

Monday October 18th will be the start of Red Ribbon Week (RRW) at El Marino. This year's theme will be **Open the Door to a Healthy, Caring Community**. As you may be aware RRW is a national program that brings awareness to children about the importance of living a drug free life. We feel it is more age appropriate to focus on healthy living and smart choices, rather than drugs.

In keeping with the theme for a caring community we will be holding a food drive for the week. It's a good time to clean out your food cupboards!

Activities:

Monday, Oct. 18th

• Kids will tie a red ribbon to their backpacks and keep it on all week to signify their pledge to be a healthy and caring person.

Monday, Oct. 18th – Wednesday, Oct 20th

- Students will decorate their doors.
- K 1st grade will be given an apple shape and asked to draw something that keeps you healthy
- 2nd 3rd grade will be given a face shape and asked to draw or write a way to show you care
- $4^{th} 5^{th}$ grade will be given a dolphin shape and asked to draw or write something that makes a healthy, caring community.

Wednesday, Oct. 20th - Assembly

• The Bully Dudes...and What to do About Them. The students will learn useful skills in dealing with bullies, as well as the pitfalls of becoming a bully along with other valuable information.

Thursday, Oct. 21st

• Pictures will be taken of some of the completed doors.

Friday, Oct 22nd – Wear Red!

■ 10:30am – 11:00am Photo taken of 5th grade in shape of ribbon.

Community Service:

All week long we will be holding a food drive for the Westside food bank. Barrels will be placed by the front office, and the two back gates. Please send your child to school with canned or packaged food items any day during the week. Please **no glass**, unless it's baby food.

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