

## Ardsley Schools Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

Ardsley High School and Ardsley Middle School are joining thousands of schools in celebrating Red Ribbon Week, the nation's most important annual anti-drug and alcohol awareness event. Together with community organizations, the Ardsley School district is offering Ardsley students and families a number of fun educational programs stressing the destructive nature of drugs and alcohol.



The Ardsley SAYF Coalition (Supporting Ardsley's Youth and Families) is sponsoring presentations by Dr. Mike Nerney, an international lecturer and consultant in the area of Substance Abuse Prevention and Education. Dr. Nerney will host highly entertaining and thought provoking assemblies exploring the connections between the brains of young people and their behaviors. On Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30pm at Ardsley High School, parents are welcome to attend a special evening session with Dr. Nerney.

Red Ribbon week has been held annually ever since the Drug Enforcement Administration undercover agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico. Angered by his death and the damaging effects of drugs on our culture, the people of Camarena's hometown of Calexico, Calif., began wearing red ribbons in his honor. The trend spread across the country, and in 1988 Congress proclaimed the last full week in October as National Red Ribbon Week.

In addition to the special assemblies, students will take anti-drug pledges and participate in wellness activities during lunch periods. Please join us in wearing red ribbons this week.

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