

Elementary School

- Morning Announcements – encouraging words to be kind to one another, give examples every day all week about how to be a good friend
- Create a pledge for peace in which students sign a large, visible piece for school community to view
- Create a peace chain in which students write on a paper peace sign how they can create more peace in their school and home. Once completed, connect the peace signs and create a chain hung in visible area.
- Hold a Youth Violence Prevention Week poster contest with homework passes, no-uniform passes, etc. for the winners of each grade level
- Create a skit or puppet show about being kind to one another and preventing violence
- Hold “What Would You Do” lessons in the classroom presenting potentially unsafe situations and processing safe actions and alternatives with students
- Sponsor a “Decorate-a-Door” contest on ways to be a good friend and say no to bullying
- Host an “It’s OK To Tell” Workshop to encourage students to report potential acts of violence
- Paint a peaceful mural on the school grounds
- Conduct an essay or poetry contest on respect and tolerance. Have the winning essay read at an event or over the morning announcements.
- Kick off each morning of Youth Violence Prevention Week with a teambuilding activity during the first class of the day
- Pick a “Peace Hero” to be announced each day during Youth Violence Prevention for a student or adult who has demonstrated acts of peace in the school
- Sponsor a character trait of the week. Choose 5 students each week to honor for exhibiting the positive trait. Traits can include: RESPECT, SELF-DISCIPLINE, CARING, GOOD JUDGEMENT, HONESTY, UNDERSTANDING, KINDNESS, CITIZENSHIP, RELIABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY, DEPENDABILITY, AMBITIOUS, COURAGE, FAIRNESS, HELPFUL, INTEGRITY, PERSEVERANCE, COOPERATIVE
- Discuss with students the concern of stranger danger. Encourage students to create a list of people they can trust
- Sponsor a “Solving Problems Through Words” workshop, demonstrating positive character traits of caring, kindness, and respect
- Host a “No Uniform Day” for \$1 and donate to local domestic violence shelter
- Create “I Can Be Me” posters. Discuss the importance of positive character traits
- Conduct a “Teddy for Trauma” drive for abused children
- Coordinate a fingerprinting afternoon at school. Work with local law enforcement and parents to fingerprint young children
- Publish an Internet Safety Pledge for students to sign that includes tips on web surfing and email safety
- Encourage students to get their parents involved in setting ground rules for internet use. Send a list of “Internet Violence Prevention” tips home with students
- Educate students about the warning signs of gang activity such as graffiti, “colors”, symbols and unusual hand signs
- Identify examples of respect and lack of respect for others in social studies textbooks and other materials
- Do research papers on different cultures and how they show respect to one another
- Hold a cultural day where dress, activities and decorations reflect different cultures from around the world
- After studying anger management skills, conduct a contest between grade levels to see how many students will sign nonviolence pledges and remain fight-free
- Have students come up with signs or codes to be able to communicate when they are angry so their anger will not get out of control (i.e. putting up your hand to let people know you are angry)
- Invite local rescue workers to make presentations to students on personal safety, fire safety, or bicycle safety
- Utilize coloring books/activities based on youth safety and violence prevention

Middle School

- Morning Announcements – Violence statistics and thoughts on prevention
- Post youth violence statistics around the school
- Develop and film PSA to be shown on FRED TV
- Create a pledge for peace in which students sign a large, visible piece for school community to view and add to
- Create a peace chain in which students write on a paper peace sign how they can create more peace in their school and home. Once completed, connect the peace signs and create a chain to be hung in visible area.
- Hold a Youth Violence Prevention Week poster contest with homework passes, no-uniform passes, etc. for the winners of each grade level
- Present an anti-bullying or anti-violence presentation for an elementary school
- Write a letter from your class or school regarding youth violence and/or bullying related legislation
- Invite the SRO to speak to students regarding laws and consequences surrounding weapons and violence
- Hold “What Would You Do” lessons in the classroom presenting potentially unsafe situations and processing safe actions and alternatives with students
- Sponsor a “Decorate-a-Door” contest on ways to handle stress or manage anger for homeroom classes
- Develop a suggestion box or phone line for suggestions or anonymous tips to improve school safety
- Bring in an umpire or referee to talk about conflict management on the field and in athletics
- Hand out tips on being a good sport to fans observing athletic events
- Paint a peaceful mural on the school grounds
- Conduct an essay or poetry contest on respect and tolerance. Have the winning essay read at an event or over the morning announcements
- Kick off each morning of Youth Violence Prevention Week with a teambuilding activity during the first class of the day
- Pick a “Peace Hero” to be announced each day during Youth Violence Prevention for a student or adult who has demonstrated acts of peace in the school
- Encourage research projects on famous peace leaders in our country and world
- Host a “No Uniform Day” for \$1 and donate to local domestic violence shelter
- Create “I Can Be Me” posters. Discuss the importance of positive character traits.
- Conduct a “Teddy for Trauma” drive for abused children
- Publish an Internet Safety Pledge for students to sign that includes tips on web surfing and email safety
- Invite a local member of law enforcement to speak to your students and parents on gangs
- Educate students about the warning signs of gang activity such as graffiti, “colors”, symbols and unusual hand signs
- Identify safe places in Fall River that are open to youth for safe activities on the weekend and after school. Create a hand-out to go home.
- Identify examples of respect and lack of respect for others in social studies textbooks and other materials
- Do research papers on different cultures and how they show respect to one another
- Hold a cultural day where dress, activities and decorations reflect different cultures from around the world
- After studying anger management skills, conduct a contest between grade levels to see how many students will sign nonviolence pledges and remain fight-free
- Have each student give accounts of how anger hurt them so students will understand what can happen if they don’t manage their anger
- Make brochures at a resource table available in the cafeteria during National Youth Violence Prevention Week, including those related to Peer Pressure, Bullying, etc.

High School

- Morning Announcements – Violence statistics and thoughts on prevention
- Develop and film PSA to be shown on FRED TV
- Create a pledge for peace in which students sign a large, visible piece for school community to view and add to
- Post youth violence statistics around the school
- Create a peace chain in which students write on a paper peace sign how they can create more peace in their school and home. Once completed, connect the peace signs and create a chain to be hung in visible area.
- Present an anti-bullying or anti-violence presentation for an elementary school
- Write a letter from your class or school regarding youth violence and/or bullying related legislation
- Sponsor a “Turn in Your Weapon – No Questions Asked” event at school coordinated with FRPD
- Develop a suggestion box or phone line for suggestions or anonymous tips to improve school safety
- Bring in an umpire or referee to talk about conflict management on the field and in athletics
- Hand out tips on being a good sport to fans observing athletic events
- Paint a peaceful mural on the school grounds
- Pick a “Peace Hero” to be announced each day during Youth Violence Prevention for a student or adult who has demonstrated acts of peace in the school
- Encourage research projects on famous peace leaders in our country and world
- Create and distribute a tip sheet to inform students about dating violence and resources in the community for additional information
- Conduct a “Teddy for Trauma” drive for abused children
- Develop and implement a "Safe Summer Driving" Campaign
- Talk to your school's prom committee about setting up a memorial to remember teens lost in car crashes and to symbolize the importance of driving smart
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