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FRYVP Steering Committee Going Strong

Our newly formed FRYVP Steering Committee has been hard at work already on a youth violence prevention strategic plan, planning upcoming violence prevention events, and analyzing violence prevention grants for our city. It is a tremendous and well-represented group that offers a wealth of experience...we look forward to the movement ahead!

During March the group also launched its Heroes of Peace nominations, and we look forward to hearing about the recipients at the annual **Peace by Piece Conference** on Friday, April 17th at Durfee High School! Additionally, please check out our new FRYVP PSA: <https://youtu.be/B9GGrfocTug>



District Attorney Quinn's Initiative to Address Dating Violence

District Attorney Quinn has begun a county-wide campaign to end dating violence. Directed toward educating and empowering our high school students, the information shared will include addressing how technology is being used in dating abuse.

To read a Herald News article: [CLICK HERE](#)

To read a SouthCoast Today article: [CLICK HERE](#)

Fall River Student Takes a Stand Against Bullying

Talbot Innovation Middle School student takes a stand against bullying!

Learn more by reading the Herald News article: [CLICK HERE](#)

Read more about the event in Herald New Article: [CLICK HERE](#)

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School Community Partnership Receives Motivational Interviewing Training

Based on the request of SCP partners, Robert Jope provided an incredibly informative training that exposed participants to the basics of motivational interviewing and how it can play a very effective role in a great deal of our work with youth and families.



YouthBuild Student Pledge to End Violence Against Women at Fall River Event

"From this day forward I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women."

This was the quote heard by YouthBuild students, their teachers, District Attorney Quinn, and U.S. Representative Keating during a White Ribbon Campaign event.

Read more about the event in Herald New Article: [CLICK HERE](#)



Fall River Youth Outreach Program Faces Funding Uncertainty

Learn more about the current state of the Youth Outreach Program based at Great Fall River Re-Creation, an initiative that helps some of our highest risk youth find success. Learn more about one young man's journey, as well as the impact of the Youth Outreach Program, by reading this Herald News article: [CLICK HERE](#)

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Durfee Campaign Focuses on the Power of Words

Durfee launched a Respect Campaign with the simple slogan:

Words Help.

Words Hurt.

Choose Well.

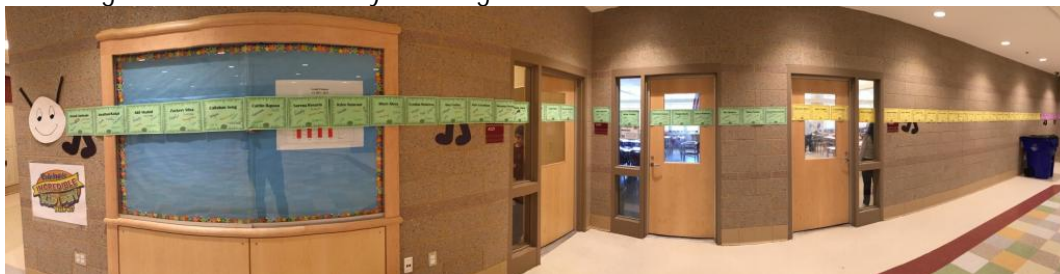
Read more about how this school is promoting a safe, healthy climate by reading the Herald News article: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please view a video about bullying created by a Durfee student: <https://vimeo.com/121888837>



Absolutely Incredible Kid Day 2015

AIKD 2015 on March 19th was another huge success in Fall River! Various schools and agencies made sure that individual youth were recognized for their talents, personalities, and characteristics. It was a great day to make the kids in our lives feel special and come together in our community for this great occasion!



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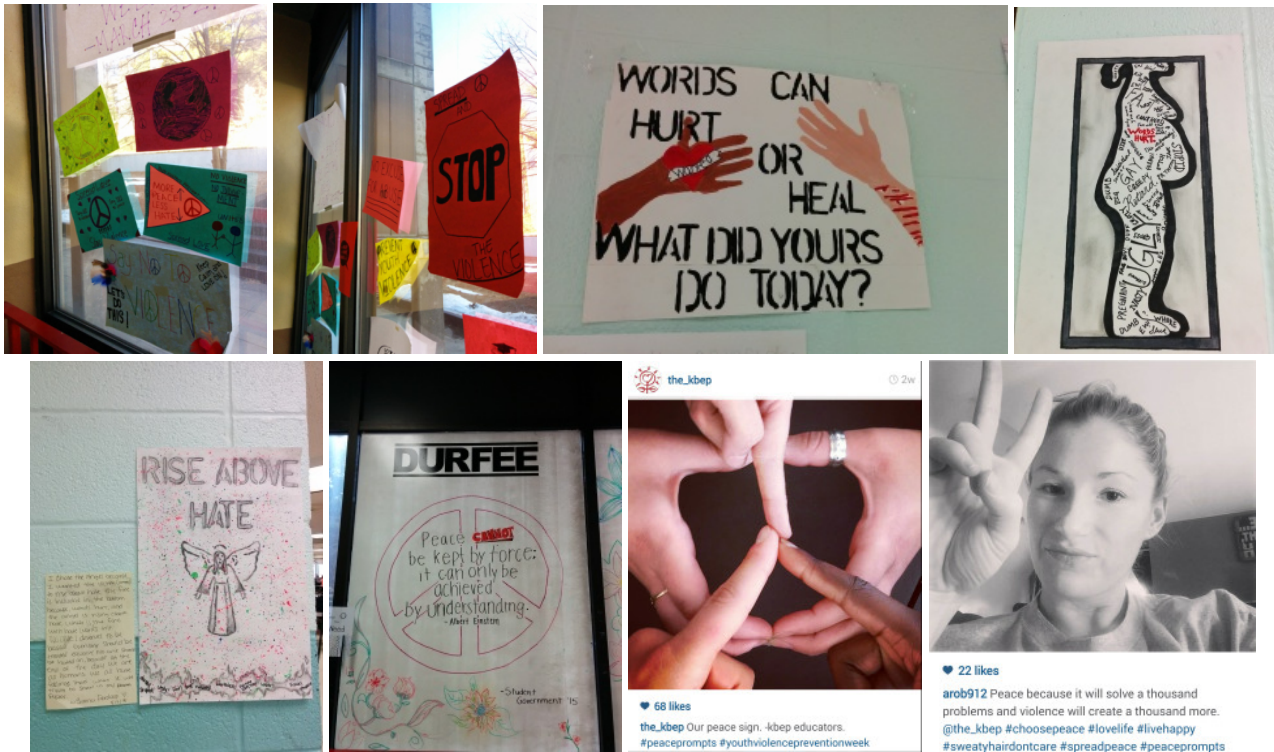


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Community Takes a Stand During National Youth Violence Prevention Week 2015

Fall River had incredible involvement in National Youth Violence Prevention Week 2015! It was another year of youth and adults alike pledging to end youth violence in our schools, community, and lives. Many schools and agencies took peace pledges, had heartfelt discussions related to ending violence, made inspiring artwork, ran social media challenges, and more! We look forward to continuing to celebrate not only what we accomplished this week, but what we do every single day to stop violence...



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"No Baggage" Campaign at Bristol Community College

The "No Baggage" event on March 26th at BCC was attended by many, especially those involved in groups with the mission to end bullying and domestic violence. People shared their personal accounts of being bullied and overcoming violence within their families. There was a reflection on the prolonged effects that these violent experiences can have for a lifetime.

The campaign encouraged bullying victims to leave those negative pasts behind and move forward in positive way, helping others.

To read the Herald News article: [CLICK HERE](#)



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