



SCIOTO COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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MISSION

To serve the community at large with evidence-based mental health promotion and substance abuse/misuse prevention strategies.

VISION

Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities

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YOUTH SUMMIT

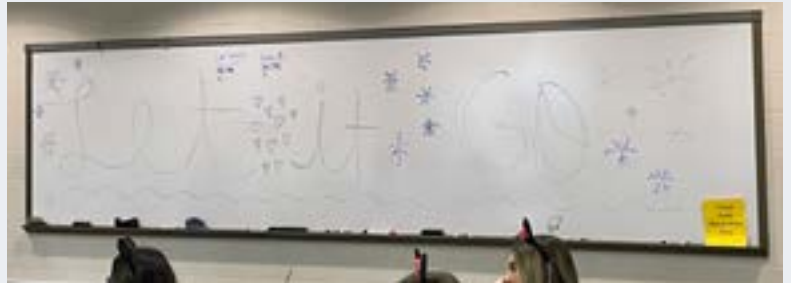
In November, Impact Prevention Scioto County Youth Council hosted a summit at Shawnee State University. During this fun-filled day high school students from Minford, New Boston, Northwest, Sciotoville East, South Webster and Valley participated in sessions led by their peers. These sessions focused on finding and being a good friend, healthy ways to cope with stress, being inclusive and creating empathy for others. Participants from this day reported that they most enjoyed meeting new people from other schools, learning new activities to recreate in their home schools and spending the day surrounded by positive people with healthy goals and priorities similar to their own and of course the lip-sync battle. One student speaker shared that being involved in this summit was a major growing experience, as she became more outgoing and gained so much confidence.



RED RIBBON WEEK

We celebrated Red Ribbon Week with over 2,300 students in Scioto County! This celebration consisted of announcements, competitions, assemblies and spirit weeks, all planned and implemented by our outstanding youth-led teams at Minford, Northwest, Sciotoville East and South Webster. This week is a special week to honor the life of Enrique Camarena while teaching students the importance and benefits of living a drug free life.

YOUTH SUMMIT (CONT)



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

“TIM AMBURGEY”

Impact students at Northwest High School have been working closely with 1st and 2nd grade staff, and students, at Northwest Elementary School to present SEL activities. The focus of these activities have revolved around a grade level appropriate reading program. Impact students, and staff, chose a series of books that fell into the SEL category and students planned activities around each of these books. During each of their class periods at the elementary, Impact students would share the story, engage in discussion questions, and provide a fun activity. Topics have included, being kind, making good choices, accepting others, and using positive words such as please, and thank you. Teachers have said that elementary students have reacted positively to the efforts of the Impact team, reporting that students often repeat key words, and phrases that Impact students use in their lessons. The relationship that Impact students are building with these elementary students has continued to develop beyond their classroom lessons. Impact students are helping their classrooms with positive behaviors activities away from campus such as bowling, and for the month of December they are responding to student letters to Santa. They will be delivering responses from Santa before the Christmas break, dressing up and bringing some Christmas spirit to that side of the elementary school. These activities are beginning to have far reaching effects, as elementary students are beginning to share with teachers that when they get to the high school, they want to become part of the Impact Prevention team.

RED RIBBON WEEK (CONT)



KENDALL HEIGHTS

We available every Monday (unless it is a holiday) building relationships with the community We are currently planning for the remainder of the school year, as well as the summer. National Hot Cocoa Day was our most attended day, other than Halloween. We had over 30 people, and were able to talk to the kids, and any parents that came. We are currently working with the PMHA to try to get more traction in the community, as well as trying to get into the three elementary schools that students attend who live in Kendall Heights.



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