



CLASSROOM AWARENESS

Reporting safety and bullying concerns should be encouraged anytime during the year. However, these national awareness campaigns can be good opportunities to reinforce with students the importance of speaking up for school safety.

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month to help promote honest conversations about mental health conditions and suicide. Suicide is a national health problem that currently ranks as the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10 – 24.

The [Jason Foundation](#), which helped create the Jason Flatt Act that mandates that educators in 20 states be trained on suicide prevention, created an Informational Packet for use during September's National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The packet is available for download [here](#).

National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, founded in 2006 by [PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center](#). PACER offers classroom toolkits, activities, lesson plans, pledge signing events and other resources to help your classroom get involved in bullying prevention. View available resources [here](#).

The first Monday of every October is World Day of Bullying Prevention™ – an initiative of [StompOutBullying.org](#). Students and adults alike are encouraged to **#BlueUp** by wearing the organization's blue shirt or their own to make that the day that bullying prevention is heard around the world. More information and participation toolkits can be found [here](#).

America's Safe Schools Week

Held annually during the third full week in October, the [National School Safety Center](#) sponsors America's Safe Schools Week to ensure safe, secure and productive schools. [SAVE Promise Clubs](#) provides a [list of suggested activities](#) to help schools participate in Safe Schools Week.