

## Southern Local Elementary School

### Red Ribbon Week 2020

During the week of October 26-30 schools across Ohio including Southern Local Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon week with the theme “**Be All You Can Be. Stay Drug Free**”. The theme is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices. The theme is also a reminder to students that by staying drug free you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community and your future.

The goal of Red Ribbon week is to promote a lifestyle that is free from the use and misuse of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco and acts of violence. By achieving our Red Ribbon Week goals our students will continue to develop their decision making skills.

On Monday, October 26 our pre-school-grade six students will receive wristbands and on Wednesday, October 28 our students will receive pencils. The wristbands and pencils have a drug free theme. During the week our teachers will reinforce the purpose and importance of Red Ribbon Week and making healthy choices

Each year Red Ribbon Week is sponsored by Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth. The ultimate goal of Red Ribbon Week is to educate our students about the dangers of drug abuse, drug misuse, and to promote a Drug Free/Bully Free/Violence Free Life for all children.

This year’s theme is a designed to give our students the opportunity to speak out in support of healthy choices. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Through education and personal commitment Red Ribbon Week gives students, schools and communities the opportunity to encourage our children to live a Drug Free/Bully Free/Violence Free Life.

In recognition of Red Ribbon Week it is our hope that each of our students will gain the knowledge, understanding, insight and skills that will enable them to make healthy decisions.

Research shows that parents, teachers, coaches and adult role models who speak to their children and students about drug misuse and abuse have a positive impact on the decision making process when it comes to drug use. As educators and parents we can be a big part of the solution regarding the drug issue that society faces today.