



Eagle's Nest



HIGH POINT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

A MONTH OF OBSERVANCE

October was a busy month at High Point, following a smooth and successful transition back to school in September. It didn't take long for staff and students to get back to our daily routines filled with classroom projects, educational presentations, and fun activities, while also dedicating well-deserved time to three specific causes on campus.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Approximately 12.4% of women in the U.S. develop invasive breast cancer—that's 1 out of every 8 women in this country. In 2018 alone, more than 266,000 new cases in women and 2,550 new cases in men will be diagnosed, and that doesn't include the noninvasive form of the disease or other populations around the world. Although breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in American females, the news isn't all bad. In fact, it's downright promising, with mortality decreasing a whopping 39% from 1989 to 2015. That's largely due to earlier detection through screening, treatment advances, and increased awareness. To do our part in contributing to Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Friday, October 26 was designated as Wear Pink Day, and students and staff donned their pink best as a symbol of our ongoing support to keep making strides and find a cure. Stories were shared of loved ones who are surviving and currently fighting this illness, bringing us all closer, both within the walls of our school and beyond.



Bullies Not Welcome Here

The New York Jets have long been committed to tackling bullying with the STOMP Out Bullying™ program, and our very own social worker Ms. Banks is equally committed to spreading the campaign's message to our students. She led this fall's anti-bullying presentation, which included teaching our students about the laws and policies in place to support anti-bullying, holding a group discussion on the prevalence of bullying and the different forms it can take, and watching an informative video on the subject. Afterward, students talked about their own personal experiences with bullying and how it has affected them. In an act of solidarity, they then signed a pledge in alignment with the anti-bullying mission, promising to not only resist bullying behaviors themselves, but also to speak up and take action if they witness such behaviors at school. The presentation concluded with a raffle to reward the students for their participation and cooperation. Each classroom had one winner who received a campaign T-shirt and a free Burger King lunch!



Ms. Banks with student Christopher, in his Jets-sponsored "Tackle Bullying" T-shirt.

Red Ribbon Week

Every year from October 23 to 31, National Red Ribbon Week encourages drug prevention awareness for youth. This year's theme of "Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free™" was recognized by our students as they signed a "drug-free pledge" proclaiming their promise to resist the urges and peer pressure commonly associated with drugs in our society. They also had fun posing for mock Instagram photos to promote a drug-free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week was originally started by the National Family Partnership as a way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Since its inception in 1985, the campaign has touched the lives of millions of people around the world ... and we're proud it's touched our school. Interested parents can take the pledge to talk to their kids about the dangers of drug abuse, set clear rules about not using drugs, and enforce appropriate consequences at: redribbon.org/pledge/.



Patrice provided "photo evidence" of her support!

Save the Date!

Wednesday,
November 21

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