- Thursday – “DRUGS TURN YOU INSIDE OUT”; wear uniform shirt INSIDE OUT with uniform bottoms
- Friday – “WEAR RED DAY”; wear RED shirt with uniform bottoms

Illegal drug use among teenagers is declining. However, the abuse of prescription drugs, especially pain relievers is increasing. Many teenagers assume that prescription drugs are safe, when in fact they are highly addictive and can cause severe side effects. 40% of those who started drinking at age 13 or younger developed alcohol dependence later in life. 10% of teens who began drinking after the age of 17 developed dependence. Teens that drink are 50 times more likely to use cocaine than teens who never consume alcohol. 63% of the youth who drink alcohol say that they initially got the alcohol from their own or their friend's homes. Alcohol kills 6 ½ times more teenagers than all other illicit drugs combined. Teenagers whose parents talk to them on a regular basis about the dangers of drug use are 42% less likely to use drugs than those whose parents don't. – www.teendrugabuse.us

“We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”

---- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hello! My name is Stephanie Reed and the Guidance Counselor here at Jennings Elementary. I am very excited to be a part of your school family. A life long resident of Jennings, I attended the University of Louisiana, Lafayette where I received my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. For many years, I worked at the Junior High level before making the transition to elementary. I am very excited about my new position and looking forward to working with you and your children. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Study Tips

- **Start a habit.** Encourage your youngster to treat studying as a daily assignment, not just something they do the evening before a test. For example, your student might study 15 minutes every night for a spelling test on Friday. After they finish their regular homework, they can spend a little time reviewing the notes and handouts.
- **Tackle textbooks.** When there is a chapter to study, have them preview it to increase their understanding. They should glance over heading, graphics, and photos and go to the glossary to look up boldfaced words. Picture books on a topic can often help explain difficult concepts.
- **Mix it up.** If your youngster reviews information in several ways, they will be more likely to remember it. Perhaps using colored pencils to copy each spelling word or math fact onto a separate index card might help. Then shuffle the cards and study them in a different order each time. For extra reinforcement, suggest that they spell each word or recite each fact aloud.

Fourth

G Fourth grade science students are “zipping” along at the “speed of light.” Light rays do not have a chance with us! We can *bend*, *bounce*, and *separate* light rays in a split second. Stay “tuned,” we just “heard a “sound wave” enter our classroom. Don’t worry, we’ll capture it!

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E Mrs. Becky Reed and her classes would like to welcome student teacher, Mrs. Mikki Marquart. She will be teaching and working with us until her graduation from McNeese in December. Good Luck, Mrs. Marquart. Mrs. Reed's classes have been doing some map studying. Now we are ready to begin "traveling to" and studying the regions of the United States to learn about their histories, people, and resources.

SIXTH

The Sixth Grade P.E. classes have been hard at work learning the game of disc golf. Some of the students were even given the opportunity to be on KPLCTV Channel 7 news. The story can be viewed by logging on to kplctv.com and typing in disc golf in the search box. Students have also enjoyed playing Dodgebee, Around the World, and Rings of Fire. Be watching next six weeks to see who had the fastest mile times in the Presidential Fitness Test.

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Thank You

The troops of the Navy’s NMCB 74, and all other branches of the military stationed in Afghanistan, wish to send a hearty thank you to all who have helped get supplies to them. We will continue gathering supply donations until Christmas break. Everything you donate will be used by somebody. Thank you and keep up the good work.

SWPBS would like to thank Coy Myers of MyVac and Michael Cassidy, D.A. for their generous donations to support positive behavior at our school.

Dates to Remember

- October 2 6 Weeks Awards
- October 9 Fair Day (No School)
- October 12 Teacher In-service (No School)
- November 9 Group Pictures/Retakes (Uniforms)
- November 10 Report Card Day