

NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK

Empowering Students Across the Country to End School Violence
(October 18-24, 2009)

ABOUT SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK



According to the Centers for Disease Control, over **1 million students across America take a weapon to school each month**, and over 1.3 million students are injured or threatened with a weapon each year.

National Safe Schools Week provides an opportunity to empower students to keep their schools safe by encouraging them to speak up against school violence.

NATIONAL STUDENT DESIGN PROJECT

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The National Student Design Project is intended to get middle and high school students thinking about the safety of their schools and communities.

HOW TO ENTER

High Schoolers: students can submit a poem, story, song, or rap that expresses their thoughts on school violence and safety. Any form of writing is accepted. Submissions can be fictitious or factual, and are meant to encourage kids to speak up against school violence. Please visit the NSSW website (www.safeschoolsweek.org) for materials and suggestions for getting the conversation started.

Middle Schoolers: students can design a T-shirt that includes the SPEAK UP hotline (**1-866-SPEAK-UP**) and website (www.speakup.com). The T-shirt can depict a symbol, pattern or simple image that is eye-catching), and contains a message promoting safety. A handout with a blank t-shirt template and some tips about designing T-shirts can be found on the NSSW website.

Please email all submissions to: speakup@paxusa.org or mail to:

STUDENT DESIGN PROJECT
PAX / Real Solutions to Gun Violence
100 Wall Street, 2nd Floor
New York, NY 10005

RECOGNITION

- All students who submit an entry will receive a prize.
- T-shirts with the most outstanding design will be printed and distributed to the designer's class. One author will be recognized for their literary work with an iPod shuffle. Both of the student's schools will also receive a School Safety Package (a \$2,500 value).

DEADLINE

Mail or email submissions by **Friday, October 16**, and the top entries will be announced on Friday, October 23.

MORE INFORMATION

- Visit www.safeschoolsweek.org for additional classroom activities. You can also join our Facebook and Myspace pages. Search for "SPEAK UP."
- Contact us with any questions at 212.269.5100 or speakup@paxusa.org.