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## Mission Bell Elementary Red Ribbon Week Wellness Fair

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**JURUPA VALLEY, CA** -- Mission Bell Elementary School's Red Ribbon Week Wellness Fair, to be held next week, will feature a variety of fun activities designed to encourage students to say no to drugs, make healthy choices, and learn more about available services and resources.

The event takes place on **Wednesday, October 23 from 8:30-9:30 am** at Mission Bell Elementary, 4020 Conning Street in Jurupa Valley.

The fair will feature a variety of activities led by students, parents, staff, and community partners. Mission Bell is one of the district's 18 Community Schools, and this event reflects a whole-community model to serving the needs of students and families.

Some of the planned activities include:

- PALs (Peer Assistance Leadership) student mentors will pin red ribbons on younger students to emphasize the school's B.R.U.I.N.S. motto: (Brave, Resilient, Unified, Influential, Noble, Safe).
- Parent volunteers will paint students' hands for a poster denoting students' pledge not to use drugs.
- Literacy lessons focused on the month's theme – Traveling Around the Town. Students will read a giant map of Jurupa Valley to find out where they can go if they need help or services.
- Riverside County Fire Department and representatives from Friday Night Live will emphasize community service and remind students of the importance of making good choices.

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“Events such as the Mission Bell Elementary Wellness Fair are an example of how, by working together, we can better support the needs of our students, families, and community,” said Jurupa Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. “It is heartening to see everyone from our students leaders, to our staff, parents, and community partners joining together to support student success and wellbeing. This is what Community Schools are all about.”

“We hope students walk away from this Wellness Fair knowing that it takes the whole community to make sure the youngest child is being safe by taking care of their minds, bodies, and spirits,” said Mission Bell Principal Angelena Aguilera. “Our Community Schools partnership ensures that parents, students, staff, and local organizations get involved early and promote the importance of sound judgment.”

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#### **ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*The Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD is made up of twenty-six schools total; fifteen elementary schools, one TK-6 music academy, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center. We have 18 Community School campuses.*