

Rockford Environmental Science Academy Middle School

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Special points of interest:

- Red Ribbon week begins October 14
- Red Ribbon costume party rec. night-October 23.
- Bring the bottom portion of the last page back signed and you can receive a free homework pass!
- The next PTO/Booster club meeting is Monday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m. in the Project Real room



The History of Red Ribbon Week

Growing up in Mexico, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena wanted to make a difference. At the age of nine, Kiki moved with his family to the United States to pick fruit. After excelling in high school, Kiki faced a critical turning point. His friends were headed for trouble, and he had to decide whether he wanted to follow them into a life of crime and drugs. The deeply ingrained desire to make a difference won out, and Kiki opted to stay straight. After working his way through college, he served in the Marines and became a police officer. It was the best way he knew to stop drugs and to help people he cared about. When he decided to join the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference." In early 1985, the DEA sent Kiki to work undercover in Mexico. For weeks he lived among the drug cartel, gathering information and evidence. He was due to be reassigned in three weeks, having come dangerously close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline, which he suspected extended into the highest reaches of the Mexican army, police and government. He was ready to wrap up his assignment when his identity was discovered. On Thursday, February 7, 1985, Kiki stashed his badge and his service revolver in his desk drawer and headed out to meet with his wife Mika for lunch. According to the DEA's reconstruction of events, as he headed to lunch five men appeared at the agent's side and

one month later his body was found in a shallow grave, 70 miles from Michoacan, Mexico. He had been tortured, beaten and brutally murdered. Mika would have to tell their three sons that daddy would never be coming home again. To honor his memory, and to show that they would continue his fight against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges in honor of their fallen hero. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. They took Kiki as their model embracing his belief that one person can make a difference, and adopting his symbol-the red ribbon- as their own. The red ribbon has become not only a badge of Agent Camarena's sacrifice, but that of countless other law enforcement officers who have committed themselves to reduce the demand and supply of illegal drugs. In 1988, the Congress of the United States endorsed a nationwide campaign for Red Ribbon Week. The National Federation of Parents Inc. sponsored the first nationwide event that year. The Red Ribbon has become a symbol of awareness, a sign that we choose to strive for drug-free lives. It is a powerful tool that should be used not only




commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle and show our dedication to education and prevention efforts in our schools and communities. The red ribbons we wear during this celebration are a symbol of unity against the illegal use of drugs. This public display came about in response to the tragic 1985 murder of Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena while he was investigating Mexican drug traffickers. At that time, angry parent groups and others began wearing red ribbons to take a public stand against the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and to show their support for drug-free youth. Now a national weekly celebration, Red Ribbon Week allows educators, parents, community groups, students and others to focus on the work being done to stop the spread of drugs and to draw attention to the growing millions who have pledged to live drug-free. Make this Red Ribbon Week the most powerful one yet!





Red Ribbon Week of Events



Tuesday October 13, 2009	Wednesday October 14	Thursday Oct 15	Friday Oct 16	Saturday Oct. 17
Morning Show Announcements (MSA) PROCLAMATION 5 leadership students will be meeting with the School Board to discuss the weeks events	MSA "Born Free-Drug Free"	MSA "Born Free"	MSA "Born Free-Drug Free"	11 - 3 pm CITY - WIDE RED RIBBON EVENTS AT BOYLAN
Teachers receive copy via e-mail to know how Red Ribbon came to be Who's Kiki? Teachers tell the history of red ribbon week	Who's Kiki? Teachers give history	Kiki Who? Teachers give history	Who is Kiki ? More history	GAMES ACTIVITIES FOOD PRIZES
REC NIGHT IS COMING!!! WHO YOU GUNNA BE? COSTUME CONTESTPRIZES	REC NIGHT IS COMING ... NO REFERRALS TO ENTER "SAY BOO TO DRUGS"	COSTUME PARTY, DANCE CONTEST, NO REFERRALS	LET THE PARTY BEG- GIN!!! PUT YOUR RED ON "BOO TO DRUGS"	COME JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES
Monday Oct. 19	Tuesday Oct. 20	Wed Oct 21	Thurs. Oct. 22	Fri. Oct. 23
MSA Put your Ribbon On... Contest... Write a poem/letter or essay on how drugs have affected your life.	MSA RANDOM SEARCH FOR THE RED RIBBON RED ACCESSORIES MAY BE WORN: NECK, EARS, WRIST, SOCKS	MSA Random Search...do you have your ribbon? You may buy a candy gram during your lunch .	MSA FINISH YOUR ART WORK OR WRITING LAST DAY OF 1ST HOUR	MSA Contest winner Doors, Posters, Poem, letter or essay Rec. night costume party 6-8 p.m. Chaperones needed!
Who is Kiki? What's DEA stand for?	WHO IS KIKI? Why was he murdered?	WHO IS KIKI? 1988-2008?	WHO IS KIKI? Mexico?	Who is Kiki? What is a Cartel?
Classroom door art contest 1st hour teachers and students encouraged to decorate their doors	1st Hour door or poster, or write that verse, letter or essay continued	"TIE ONE ON AGAINST DRUGS" WEAR YOUR TIES 	"Shade out drugs" Wear shades to and from school	Winners announced party time and prizes... random ribbon con't
Teachers help with Rec Night, see Marie	 Teachers wanted!	 Teachers and parents, please sign up to help!	Random search for ribbon	Red Sock day

