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Red Ribbon Week 2010

The Glen Cove Community Celebrates Living Drug Free

The City of Glen Cove was eager to celebrate Red Ribbon Week, a national drug awareness campaign. Started in 1985, Red Ribbon Week began in order to address the importance of substance abuse prevention.

Across the city, community members showed their support, including Red Ribbon celebrations in each of Glen Cove School District's elementary schools and Finley Middle School. Students from Deasy, Connolly, Landing, and Gribbin schools embraced the theme of living a healthy, drug free lifestyle and created posters depicting their interpretation of living drug free. Each elementary school held a special assembly to kick off Red Ribbon Week where students wore red and learned about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. 6th graders at Finley Middle School participated in a poster contest in their health classes, and all Middle School students enjoyed presentations by the Glen Cove Police Department in their Physical Education classes. Sgt. Chris Ortiz, Detective Gerald Williams, and PO David Leon spoke to the students about the risks of using drugs and the important role that decision making plays in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Students listened intently while the officers provided real-life stories from their extensive policing experience and students were given the opportunity to ask the officers questions about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Working together to spread the word of prevention, the coalition reached out and collaborated with all sectors of the community including Mayor Suozzi's office, Glen Cove School District, PTA, Glen Cove Police Department, Glen Cove Senior Center, the Inter-Agency Council and the North Shore Clergy. Students in the Glen Cove Youth Bureau After 3 program and the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club took part in Red Ribbon Week games and activities to celebrate living drug free. "Our youth in Glen Cove know the importance of living healthy lifestyles, free of drugs and alcohol," comment Dr. Sharon Harris, SAFE Executive Director. "We are very proud."

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