The third full week of October is Kentucky Safe Schools Week!

Schools across Kentucky focus on school safety issues in classrooms, in their schools and in their communities.
This year’s theme is “Our Safety Story!”

Every school has its own cast of characters weaving the fabric of its own Safety Story.

Our schools are composed of students/staff who are a host of likely characters with a variety of interests and talents. We ask that you join us across Kentucky, each and every school, as we embrace unity, kindness and empathy to enhance “Our Safety Story”
Get your community involved and prior to KY Safe Schools Week promote it in your area; in the newspaper, on the radio, on your school website, there is no limit!

- **Poster/Flyer**
- **How to Take the Pledge Flyer**
- **Press Release** (Sample)
- **PSAs for Radio Spots**
- **Proclamation** have city or county officials sign the Safe Schools Week Proclamation
Use the Daily Announcements, Dress-Up and Activities Pages to get the students involved.

- Elementary Daily School Announcements
- Middle/High Daily School Announcements
- Daily Attire Activities
- Web Ideas and Lessons
- Daily Food Ideas
- “Our Safety Story" Creative Ideas
- Coloring Sheet Activity
Also, promotionals to encourage students are provided such as stickers/ badges, bookmarks, tokens, etc..

- Badges or Stickers
- Bookmarks
- Carnival Tickets for SSW
- Carnival Ticket Certificate
- Theme Song (“You’ve Got a Friend in Me”)
Logos and signs to use in promotions and photo ops.

- Large SSW Photo Frame
- Large SSW Logo Sign
- Large SSW Logo-Pledge Sign
- Large SSW Pledge Sign
- Large SSW Poster
Kentucky Safe Schools Week Photo Highlights
KY SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

EDUCATORS

Resources for educators include: Teacher Resources, Lessons and Games, PowerPoints, Videos and Handouts, and Administrator Resources

STUDENTS & PARENTS

COMMUNITY

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Teacher Resources

**KY Safe Schools Week Lessons and Web Ideas** - Includes resources from: National Bullying Prevention Center, Be Internet Awesome, Common Sense Education - Lessons on “bullying”, KidsHealth in the Classroom, Stop Bullying Now, PACER’s National Bullying Prevention Center, ReadWriteThink and NEA

Below are quick links to accompany the **KY Safe Schools Week Lessons and Web Ideas**

**Developing Empathy Through Retold Fairy Tales** - KET Education – PBS Learning - Learning about empathy helps students connect to others within their family, class, community, and beyond. ... As an optional extension activity, students write about an experience from their own life regarding empathy. ... Prep for Teachers. Examine the media resources to familiarize yourself with the lesson content.

**Teacher’s Guide: Empathy (Grades 3 to 5)** - KidsHealth in the Classroom - To develop empathy, students can be encouraged to become aware of others’ feelings and to see situations from alternate points of view. These activities will help your students explore how to reach out to others, in words and actions.
Lessons and Games

Creating a Culture of Kindness in Your Classroom – Scholastic - Teaching kindness to kids is more important than ever before. Use these ideas and resources to create a culture of kindness with your class ...

5 Ways to Teach Kindness to Kids – Highlights – (Parents) The more opportunities we give kids to show caring and concern for others, the greater the likelihood they will become the change agents they want to be, helping to create a kinder world. …

9 Tips for Teaching Kindness in the Classroom – PBS Education - One of the best ways to teach kindness in the classroom is to model being kind ... We spend several months focused on learning "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids. ... a pencil, but they can also help you play games or read with you.

Prevent bullying and show kindness – National Bullying Prevention Center – Students can make a “Kindness Catcher” - A fun way to get ideas for being kind to others and other activities.
PowerPoints, Videos and Handouts

**Safe Schools Week 2019 PowerPoint Presentation** - Use this PowerPoint as an overview for KY Safe Schools Week.
*Download PDF Version*

**Various Classroom PowerPoints are available**:
- **Bullying PowerPoint Presentation** - (Download PDF Version) This powerpoint explains what bullying is and how to deal with situations if you feel like a victim. **CyberBullying PowerPoint Presentation** - (Download PDF Version) CyberBullying: This downloadable powerpoint is a brief overview of cyber bullying and includes a definition, statistics and communication. **Sexting PowerPoint Presentation** - (Download PDF Version) This powerpoint is an overview of sexting which includes a definition, the consequences and the ramifications if caught with sexting photos.

**Mean Girls, Beware the Pack is Back!!!** - As school begins we need to be aware that “The Pack is Back.” Mean girls will be in your halls in full force. In this presentation we will identify “The Mean Girl Pack” and do soul searching to identify who we are and how to become a better person a “Super Hero.” Mean girls use relational aggression which is a kind of social torment (bullying) that often exists without parents and teachers even noticing.

