

Red Ribbon Week

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Red Ribbon Week is a week in October that is dedicated to saying no to drugs. OLA did some fun activities for it.

On Monday, we dressed up in red and signed posters pledging not to do drugs. On Wednesday, we meet with our buddies for a “Don’t do Drugs” activity. On Friday, we dressed up in a Halloween shirt or color. “Drugs are not cool, they are very bad for you. They can make you do things you don’t want to do.” Nevaeh D in 8th grade said, “It’s better to have pizza than drugs, say yes to pizza and no to drugs.”



Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Halloween

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At OLA we have many different activities on Halloween. During Halloween, OLA hosts a trunk or treat in the parking lot. This year, the event was on Oct 25th. People enjoy seeing all the different costumes that people wear. Some people are not able to go because they are busy on that weekend. People put a lot of ideas into the costumes. Some of the designs on the cars are scary, while others are fun and goofy. Many of the younger kids at OLA look forward to what their teachers may have planned for them. Many teachers like to let the students make decorations for their home or for the classroom. Some teachers give students candy and fun toys too. In October we are allowed to wear a Halloween themed shirt. Acadia in 7th said, “It’s really fun cus the teachers give us candy and we get drawings.” Alyssa in 8th said, “I find it fun to walk around and get candy”

Club of the Month (West Park Writers)

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“It's a great club to teach kids how to write! Plus they make it fun as well!”

Anthony L in 8th grade said. The Club of the Month this month is West Park Writers! WPW is a writing club for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students of OLA. This is a club for the students who like to write a variety of things, like poems, stories, narrative stories, and much more! The club meets on a variety of Fridays all throughout the school year. The prompts can range from pretty funny to much more serious. It is a blast for those who like to write. “During the club you are allowed to have snacks, which is my favorite part! And the writing prompts are pretty cool sometimes.” Makayla S in 8th grade said.

Peace day

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Peace Day is a special day to celebrate peace. The International Peace Day started in 1981. Most people are nicer to others on Peace Day. It's typically celebrated on the 21st of September, but our school celebrates it on the closest Wednesday instead to include Mass. Another thing that we do on Peace Day is that we go on a walk. Sophia in 8th grade said, “Sharing peace could mean a lot to people by just saying, “Hi” or “Happy Peace Day.” Each grade does a different project and gives them to people around the neighborhood as a sign of peace. Our school has a Mass and an assembly for peace day. This year we had two escape rooms. We did it with buddies. During the assembly some students held up a sign saying, “Let peace bloom” and they got flowers. We made flowers with nice sayings on them. On our peace walk it was raining a bit but we still gave out peace day trinkets. Isaac in 8th grade said, “Peace is really fun to share with others.”



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