Purple Hands Pledge

HANDS & WORDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING®

"I Will Not Use My Hands Or My Words For Hurting Myself Or Others"®

Teach All Staff & Students
School-Wide Assembly or Classroom by Classroom

Why is the Hand Purple?

Why is the Heart in the palm of the hand?

Repetition is the Key to Learning

Visual & Verbal Repetition of the Pledge Daily, Year Round has proven most effective.

Roz Craney, Principal, Yahara Elementary School – DeForest, WI
Our Partnership began in 2018!

Denison Elementary School – Denison, IA

Purple Hands Honor Roll

- Purple Hands Honor Roll, a school-wide activity, recognizes all students who have not used their Hands Or Words For Hurting Others.

- In order to make the honor roll, a student must be able to recite the Purple Hands Pledge™ and must not be caught using their Hands Or Words For Hurting.

- If a student breaks the pledge a note is sent home and the student is taken off the honor roll.

- The students on the honor roll have their names posted on a list outside the principal's office, as well as on a certificate, and will receive a small prize (pin, wristband, magnet to take home)

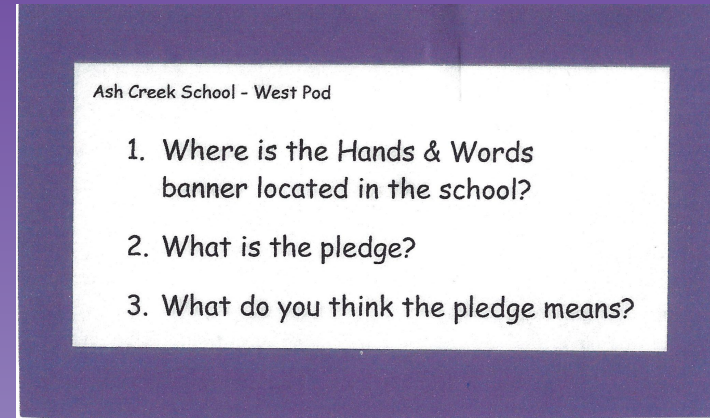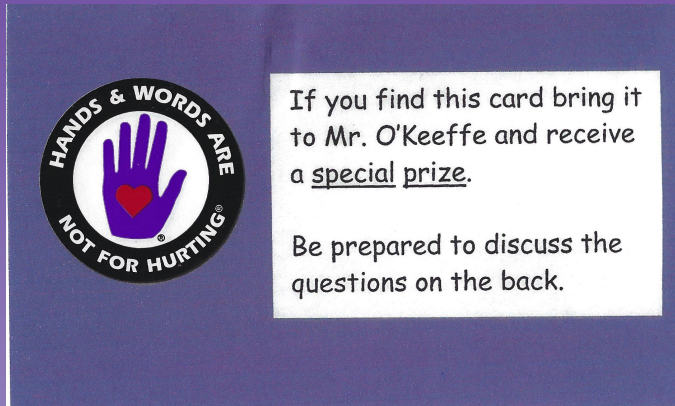"In the 2020-21 school year, 95.9% of our students were rewarded!"

Our Partnership began in 2003!

Ash Creek School - Monmouth, OR

- Laminated Cards were hidden throughout the school building.

- Students were encouraged to go on a "treasure hunt" to find them

- When a card was found, they were instructed to bring it Mr. O'Keeffe's office to answer the questions pictured below.

- Once completed, they are rewarded with official Hands materials (Wristband, Pin for backpack, Magnet to take home)

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If you find this card bring it to Mr. O'Keeffe and receive a <u>special</u> <u>prize</u>.

Be prepared to discuss the questions on the back.

Ash Creek School - West Pod

1. Where is the Hands & Words banner located in the school?

2. What is the pledge?

3. What do you think the pledge means?

Highland Elementary School – Billings, MT – Tanya Kirshman, Counselor
Listen to the Kids!

- "I like the Purple Hand Pledge because the attitude in our school has changed a lot and has become more positive."
- "The Purple Hand Pledge helps me think before I say something rude."
- "It reminds you that you won't abuse others in any way."
- "I like how it makes me more confident."
- "I think the Purple Hand Pledge has really changed Highland because it's like a promise you can keep your whole life."
- "I used to be a target, but now because of the Purple Hand Pledge they have stopped bullying and are more kind than ever!"
- "The Purple Hand Pledge has made kids more supported in life."
- "It stops bullying."
- "The Purple Hand Pledge really helped me not be teased."
- "I like how it is something that you say everyday. And it sticks in your head. It makes you think about what you are saying and doing."

Family Pledge Letter

- Discuss with your family the choices that every member makes when they become angry or upset. Everyone gets angry. Everyone fights.

- Anger is a feeling. *Abuse & Violence is Always a Choice.*

- Discuss what you will <u>not</u> do with your hands and words when you are angry.

- Promise not to call each other names, put each other down, hit, slap, kick, spit…

- Never touch anyone when you are angry.

- By taking the Purple Hands Pledge and tracing your hand means you are drawing the line to <u>stop and think</u> before hurting yourself or others.

Children are the Bridge to the Home and Community

- Invite and Encourage Families to take the Purple Hands Pledge!

  - Send the "Family Pledge Letter" home

  - Parent/Teacher Conferences

  - Open House

  - Back to School Night

  - PTA Meetings

What Materials does your school have?

- Banner(s) (various languages/combinations available)

- Laminated Posters (English & Spanish)

- Stickers (English & Spanish)

- Wristbands

- Magnets (English & Spanish)

- Static Cling Window Decal

- Pins

- Pre-K – 2nd Grade Curriculum Guide

- Purple Hands Bears

Purchase Official Support Materials at: **handsproject.org/shop/**

Our Vision

❤Safe Homes ❤Safe Schools ❤Safe Communities❤

Ages 3 to 103

A Promise You Keep for a Lifetime

Changing Lives. Saving Lives.

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