



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Kristine Goebbert, Director of Student Services
DATE: September 28, 2026
RE: Bullying Prevention Month Activities

This memo is:

- ☒ Information only.
☐ Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: N/A

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

- ☐ in previous Board packet(s) dated. _____
☐ or attached to this memo

Basic information:
October is National Bullying Prevention Month. District 33 will participate with all buildings having activities throughout the month.
Background or historical information:
October is National Bullying Prevention Month. We believe every child deserves to be safe and feel welcome at school. We believe that no child should be bullied or feel they have nowhere to turn if they are experiencing bullying. To help ensure all students feel safe at school and know what to do if they are being bullied, we need to bring attention to bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Bullying is preventable, but it takes everyone's commitment to recognize and respond to it, and consistent education and intervention to prevent it. The Assistant Principals have partnered with the Director of Student Services to develop activities that can be used in all buildings during the month of October. These activities will help schools celebrate Bullying Prevention Month and cultivate a culture of kindness in your school. While one lesson or activity will not end bullying, these activities are part of a broader plan to help reduce bullying in our schools.
Highlights of Events and Activities:
District Wide -Oct 7, 2026—Wear it Wednesday, Wear Orange as a visual representation of Bullying Awareness and Prevention. Currier - Admin will make weekly announcements on statistics or facts about bullying prevention. Classroom teachers have a menu of activities to choose from with their class. Oct 31st: Special Currier Cash Drawing

Gary- [Linked plan](#).

IK-Admin will make [weekly announcements](#) on statistics or facts about bullying prevention. The Core Value focus of each week will center on bullying prevention. The classroom teachers have a [menu of activities](#) to choose from with their class.

Turner-Turner will be focusing on Positive Interactions as our Core Value of the month. This will be announced each week during announcements and reminders will be in our weekly News Show. Students will also be given an opportunity each week to award a Tiger Token to a fellow student for a positive interaction. In SEL class, students in grades K-3 will be listening as a fiction text is read aloud and working on anti-bullying activities that relate to the characters in the book. Teachers for students in grades 4-5 will be provided with anti-bullying journal prompts and will have students respond through writing or discussion. Teachers will have a [menu of additional activities](#) they can use throughout the month.

Wegner- Weekly announcements that focus on the core value “respect for others” and statistics/facts about bullying prevention. Classrooms have a menu of activities to choose from to do with their class. We also have scheduled a Bully Prevention Assembly for the month of October.

LMS-

- Advisory lessons, including a Words Matter lesson to directly target hateful language
 - Defining bullying vs mean vs rude
 - Responding
 - Upstander vs Bystander
- Wear It Wednesday theme - GO Orange! for Anti-Bullying
- Parent communication in the weekly newsletter
- Marquee message throughout the month
- Staff training on bullying
 - Define bullying vs mean vs. rude

Preschool-Lessons on being Kind (we don’t introduce the word bullying until kindergarten)

Previous decisions, actions or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:
None
Recommendations:
Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: