

Elementary



Kentucky Safe Schools Week Daily Announcements 2019

(School announcements to encourage involvement in Kentucky Safe Schools Week)

Day 1

The Kentucky Center for School Safety announces Kentucky Safe Schools Week, October 20–26, 2019.

This year's theme is **“Our Safety Story!”**

Every school has its own cast of characters weaving the fabric of its own Safety Story. As in the film Toy Story 4, Woody, Buzz, and Bo along with a host of others, welcome a new friend, Forky, and help him find his purpose. Our schools are composed of students/staff who are a host of likely characters with a variety of interests and talents. Remember the words of Buzz Lightyear, "The important thing is that we stick together." We ask that you join us and other schools in Kentucky as we embrace unity, kindness and empathy to enhance "Our Safety Story" ...cause you got a friend in me.'

To keep Kentucky schools safe places in which to learn and work, please take the pledge to be:

Strong enough to show empathy for others who need help at school.

Awesome, as I strive to use tolerance to create unity at school.

Friendly, showing kindness to others of all ages.

Encouraging, promoting a feeling of community and friendship throughout my school.

This year's campaign highlights the word "SAFE" and the qualities necessary to bring a safe learning environment into our schools.

S-Strong, A-Awesome, F-Friendly, and E-Encouraging!

Please show your support and take the online pledge at www.kysafeschool.org and promise to help us make all environments in our school safe.

Today we will talk about the following line of the pledge:

I will be - **Strong enough to show empathy for others who need help at school.**

When something bad happens at school or someone mistreats you, how do you feel? Everyone needs to know that others care about their feelings and understands them. Empathy or listening to another person and putting yourself in their shoes is hard to do. When we care about others and want the best for them we share their feelings and that is what makes the world a better place. Have you ever seen someone laugh when another person is hurting or in trouble? When that happens we know that they have not learned what empathy is all about. We should never want anyone to feel unwanted, unloved, or unimportant. We can show our empathy by sitting with someone that is alone, or talking to someone when they are worrying about something and telling them we understand. Remember to take time to listen to others instead of always wanting to talk. Show you care about the other person and it will not only help someone else, but it will make you feel better too. Let others know they have a friend in you!

Day 2

Remember this is Kentucky Safe Schools Week and we want you to join in and be part of the solution in our school to make it safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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Today we will talk about the following line of the pledge:

I will be – **Awesome, as I strive to use tolerance to create unity at school.**

Would you want everyone at school to be just like you? Have you ever noticed that everyone in your class looks different? It is so wonderful that we all have special talents and are unique. You might be better at drawing or singing and your friend might be an excellent writer, but everyone is good at different things and has special talents. Just remember you should never tease or make fun of classmates because of the way they dress, fix their hair, or anything else. Stop and think about how you feel when someone talks bad about or teases you. If we are all united and try to help instead of hurt others we will have an awesome school. There will be times when one of your friends finds a new friend. What should you do? Instead of being unhappy, just find someone else that needs a friend and it will make both of you happy.

Day 3

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Today we will talk about the following line of the pledge:

I will be: **Friendly, showing kindness to others of all ages.**

Do you like people that are kind to you and worry about your feelings? I think everyone does and if you try to remember that, then you will be kind to others. When someone makes a mistake don't laugh, but tell that person you understand and that things like that can happen to anyone. Make others feel better instead of worse. Your friendship can mean so much to someone who feels alone. Remember when you are kind – it rubs off on those around you and they are usually better to others too. Join others at your school and keep the word kind in your mind as you go through your school day. If you have kind thoughts and treat others that way your school will be a safer and more enjoyable place to be.

Day 4

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Today we will talk about the following line of the pledge:

I will be: **Encouraging, promoting a feeling of community and friendship throughout my school.**

Do you like it when someone pats you on the back or compliments you when you do something good? Of course we all like others to be there to support us in the good times. You can help by making others feel good about themselves instead of sad. Many times your kindness and caring attitude can help a person more than you know. Have you ever had to sit by yourself, because everyone else belonged to a group? It is not a good feeling and can make you sad. When you encourage someone and include them in your group or community of friends they will know that you are a caring person. This will encourage them and will make you feel better too. Wow – isn't that great!

Day 5

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Today we are going to go over the words of this year's pledge and as it is read please think about how you can be a part of making your school a safe and welcoming environment for everyone! Remember that you can be the friend that others need!

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Encouraging, promoting a feeling of community and friendship throughout my school.

Thank you for being a part of Safe Schools Week 2019 – We all need to stick together and feel that we are a part of our school community. Remember our schools are composed of students/staff with a variety of interests and talents. Remember the words of Buzz Lightyear, "The important thing is that we stick together." All of us need to embrace unity, kindness and empathy as we enhance "Our Safety Story" ...cause you got a friend in me.'
