



RED RIBBON WEEK

October 24th – 28th 2011

Monday October 24th will be the start of Red Ribbon Week (RRW) at El Marino. This year's theme will be **Creating a Caring Community: Respecting Ourselves and Others**. As you may be aware RRW is a national program that brings awareness to children about the importance of living a drug-free life. Here at El Marino, we use Red Ribbon Week as an opportunity to highlight the District's Anti-Bullying Campaign. In fact, it is our aim to put a positive spin on leading healthy lifestyles, respecting ourselves and others, and embracing our differences with the hope that we can put an end to bullying at our school. Find more information and resources that have been compiled by the CCUSD Anti-Bullying Task Force through El Marino's website under the "Parent" tab.

Activities:

Monday, Oct. 24th

- Kids will tie a red ribbon to their backpacks and keep it on all week to signify their pledge to the anti-bullying campaign, and as a reminder to respect themselves and others.

Monday, Oct. 24th – Wednesday, Oct 26th

- Students will decorate their doors.
- K - 1st grade will be given a star shape and asked to complete this sentence: "I like myself because..."
- 2nd - 3rd grade will be given a face shape and asked to complete this sentence: "I can be kind to other people by..."
- 4th – 5th grade will be given a dolphin shape and asked to complete this sentence: "I am special, unique, and wonderful because..."

Wednesday, Oct. 26th - Assembly

- "Chic Street Man" - "*Chic* incorporates a variety of musical forms all of which have roots that can be traced back to the ancient African tradition of storytelling with call and response. The stories are used for the purpose of spinning a tale, but always to instill in the listeners the spirit of an honorable life and the value of living in harmony with others; and to inspire them to make positive contributions to society. His songs explore a love for people, music and the planet and allow the audience to feel, laugh and think about themselves in relationship to the world around them."

Thursday, Oct. 27th

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

Friday, Oct. 28th – **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, the back gate, and the Kindergarten gate. 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. More information is on the Westside Food Bank Information Sheet.

Red Ribbon Week Chair person,

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