

## **Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life**

Our plan this year was to spread the importance of kindness to combat bullying. Our Youth 4 Youth students planned for a week of kindness event, promoting the message of kindness to all grades. We created “Caught being Kind” tickets for teachers to hand out to students when they were caught being kind. The kids received an immediate reward of a small trinket toy or healthy snack. Their ticket was then entered into a drawing for a grand prize reward. The students were very excited to display their kindness towards each other.

Students were also given information on “safe places” throughout our community. The Phoenix Police Department has designated specific businesses and organizations that are safe havens for a child in crisis. Our student population is now aware of the potential dangers within our community and, thanks to the Phoenix Police Department, safe places to go in the event of an emergency.

To top it all off, our students enjoyed an end of the year BBQ to celebrate our week of kindness. The students got the opportunity to eat outside, picnic style, while enjoying the kindness placards we have posted around campus. The Youth 4 Youth students received very positive feedback from the rest of the student body, proclaiming that the BBQ was the best event we have had at school this year.

Next year, our plan is to begin the year spreading the importance of kindness to help combat against bullying. We hope to hold multiple school BBQ’s with the kindness theme as the BBQ was a huge hit amongst our students. We also hope to maintain positive relationships with our local Police department through visits and presentations. Our goal is to stamp out bullying while promoting kindness and great character.

**Caught Being Kind**



