



DEPARTMENT OF
COUNSELLING SERVICES
CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT



STOOD UP

BULLYING PREVENTION | FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Announcement

Cayman Islands Primary and High School Kindness Tree Competition

Theme

The Family Resource Centre leads the **STOOD UP: Take a Stand Against Bullying** campaign during the month of October. As a result, we have several activities organized to embrace this year's anti-bullying theme *Kindness Takes Courage*. This year, our approach will be creative in nature as we will call upon schools to engage in three ways:

1. Organize a **Dress for a Cause Day** to promote the dialogue against bullying behaviour.
2. Participate in a **Peer Leadership Training**, which focuses on training and educating students in leadership positions or with leadership abilities to support their respective schools in creating a culture of respect, inclusivity and social responsibility. This 1.5 hour training is organized as per school's availability and led by the FRC team with the support of school counsellor or other school personnel.
3. **Participate in Anti-bullying Kindness Tree competition**, which is a call to all schools in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac to participate in this powerful and creative activity, whereby students will be asked to create a kindness tree that is interactive and hands-on to promote kindness among peers and further the dialogue about bullying.

Anti-Bullying Kindness Tree Competition Guidelines

Participants

The competition is opened to all primary and secondary schools of the Cayman Islands. It is intended for the students to take lead in the creative process and execution of their kindness trees and teachers/adults may assist with the planning and facilitation. Ideally, if the school has a group of pinned peer-leaders, they should chair this initiative.



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Submissions

Schools will need to submit a photo of their Kindness Tree in use and a write up of the creative process including:

- Materials used
- Peer-Leaders who chaired the initiative (if applicable)
- Students who helped execute
- Teacher/Adult who facilitated
- How the tree functions (eg. students write a kind message on a paper and hang it on the tree. Whenever a student feels sad they can go to the tree to read a kind message)
- How it has helped/made an impact in the school
- Each submission should represent the entire school body; therefore, one entry per school will be accepted.

Finalists

Three schools will be shortlisted and FRC Staff Members will visit the schools to judge the Kindness Tree. The FRC team will choose a winning school and present the school with an award.

Competition Criteria

The selection criteria for the Kindness Trees are as follows:

- Creativity: Projects should demonstrate creativity in the style and expression of a 'Kindness Tree'.
- Participation/engagement: Projects should be led and executed by children as well as stimulate engagement amongst the student body (bonus points if a Peer-leader chaired the initiative)
- Impact: Project should positively impact school environment by promoting kindness amongst peers.
- Originality: No copyrighted materials used

Prizes

The school will receive an award to showcase.

Deadlines

Submissions deadline: 16th October 2023

School visits: 19th October 2023

Announcement of Winner: 31st October 2023