RESA Students Speak at School Board Meeting

Five RESA Middle School students spoke at the October 13 school board meeting about Red Ribbon Week. The students were chosen by the RESA faculty and were directed by one of RESA's counselors, Mrs. Susan Hammond.

The students who presented are; Richard Lopez, Tonisha White, Svetislava Zeqiri, Courtney Moss and Leon Torres.



Fuel Up to Play 60!

Fuel Up to Play 60 is a comprehensive, student-led wellness program brought to our school free of charge by the National Dairy Council®, our local Dairy Council® and the National Football League (NFL).

Fuel Up to Play 60 is designed to inspire students in grades 4-10 to “get up and play” for 60 minutes every day and to eat more of the foods kids don’t get enough of – low-fat and fat-free dairy foods, fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

RESA is one of 60,000 schools across the country that will receive *Fuel Up to Play 60* grant money to help make students aware of the importance of eating better and exercising everyday. Several fun activities are being planned and the information will come out soon.

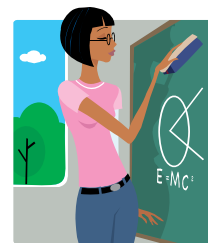
Wellness is important at our school, and we know we can influence the eating and physical activity habits of our students for the better. *Fuel Up to Play 60* is designed to help us. Parents and volunteers are welcome to be part of the action and encouraged to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors.

To enroll yourself for the *Fuel Up to Play 60* eNewsletters, go to www.FuelUpToPlay60.com and enter your email address in the “School Sign Up” area. Also, have your child go to that website and sign up to win some really great stuff! To help or learn more, please contact Tina Gurley.



21st Century Tutoring Program

- RESA has an after school tutoring program. It is an hour of tutoring for homework help, studying for tests and working on skills.
- The students do receive a snack and take the activity bus that leaves RESA @



Yearbook Information

Cost: \$18.00 before Winter Break; \$20 after break

88 pages
All Color!

Forms to be turned in to Heidi in the Main Office!

Please contact Amanda Shuga



Culver's Reading Incentive Program

The Culver's reading program is an incentive program that gives kids the control over what prize they get after reading a certain number of books.

After Reading 5 books, the student gives the bookmark to the teacher so the teacher can sign off on the books read and turn the bookmark in to Miss. Shuga.

She will then see to it that the student gets his/her bookmark back in addition to a certificate for a free prize from Culvers. Then after reading 10 books, the student gives the bookmark

to the teacher - the teacher signs off on the books read and turns the bookmark in to Miss Shuga, who will see that the student gets back the bookmark and a certificate for a free kids meal.

That's it! Pretty simple! Happy reading and enjoy your Culver's!



The RESA art department will be displaying their exemplary work at the RPS 205 school board in the display case on the first floor.

RESA was the first school invited to do so. Congratulations Ms. Villagoz and her art students and keep up the excellent work!





Homework Hotline

Rockford Environmental Science Academy
1800 Ogilby Road
Rockford, Illinois 61102
Phone: 815-489-5509
Fax: 815-963-5360
E-mail: Delacer@rps205.com

To access the homework hotline, you will need to dial 967-7127.

The New Emergency Notification System

Please don't forget to sign up for the new emergency notification system.

This will enable you to receive an automatic text message or an e-mail if your child's school has an emergency.

Registration can be accomplished by visiting the RPS 205 webpage www.rps205.com and clicking on the RPS EENS link at the top of the page.

Registration can be accomplished at any computer having internet access or by visiting District 205 Family Resource Center at 978 Haskell Avenue to use one of the two computers available for public use.

We're on the web!

<http://webs.rps205.com/schools/resa/>

Chess Tournament

RESA's 1st every chess team tournament is coming Saturday, November 14th from 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. (approximately).

Volunteers needed for setting up, concessions and take down. If you are interested, please go the main office at RESA and pick up a volunteer sheet!



Free Homework Pass



Parents and Guardians, if you sign this section, your child will be eligible for a free homework pass!

Student name printed

Team

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

FREE HOMEWORK PASS!

_____ is entitled to a free homework pass for returning the October
Student name printed

newsletter signed by a parent or guardian. Teacher rules concerning free homework passes apply.

