

Vandalia Community District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471

Bullying Education Presentation - Open to Parents and Students K-12 and to Public

Tuesday – October 24th – 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

VCHS Gymnasium

Speaker: Nancy Beem (CRC – Community Resource Center)

- Bullying vs. Conflict
- Peer Conflict Resolution
- Proper Reporting
- Resources/Sources

VCUSD #203 administrators are evaluating several anti-bullying software programs. Programs that allow online reporting of bullying and student conflict will immediately go the building administration and counselors. This option, when picked, will be used throughout the district.

Four things to distinguish bullying from the “mean statement or inappropriate random statement.”

1. The statements are made because the aggressor has more real or perceived power
2. It has to be repeated or capable of being repeated
3. The action by the aggressor has to be severe or could reasonably be perceived as being severe
4. Even though severe or pervasive, the action still has to be significantly detrimental or substantially interferes with the targets participation in school activities.

Vandalia High School
Randy Protz- Principal
Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal
Beth Kern & Katrina Hanke – Guidance Counselor

School Wide

- PBIS lessons on bullying.
 1. Announcement on Monday morning, October 16 that the lesson for the week is about anti-bullying
 2. In class assignment during enrichment school wide on Thursday, October 19. This includes watching a video and then creating an action plan in dealing with issues.
- PBIS Tier II- after evaluating first quarter grades and discipline, those students with failing grades and/or multiple disciplines are put into enrichment for help in academics and/or social behavior.
- Peer Lunch – Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Hanke have student groups in their office during lunch periods on an as needed basis working with them on social behavior and how to get along with each other. Mrs. Kern is purchasing bullying workbooks that they will use during this time with the students.
- Student made posters hanging up around school addressing bullying.
- Assembly – February 21st we will be having an anti-bullying assembly. It is called Attaboy.

English Curriculum

All four years students are exposed to a movie about bullying. This is done in the month of September or October. Lesson plans are designed around these movies and class discussions take place. This year the following took place:

Freshman English view the movie *BULLY* in September. It is an “unflinching look at how bullying has touched five kids and their families, revealing a problem that transcends geographic, racial, and ethnic borders.” This biopic shows both the actions of the bullies, the toll it takes on the kids and families of those being bullied, and the aftermath. This movie helps them to understand how they can stop things before they start and become advocates for those in need. We discuss the different aspects of bullying as well as discussing action plans should it occur. We conclude this unit with a mini-poster project and then use those posters to tile the wall outside of our classroom.

Sophomore English students viewed *Audre and Daisy*, a 2016 documentary on assault, online bullying, and the consequences for everyone involved. This was in late September. The video took 2 periods, followed by 3 more days for projects and presentations. The final presentations showed what students learned in slideshow and poster format.

Junior English watched the movie *Cyber Bully* on Oct. 4 & 5. The movie is about a teenage girl who is subjected to cyber bullying by classmates through a social networking site. The movie depicts how a small issue can snowball into major incident when one does not seek help. The teenage girl eventually receives counseling after a suicide attempt due to the bullying. Throughout the character’s time in counseling, the audience learns multiple ways to cope with and address bullying. After watching the movie the students wrote a persuasive essay that explored the following topics: the effective and ineffective elements of the movie, their opinions on how VCHS should address bullying in the future and their opinions about how well VCHS currently addresses bullying issues.

Senior English is going to view the movie *BULLY* like the freshman. We started this last year so the seniors have not seen this yet. The senior’s will view this the week of October 16th. They will be writing essays and completing a full poster on the issue.

October 25th

Unity Day is Wednesday October 25th (The day after our speaker). Students will be asked to wear orange to say Stop the Bullying.

Vandalia Junior High School
Brian Kern – Principal
Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal
Kari Hagy – Guidance Counselor

October 10th – 13th

- 6th – 8th Grades
- Cyberbullying video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adV0rxAdJV8&feature=youtu.be>
- Discussion Questions with video: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/getinvolved/pdf/teen-talk-on-cyberbullying-classroom-discussion-guide.pdf>
- Flyers: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/pledge/pdf/take-the-pledge-printout.pdf>
- Pledge sign-up for classroom: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/pledge/pdf/pledge-signup-printout.pdf>
- Pledge card: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/pledge/pdf/thanks-for-pledging-printout.pdf>

SAT (Student Assistance Team)

Team of teachers/counselor makes referrals on students struggling and sets plans to help the student be successful in and out of the classroom. Interventions are put in place for those students. Team meets monthly to discuss and revise the plans as needed.

October 16th – 19th

Bullying vs conflict lesson in every 5th grade class

All students will sign pledge during this time and hang in the school.

October 23rd – 26th

Bullying vs conflict lesson in every 4th grade class

All students will sign pledge during this time and hang in the school.

Every Monday

PBIS lessons in 4th – 8th grades dealing with character

All teachers will do the video and pledge cards and hang throughout the school

October 18th

Officer Cade will be here to meet with PE classes to discuss bullying and do team building activities.

February 28th

Faith Griffin from Griffin Therapeutic Services – student assembly on bullying - February 28 – Mrs. Griffin is donating her services for this assembly as she has worked with the administration of VES for several years with several at risk students and their families and will speak at VJHS in the afternoon.

Vandalia Elementary School

Stacy Mesnard – Principal

Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director

Katrina Hanke – Guidance Counselor

- Bully vs Buddy lessons in each classroom – Counselor Mrs. Hanke – 30 minutes per class scheduled for specific days in October – Oct. 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18
- SAFE presentations – Kathleen Rebbe – Bullying Awareness – 30 minutes per class -November 17 and 28
- Posters displayed in each classroom as well as students working on bullying activity sheets with teachers
- VCUSD 203 Bullying Assembly – with CRC presenter – October 24 - 5:30-7:00 – VHS gym
- PBIS mini lessons in classrooms related to bullying awareness – done periodically throughout the year on a weekly basis in all classrooms – this has been part of our PBIS program for several years already
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The Mission of the Vandalia Community School District: “To prepare the students of our community for their future so they may become responsible members of society.”