

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Volume 2

## *Note From the Counselor-*

**Canned Food Drive-** We collected 2,015 cans of soup for Waxahachie Care, a local food pantry. Your generosity was amazing. Simpson rocks!

**Red Ribbon Week** was successful. The majority of students participated in our daily drug free dress up themes. All grade levels heard drug prevention presentations by REACH council.

*Please stay tuned for December's community service*

## *Personal Safety Lessons*

In continuation of October's guidance lessons, we will learn strategies for staying safe at home, at school, on technology, and in the community. In these lessons, we will learn basic rules for personal safety, allowing students to know what to do when faced with a problematic or potentially dangerous situation. We will discuss where and who to go to for help.

"Play it Safe" is a research-based personal safety curriculum designed to teach children how to stay safe from all types of abuse. The elementary curriculum is age-appropriate and grade specific. However, each grade level is introduced to the "safety rule," which is:

- Say No!
- Get away when you can
- Always tell a trusted adult.

This topic is handled in a caring, sensitive way.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

## *Social Emotional Learning Topics for November & December*

### Simpson Strengths

Gratitude	Persistence
Fairness	Kindness
Love	
Social Intelligence	

### Guidance Lessons

- Assertive Skills for Personal Protection- "Play it Safe"
- Communication Skills
- Resiliency and Coping Skills (Bully Prevention was moved to October.)

## *Important Dates:*

- 11/2/21- College Ready Day – wear your favorite college, technical school, or military shirt.
- 11/11/21- Veterans Day
- 11/18/21- Harvest Festival
- 11/19/21- House Huddle- wear your House shirt