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Dear VWC Families,

Verne W. Critz Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 26-October 30. Red Ribbon Week is the National Family Partnership’s Anti-Drug Campaign held each October since 1986. The Red Ribbon Campaign was established after the death of a DEA agent in 1985. This began the tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a Drug- Free America.

The theme this year is *Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.* Please partner with us and discuss the message at home, at the dinner table, at family outings and with friends & extended family. We are also encouraging all of our students to participate at home and at school by:

- Participating in Spirit Week :




Monday, October 26 – Jersey Day – “Team” up against drugs

Tuesday, October 27 – Crazy Sock Day – “Sock” it to drugs



Wednesday, October 30 – Mismatch Day -Don’t get “Mixed-up” with drugs

Thursday, October 31– Crazy Hair Day –  “Use your Head” don’t use drugs



Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Wear Red Day – Wear Red to pledge to Celebrate Red Ribbon Week for Life!

We would like all students to participate. Students can send pictures of themselves in their spirit day attire while working remotely. Please send pictures to Ms. George at [lgeorge@southcountry.org](mailto:lgeorge@southcountry.org).

To obtain more information about Red Ribbon Week, please visit [www.red ribbon.org](http://www.redribbon.org).

Sincerely,

Mandy Mazziotti  
Principal