

Counselors Corner

QUARTER 2 NEWSLETTER

RECOGNITION OF ACCOUNTABILITY, VERIFICATION & EXCELLENCE

FOLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM AWARDED BRONZE RAVE AWARD!

The RAVE award is sponsored by the Alabama School Counselors Association and is supported by the Alabama Department of Education. The RAVE award honors counseling programs that demonstrate effective communication and a commitment to implementing an outcome-based, data-driven program. The "Bronze" level indicates a first-time applicant. Counselors will be recognized on Thursday, October 18th at the Baldwin County board meeting and on Thursday, November 15th at the Alabama Counselors Association (ALCA) conference.

OCTOBER

- 16 Quarter 2 Begins
- 19 Dance
- 22-26 Red Ribbon Week
- 29 Kuder Training
- 29 Parent Workshop
- 31 Mix-It-Up Day

NOVEMBER

- 1 Advisory Council Meeting
- 7-9 RTI Conference
- 4-8 Attitude Matters Week
- 14-15 Career Coach
Presentation (8th grade)
- 14-16 ALCA Conference
- 29 Personal Power (Ward)

DECEMBER

- 3 Personal Power (Phillips)
- 10-14 Anti-Bullying Week
- 10 Personal Power (Clarke)
- 12 Personal Power (Dunbar)
- 14 Personal Power (Whiddon)
- 18 2nd Quarter Ends

**HABIT 2: BEGIN WITH THE
END IN MIND**

*"Your most important work is
always ahead of you,
never behind you."*

-Dr. Stephen R. Covey

Erin's Law was signed into legislation on June 11, 2015, requiring all public schools to provide child sexual abuse prevention to students in grades K-12. School counselors will use the *Safer, Smarter Teens: Personal Power* curriculum to teach students to recognize danger and how to use their personal power to say "no," get help, set boundaries, and become leaders. Students learn about the warning signs of unsafe situations and what actions they can take to reduce risks, stay safe, and access help through scenario-based video lessons and in-class activities. Parents will receive a letter prior to the lesson.

****See the calendar of events for scheduled visits.**

Safer, Smarter, Teens

Red Ribbon Week

OCTOBER 22ND-26TH

Red Ribbon Week is a drug awareness campaign focused on educating students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Red Ribbon Week activities include dress-down days to promote awareness and an assembly with guest speaker, Allison Faircloth.

The History of Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week began in 1985, after a DEA agent, Enrique Camarena was murdered by dangerous drug traffickers. Red Ribbons were worn to honor the victims and used as a symbol advocating to reduce the demand of illegal drugs.

Dress Down Days

Monday- Rhyme Day *Take a stand for a drug free land!*

Tuesday- Twin Day *Pair up against drugs!*

Wednesday- Hawaiian Day *Stay away lei off drugs!*

Thursday- Wear Bright Colors. *You're too Bright for drugs!*

Friday- Pajama Day *Follow your dreams and don't do drugs!*

Holiday Assistance

TURKEY TAKE-OUT Thanksgiving meals are provided to families in need. Applications are on the school website and are due November 9th.

CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM Ecumenical Ministries is available to assist families. Call 943-3445 to make an appointment by November 14th.

STOCKING DRIVE Students will be encouraged to donate stocking stuffers during the month of December.

CANNED FOOD DRIVES Several canned food drives will take place during November and December, sponsored by the SGA and Peer Helpers.

Please contact the school counselors if you need assistance during the holidays

Parent Workshop

TIME: 9:30am

DATE: October 29th

LOCATION: FMS Library

Parents/Guardians will receive information on:

Accessing INOW/grades

Overview of agendas

School website/email

Project Rise after-school program

