

PTA Health, Welfare and Safety Report - October 2017

October is Bully Awareness month. How many kids in our schools have been affected by bullying? We are looking to raise awareness around bullying prevention in our schools. Everyone has a right to feel safe at school, but bullying happens without many people even realizing it.

Some facts to share....

More than one out of every five (20.8%) students report being bullied ([National Center for Educational Statistics, 2016](#)).

64% of children who were bullied did not report it; only 36% reported the bullying ([Petrosina, Guckenbug, DeVoe, & Hanson, 2010](#)).

More than half of bullying situations (57%) stop when a peer intervenes on behalf of the student being bullied ([Hawkins, Pepler, & Craig, 2001](#)).

Bullying affects witnesses as well as targets. Witnesses are more likely to use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs; have increased mental health problems; and miss or skip school (StopBullying.gov).

Unity day is Wednesday, October 25. To show support for a safe and supportive school environment, we are asking everyone to wear ORANGE.

A great resource for information around Bullying: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>

The Solon Fire Department is having an open house Sunday, October 8, from 1pm-4pm. This is in honor of National Fire Prevention Week.