



Students at Gribbin Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, with Superintendent Maria Rianna and members of the Glen Cove Police Department.

Red Ribbon Week Addresses Substance Abuse Prevention

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SAFE Inc. kicked off National Red Ribbon Week on Oct. 23, which is an event annually sponsored and celebrated within the Glen Cove School District. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug awareness campaign that began in 1985 aimed at addressing the importance of substance abuse prevention.

The Board of Directors and staff, along with Glen Cove Coalition volunteers, the Glen Cove Police Department and school administration showed their support by participating in Red Ribbon Week celebrations in the district's elementary schools and Finley Middle School. Students embraced the theme of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle and created posters depicting their understanding of living drug free using the slogan, "The Future is Your Stay Drug Free."

This ongoing partnership with the Glen Cove School District allowed



Students at Landing Elementary School during Red Ribbon Week.

were given the opportunity to ask the officers questions about drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

SAFE's Coalition holds an art contest each year and the winners are announced at each of the Red Ribbon Week assembly's by SAFE board members, staff and executive director. The purpose of the art contest is to encourage children to commit to making good choices and to be aware of the dangers of drug and alcohol. Winning posters will appear on display in the children's room of the Glen Cove Public Library from Oct. 16 through Nov. 16.

"Red Ribbon Week is an effective way to impart healthy choices to children through a celebration of wellness. It fosters communication between youth and adults about the dangers of substance abuse in a positive fashion," said Georgie Conner, SAFE board chair.

SAFE Inc. is committed to the elimination of alcohol and substance use in Glen Cove. For more information