



# OCTOBER

## Safe Schools Month

National Crime Prevention Month | National Bullying Prevention Month

### KEEP SCHOOLS SAFE

The month of October is Safe School Month (Bullying Prevention Month, Crime Prevention Month and Red Ribbon Week)

- Every school is asked to display positive messages around the school (marquee, posters, etc...).
- Each school is asked to involve students in activities focused on keeping our students and our schools safe.
- Students in grades 3-12 must receive and acknowledge receipt of one (1) hour of age appropriate Anti-Bullying Training by October 31.
- Every school with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above must have a Bullying Box.
- Share your activities with the JP Community through invitations, school website and school/district social media.

#### Important Dates:

- **October 1** World Day of Bullying Prevention – Blue Shirt Day
- **October 3-9** National Fire Prevention Week
- **October 17-23** Safe Schools Week
- **October 17-23** National School Bus Safety Week
- **October 20** Unity Day – Wear Orange
- **October 23-31** Red Ribbon Week/Drug-Free Week

#### Possible Activities:

- Wearing stickers, wristbands, ribbons
- Create signs and banners
- Have students sign a pledge
- Essay Contest
- Poster Contest
- Door Decorating Contest
- Educational lessons/activities/videos
- Guest Speakers (SROs, DARE Officers, Crimestoppers, Coroner's Office, Lawyers, Judges)
- School Challenge (Be FIGHT FREE for a week/month – incentive)
- Decorate a bulletin board with the month's theme
- Suggestion Box – have a place where students can submit suggestions to improve the school's climate or safety
- Become a "No Place for Hate" school

#### Suggested Resources:

- [www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)
- [www.Stompoutbullying.org](http://www.Stompoutbullying.org)
- [www.Schoolsafety.us](http://www.Schoolsafety.us)
- [www.Projectwisdom.com](http://www.Projectwisdom.com)
- [www.Positivepromotions.com](http://www.Positivepromotions.com)
- Redribbon.org
- Nationalsave.org (Students Against Violence Everywhere)
- [www.pledge.org](http://www.pledge.org) (Student Pledge Against Gun Violence)
- <https://neworleans.adl.org/initiatives/no-place-for-hate/>