

# **SCCDAT NEWS**

Sumner County Community Drug Action Team

#### January/February 2018

#### Our Mission:

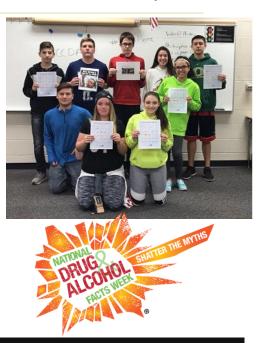
To combine efforts within the community to prevent and decrease drug use, and to increase the known factors that help to reduce the risk for drug, alcohol and tobacco use in youth.

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week® links students with scientists and other experts to counteract the myths about drugs and alcohol that teens get from the internet, social media, TV, movies, music, or from friends. During the week of January 22-28 there were more than **2,300** events in all **50** states and in more than **20** international countries and SCCDAT was part of this. We played BINGO in the Crusader Way classes, had facts posted and read in the bulletin each day, posted facts on Facebook and Twitter, and had a meme challenge!





<u>#SuCoMeme</u> winners: Karsten Gill & Ty Wilson



Wellington students and students in literally thousands of schools across America and 52 other countries, use the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) to address alcohol, drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety, and other high-risk circumstances today that are too often a part of students' lives. D.A.R.E. graduation was held Wednesday, January 24th at USD 353 Wellington High School. 5th graders from all four elementary schools were honored and recognized for their accomplishments during the 10-week D.A.R.E. program. Wellington Police Office/USD 353 School Resource Officer/SCCDAT coalition member has been the instructor for this program for 6 years. Wellington High School student SADD members serve as role models during the 10 week program and assist Officer Yunker in the 5th grade classrooms during the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. These students are also part of the SCCDAT Youth Council and participate in many of the SCCDAT activities throughout the year.













L—*Kiersten Theurer* joined the SCCDAT staff in 2016. She is a lifelong resident of Sumner County, graduating from Wellington High School n 2010 and obtained her Bachelors degree from WSU in 2015. Clint and Kiersten are the parents of Rowdy (18 months) and Henry (age 5) They live in the South Haven area where Clint is a farmer/rancher. In her spare time she is a free lance photographer operating her Kiersten Theurer Photography business and is an assistant softball coach for Wellington High School.

R—*Kori Boyd* is the newest member of the staff, joining us in November 2017. Kori graduated from Butler County Community College in 2011 and then attended WSU, majoring in Elementary Ed. Kori and her husband, Jason, reside in the South Haven area where Jason farms and performs in his own band. They are the proud parents of Bowen (2 years old), Ethan (age 8), and Dylan (age 7). In her spare time Kori likes to spend time with her children and keeps up with Jason's musical career.

C—*Angie Ratcliff,* the "senior" member of the team, joined the SCCDAT staff in 2015. Angie is a longtime resident of Wellington. She worked in education all of her life and continues to serve education as a member of the USD 353 Board of Education. Her husband Ron is a retired BNSF railroad engineer. They have two grown sons, two dogs, and grandchildren to keep them busy in their spare time!

All of us are committed to the SCCDAT coalition and its mission. We love our jobs and enjoy working together!!!

#### SCCDAT—Serving all of Sumner County

# SAVE THE DATE

WHAT: The POWER OF PARENTS—Town Hall Meeting WHERE: Wellington High School Auditorium—Wellington KS WHEN: April 25th beginning at 6:30 PM

- Social Media Safety—Just what is your student doing on their phone and how do they do that?
- Suicide & Depression—How to recognize the signs and what to do when you see it.
- Alcohol and Drug use—What are our kids doing and what are the consequences?



### **ATTENTION SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS!**

The online survey window can still be open if you didn't get all your kids to take the survey! If you still have kids that need to complete the survey contact Nancy White, KCTC Survey Coordinator at Greenbush. (Phone: 620-724-281 or email her: Nancy.white@greenbush.org) and let her know when you want kids to take the survey and she can open that day for you!

Please remember that this survey is completely anonymous. Students are not asked for their names or other personally identifiable information. No one can connect any student with his/her responses.

Don't miss out on your opportunity to get valuable data absolutely FREE!



## **Contact Us**

Give us a call for more information about the coalition and our programs.

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