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Deer Park schools celebrate Red Ribbon Week

DEER PARK – Deer Park Independent School District students will join children across the nation in celebrating National Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 22-25. Parents and community members are encouraged to visit campuses to participate in the many special events, activities and educational programs scheduled throughout Red Ribbon Week. Please contact individual schools for their Red Ribbon activity schedule.

According to Susan Parastar, the district's Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities coordinator, Red Ribbon Week provides an opportunity to highlight the district's commitment to providing students with a safe and drug free learning environment. "Red Ribbon Week is a fun way to emphasize and spotlight our drug prevention efforts," Parastar said. "Early and sustained efforts are essential to winning the battle against drugs and alcohol. Red Ribbon Week offers a chance to spotlight some of these activities, which continue throughout the school year."

Red Ribbon Week began in 1988, when the red ribbon became a symbol of the drug prevention movement following the death of Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena at the hands of a drug cartel in Mexico. The message of the ribbon is simple: students and parents taking a stand against the loss of life from drugs and alcohol. Parents and community members who wish to visit DPISD schools during Red Ribbon Week should contact the individual schools for a schedule of Red Ribbon activities.

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