

# MALIBU MIDDLE SCHOOL

## MONDAY MESSAGE – OCTOBER 28, 2024

### RED RIBBON WEEK – Oct. 28 – Nov. 1:

*RRW is happening here at MMS/MHS October 28-November 1. This year's Red Ribbon Week Theme is: "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free." The awareness campaign will focus on the awareness and dangers of drugs. Students will participate in a period 2 lesson on Monday 10/28 and lunchtime activities throughout the week in partnership with MMS/MHS Counselors, BGC Malibu / Brent's Club and the Wellness Center. Daily inspiration will be read each day during announcements!*

*Here are the themes and messages for the week: Dress accordingly to join the fun!*

- **10/28 Monday:** This year's Red Ribbon Week theme is "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free". The theme is a call to action to speak out in support of healthy choices. It also serves as a reminder that we are all empowered with shaping the communities around us through positivity, bravery, and strength. Enjoy watching the educational film clip in your period 2 class on 10/28 and participating in discussion questions in your classes.  
**MONDAY'S THEME: "Put a Cap On It"** Students wear your caps/hats to symbolize putting a cap on drugs. Come visit the tables in the quad area at lunchtime. The Boys and Girls Club, Brent's Club, Wellness Center, and MMS/MHS Counselors will have tables set up at lunch with various activities and to learn important facts about drugs.
- **10/29 Tuesday:** It's Red Ribbon Week! This year's theme is "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free". The theme is a reminder that by staying drug free, you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community and your future. One thing's for sure...by making healthy choices, like staying drug free, you are much more likely to achieve your goals. So aim for the stars! We believe in you.  
**TUESDAY'S THEME: "Team Up Against Drugs" on Team Day Tuesday:** Students wear your team jersey to symbolize being a part of a drug-free team. Come out to the quad area at lunchtime and join the fun! Brent's Club, ASB, Coach Daryl & Wellness Center will facilitate sports and games in the quad.
- **10/30 Wednesday: Happy Red Ribbon Week!** This year's theme is "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free". Staying drug free means investing in your current and future health. You don't have to use drugs to fit in. There are other ways to belong. Celebrate your uniqueness and show it to the world.  
**WEDNESDAY'S THEME: "Turn your back on drugs"** Students & teachers wear your shirts backwards to symbolize turning your back on drugs. Visit our tables at lunch and participate in the Brent's Club Pledge. Candy just may be given out with your pledge!
- **10/31 Thursday:** "Life is a Movie, Film Drug Free" that's this year's Red Ribbon Week theme. Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School love our students, and we want you to lead happy, healthy, fun and wonderful lives. We know that by making healthy choices, like staying drug free, you are more likely to live the best life for you. So take a moment to commit to yourself that you will continue to make healthy choices to ensure a brighter future. You won't regret it!

**THURSDAY'S THEME: Halloween Contest/ Let's Walk the Red Carpet:** Students and staff dress up in your favorite Halloween costume as drugs are very "scary"! Costume Contests occur at lunch for both High School and Middle School. Come join the fun!

- **11/1 Friday:** It's the last day of Red Ribbon Week and we want to thank you for your participation in supporting healthy, drug free lifestyles. We hope you've really thought about the meaning of this year's theme: "Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free" - and how making healthy choices will help you achieve your goals in life - while having fun in the process. We only want the best for you and can't wait to see what you can achieve!  
**FRIDAY'S THEME: Wear RED** Students and staff wear your RED! Raffle tickets to be given out to students who wear red. Raffle tickets will be drawn for our MMS/MHS winners!

