

To: Faculty
From: Karin Daisy
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Re: World AIDS Day

As you may or may not know, December 1 is recognized as World AIDS Day. The health classes will, of course, be doing something in class in honor of this event. I thought it would have more meaning, however, if other classes did related activities as well. Since I primarily teach freshman health, I am very interested in other freshman classes participating so they may have continuity, but this is in no way limited to freshmen. It would be great if the entire school did something.

I realize that we are all very busy, but I am not asking that you dedicate an entire period to a lesson, just 5-10 minutes so that students are able to see that AIDS is not just a health issue.

Some possible ideas include:

MATH: based on statistics, have classes determine the number of new cases of AIDS that will occur in 2001. Determine the percentages of HIV that are amongst women, children, etc. (I will provide some additional statistics to Meg Doherty.)

PHYS ED: a quick review of universal precautions

ART: design a patch for the AIDS quilt

ENGLISH: write an article for a newspaper.

SOCIAL STUDIES: discuss the discrimination that people with HIV face.

ECONOMICS: determine the costs to individuals and to society to pay for health care.

These are only a FEW possible suggestions for a FEW disciplines. There are lots of great ideas out there. If you are willing to participate, please let me know what you plan to do so that I can compile records for future years. I have included a fact sheet and I have much more information in my room. Please feel free to drop by. (Incase you don't know where E103 is, it's in the far back corner near the shop!!) If there is particular information I can find for you, please let me know.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this project. I truly believe it is a worthwhile endeavor.