

## Canyon Breeze Elementary School

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# Speak Up Stand Up Save a Life Project

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Staff members: Angelina Roether - school counselor, Lori Pizzo - school principal

Students: 8th grade students

## OVERVIEW

Students attended a conference during the 2016-17 school year. There were 12 students that participated. They learned the value and importance of standing up to save someone else's life and the problems that create bullying, depression, alcoholism and drug use. They were tasked to go back to their respective schools and identify how to share the message. Students brainstormed a variety of ways to bring awareness and action to this very important problem. The project was student-led and supported by adult staff members on campus. Students met bi-monthly.

## ACTION STEPS

1. Students created posters and displayed them in classroom hallways, front office, cafe, library and gym. They met weekly to discuss the content of the posters and determine the most important locations for display.
2. Students researched and brainstormed a shared message that was delivered in classrooms for all grade levels. Students visited a variety of classrooms in grades 3-8 and shared their thoughts, ideas, and solutions. They reviewed key vocabulary associated with bullying and provided examples and narratives to make student connections and bring understanding, awareness and empathy.
3. Our student council president and NJHS president presented their thoughts, ideas and action steps at a board meeting hosted at Canyon Breeze on February 21, 2017.

## NEXT STEPS

Students met with 7th graders to share current project details to ensure a smooth transition of responsibility for the 2017-18 school year. We would like to incorporate a student survey at the beginning of the year. We will continue with posters, a kick-off assembly, anonymous bully box, and continue with classroom visits.

