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Ounce of Prevention Community Opportunities

The [Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County](#) has some exciting events going on in the County, and we want you to get involved! October 23 -31 is Red Ribbon Week with this year's theme being "Be Happy, Be Brave. Be Drug-Free."™ The mission of the campaign is to encourage children, families and communities to live healthy, safe and drug-free lives.

This week allows schools and communities to talk about making healthy choices and focusing on young people on creating future goals and dreams. The Red Ribbon became a symbol for drug prevention in 1985, in response to the murder of DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Today, the Red Ribbon serves to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. In Clermont County, we are planning to have a poster contest. The various elementary and middle schools are encouraged to sign up and participate with the chance to win prizes. For more information about the poster contest for Red Ribbon Week or about joining the Coalition for a Drug-Free Clermont County please contact Mary Wolff at mwolff@gcbhs.com.

One other exciting activity the Coalition and Clermont County is working on is the COVID-19 time capsule. We are living in a very historical moment in time, and the things we do to manage the stress and challenges become part of the history of our community and our lives. With that in mind, we are asking for members of the community young and old, businesses, schools, churches, food banks, non-profit organizations and governments to contribute your experiences and send in information like, pictures, journals, masks, documentation, etc. of what it is like living in a pandemic. Youth are all doing things differently, and we want to remember how we were able to change the way we functioned as a county.

We will be adding them to metal time capsules that we will bury for 10 years and have an event in December. Again for more information about how to participate contact Mary Wolff at mwolff@gcbhs.com.