Children's Mental Health Awareness Activities
May 7 - 11, 2018

Children's Mental Health Matters!

Please join us in bringing awareness to Children’s Mental Health by attending events listed below and by participating in “Wear Green” day.

Monday 5/7: Educational materials & resources will be distributed district-wide via email. Coloring pages using characters from the Disney movie “Inside Out” will be provided to Project IL AWARE elementary schools and students will participate in a coloring contest. The back of the coloring pages will include information regarding children’s mental health disorders that students can share with their guardians.

Tuesday 5/8: 12pm-1pm Lunch & Learn: Viewing & Discussion of the short film, ReMoved. The ReMoved Films were created with the intent to bring light to the often unknown subjects of Foster Care and Child Abuse/Neglect. This film connects to the efforts of Project IL AWARE centered on a trauma-informed approach when working with students who have been impacted by childhood trauma. Join us with your lunch as we view the short film and engage in discussion afterwards. Space is limited so please email brharris@dps61.org to reserve your spot. DPS Staff please register for the event in MyLearningPlan. There will be future opportunities for viewing & discussion of ReMoved offered through Project IL AWARE/Student Services.

Thursday 5/10 National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day: WEAR GREEN DAY The 6 Project IL AWARE schools, DPS 61 Administration & Student Services will receive and wear Green Ribbons to show their support of Children’s Mental Health. A ceremony will be held at the Keil Building on May 10th at 9:00am that will include brief remarks from various organizations. There will be 22 Green & White polka dot pinwheels displayed for each DPS school to commemorate CMHA Day. Media are invited to attend the ceremony and activities at various schools. Event will be canceled in case of rain.

For the entire week an email will be sent daily to district employees and Decatur community partners with a fact or statistic related to Children’s Mental Health. We are encouraging everyone to use their social media accounts to repost and retweet. Thank you Tate & Lyle for your support by turning your building lights green for the week.

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