**The Foundation for a Better Life** creates public service campaigns to communicate positive values. “Locker” - In this motivational commercial a boy is accosted by bullies at school, but pleasantly surprised when he is helped by another student. This models a positive example of reaching out to someone else in need. “Cafeteria” – Girls are sometimes more verbally aggressive and this commercial shows how a new student is mistreated.

- **Conflict vs. Bullying** and **Telling vs. Tattling** - (KCSS) When talking with your students use these handouts. Everyone needs to know the difference in conflict and bullying, and telling and tattling. Review these in classrooms and place on the wall to refer to every now and then.
- **Bullying Prevention Checklist** - (KCSS) Jon Akers, Executive Director of KCSS, offers suggestions for principals to consider when establishing bullying/harassment standards within their respective schools. This is not an all-inclusive list… but it is a good start for principals to reflect and act accordingly.
- **KCSS Mean Girl Bullying Handout** - Parent Tips Suggestions include: Involve girls in activities outside of school so they are exposed to different types of people, and, encourage relationships with adults and other children who appreciate them for who they are.
- **From PACER** - Talk to Your Child About Bullying Parents can prepare themselves to talk with their children by considering how they are going to handle their child’s questions and emotions. They can also decide what information they would like to give their child about bullying.
- **English Handout**
- **Spanish Handout**
- **Social Media/Internet Safety** - Be aware when using social media accounts, even disappearing content sites, that IP addresses are being logged by the site. If one uploads threatening material, risky pictures or cyberbullying the IP address can be used to locate the offender. Nothing disappears on the Internet and think before you click.
- **“Kindness Counts” bookmarks** - Everyday, let’s enjoy reading and show kindness, helping make our schools a great place to learn and grow.

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**Administrator Resources**

**Safety Tipline, Online Prevention** - (KOHS) S.T.O.P! Tipline is an "online" reporting/prevention tool. If students, parents or community members know of an unsafe situation in school (bullying, weapons, drugs or alcohol, etc.), they can anonymously pass on that information to school personnel by using this basic email format. Contact Jason Childers jason.childers@ky.gov

**Kentucky School Safety Bill SB 1**
Governor Matt Bevin ceremoniously signed Senate Bill 1, also known as the School Safety and Resiliency Act, into law.

Click here to view more photos of this event
Click here to view SB 1

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Resources for students & parents include: Student Resources, Parent Resources
Lesson Plans - NetSmartz - All NetSmartz lesson plans can be tailored to meet multiple Common Core and ISTE ... NetSmartzKids.org while learning about the four rules of Internet safety.

PACER's Site 4 Teens - PACER'S National Center for Bully Prevention This site for middle and high school students includes interactive sections on defining bullying, feelings about bullying, how to respond to bullying and scenarios/testimonials from students who have been bullied. Search the website by clicking on the headings across the top of page, "Identify", "Respond", "Listen" etc., to access useful and up-to-date information about how to approach and prevent bullying.

Kids Against Bullying Site - PACER'S National Center for Bully Prevention This site has many creative resources to educate elementary students about bullying. It includes an animated cast of characters, information, celebrity videos, Webisodes, interactive games, animation, contests, and other activities.
Parent Resources

From SAMHSA - Get to Know Bullying, the free app from SAMHSA that can prevent bullying. Research shows that parents and caregivers who spend at least 15 minutes a day talking with their child can build the foundation for a strong relationship and help prevent bullying.

Common Sense Media addresses top parenting concerns including cyberbullying, cell phone guidelines, character and life skills, etc. Also, the website has independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media.

OnGuardOnline.gov - (The Federal Trade Commission) OnGuardOnline.gov is a partner in the Stop.Think.Connect. campaign, led by the Department of Homeland Security, and part of the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education, led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It has many free downloads and videos available for schools and communities.

Just for You: Parents - Resources to help you talk to your kids about online safety and responsibility.
**COMMUNITY**

**Ky Center for School Safety** invites every community across the Commonwealth to Join our Kentucky Safe Schools Week! It will take a personal commitment and here are tools to use during the Ky Safe Schools Week Campaign.

- Poster/Flyer
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Educators, Students/Parents and Community…

Here is a Handout explaining...

How to take the online…

OUR SAFETY STORY PLEDGE

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STEP 1
Take the online pledge at: www.kysafeschools.org/sswpledge

STEP 2
Print your online pledge certificate to confirm that you took the pledge

STEP 3
Encourage others, including fellow teachers, students, parents and community members, to take the online pledge

SPREAD THE WORD

VISIT US ONLINE: WWW.KYSAFESCHOOLS.ORG/SSW.PHP

Find Handouts, Videos, News, Resources and More on a Wide Range of School Safety Topics

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“Our Safety Story”

Join others across the Commonwealth during this awareness campaign...

– Take the pledge
– Hold assemblies
– Embed lessons about bully prevention and cyber safety
– Involve your community with signing of proclamations, radio, TV and news updates about your local campaigns
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