



Red Ribbon Week

October 26 -- October 30, 2020

Annual Drug Prevention Celebration

Even during these uncertain times, we are looking for ways to promote a healthy lifestyle for our youth. Substance use and abuse has been on the rise during our global pandemic. Please join our schools and community as we celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the month of October. This is an annual national drug prevention celebration. The D.E.A. estimates that over 80 million people, nationwide, celebrate this event. Adults can support our youth to make a pledge to live a drug free life. OHS SHOC (Students Helping Others Choose) is active during the week along with local Noon Kiwanis and the Steele County Safe and Drug Free Coalition. A variety of activities are hosted for our youth. Our schools will have Red decorations adorning hallways, pledge banners and OMS/OHS prevention lunchbooths. There will be a 4th grade drug prevention poster contest. These posters will be displayed in local storefronts as well as in the schools.

Families are encouraged to attend our RRW Kickoff drive through event at the **Owatonna Fairgrounds Foundation Building, located on the east side of the fairgrounds**. Students can wear their halloween costumes and drive through with their parents. The Foundation Building will be transformed into a beautiful fall theme. SHOC students will be handing out a bag of halloween treats and prizes to all the kids. There will be a fall themed photo booth for kids to have their picture taken along with SHOC students and put their name in a bucket for door prize drawings. The coalition will be sharing literature with parents about how to help keep their kids healthy and drug free.

Support our youth and encourage each of them to make a pledge to live a healthy drug free lifestyle. I hope to see everyone at the Fairgrounds on Oct. 22nd from 5:00-6:30 at our drive through Red Ribbon Week kick off event in the Foundation Building!

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