**Remember Malibu: Life is A Movie, Film Drug Free!**

## SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION:

**AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING:** After School Tutoring in the library is available from 2:45-3:45 on Monday and Wednesday with Ms. Dickerson.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK:** Does your 6th, 7th or 8th grader like photography, writing or graphic design? Come be a part of creating the MMS 24-25 yearbook! For more information email Amber Vanderbilt, parent volunteer in charge of MMS Yearbook, at [amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:amber.mmsyearbook@gmail.com) or [mmsyearbook@smmusd.org](mailto:mmsyearbook@smmusd.org)

## THIS WEEK AT MMS:

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST:** Everyone dress up in your Halloween finest and join us for a Spooktacular parade during ASB's annual Halloween Costume Contest on Thursday, October 31st. There will be a special bell schedule for both Malibu Middle School and Malibu High School and there will be prizes for different costume categories. Don't skip on the fun!

**HALLOWEEN GUIDANCE:** All students are encouraged to dress up on Thursday, October 31. We encourage students to have fun and be creative. However, our expectations that students be safe, be respectful and be responsible must also be adhered to. Therefore, students must wear costumes that adhere to the dress code (Nothing defamatory, offensive, degrading, unduly revealing or inappropriate). Students are not allowed to wear masks or face coverings of any kind (IE: blue man suit). Face paint is allowed. No toy weapons or props that may be used as weapons are allowed. Students not dressed appropriately may be provided with loaner clothing, have parents bring appropriate clothing, or face other appropriate disciplinary action.

**HALLOWEEN DANCE:** Join your fellow spooks for the MS Halloween Dance on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance from the Student Store or \$20 at the door. It's going to be a spooktacular time!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**POMS:** Our next Parents of Middle Schoolers meeting will be **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am in the Parent Conference Room.

**NO SCHOOL:** There will be no school on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>** in honor of Veterans' Day.

**ABC MEETING:** The next ABC Meeting (Athletic Booster Club) will be **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** in the Parent Center.

**END OF GRADING PERIOD:** The end of grading period 2 is **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Progress Reports will be available in Aeries the following week.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF MALIBU TEEN CENTER:

The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu aims to provide a fun, safe, and creative environment for all Malibu youth to thrive, find support through positive mentorship, develop important life skills, and receive social and emotional support. We are currently offering programs for teens to use as a social, developmental, and supplemental tool.

- **BGCM Enrollment is LIVE!** Visit [bgcmalibu.org](http://bgcmalibu.org) to learn more and enroll. We provide Malibu families and its community members with a place for their children to be able to participate in developmental programs in a safe and nurturing environment. Members receive positive mentorship, helping them to feel supported and accepted. Our Clubhouses offer fun, educational activities, social emotional learning experiences, and more!
- **Goals for Graduation for grades 9th-12<sup>th</sup>** - Monthly workshops to support college and career readiness. Meetings will take place on the school campus, once a month, on Monday's during lunch. Students do not have to be Club members in order to participate. To sign up, please email [hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org)
- **Brent's Club on Campus** is an incentivized social-emotional wellness program focused on racial justice, youth advocacy, drug prevention, and building peer support by connecting with other Brent's Clubs and youth from diverse communities. Meetings are bi-weekly on Mondays, during lunch, on the school campus. Lunch will be provided every meeting! Email [hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org](mailto:hannamatheson@bgcmalibu.org) for more info.

- **BGCM Wellness Center & Social Support Offerings** The Boys & Girls Club of Malibu Wellness Center operates remotely and also in-person to provide no-cost social support & mental health counseling to all in the community. Visit <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center/> to learn more or to request services for you/your teen. There is currently NO WAITLIST for services. PSA: Parents! If you've missed any parent workshops, they are available on our website at <https://bgcmalibu.org/wellness-center-resources/>
- **Third Space is OPEN at Malibu Village!** Third Space is a storefront, gallery and an innovation space for youth to be mentored and inspired. A project of the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu, made possible by many generous community contributors. A percentage of all store purchases benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu:
  - Safe spaces after-school
  - Mental health services for youth, families and aging population
  - Drug and alcohol prevention programming
  - Innovative and inspiring opportunities for youth

To learn more, visit [thirdspacemalibu.org](http://thirdspacemalibu.org) or follow us on IG/FB: @thirdspacemalibu

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