The Yellow Dress

The Yellow Dress Program combines a dramatic performance with a curricular designed to alert audience to the warning signs of abusive relationships. It is the story of a young women whose life is cut short by a relationship that escalates into violence. The Yellow Dress Program is an effective prevention tool that helps students and adults recognize behavioral changes, specific incidents and patterns that typify dangerous relationship. The program teaches young men and women how to confront the problem and seek help. The Yellow Dress play along with the companion curriculum, discussion guide and materials help to support peer and community cultures that promote healthy relationships.

"What did you think about 'The Yellow Dress,' the play about Dating Violence?"

Melissa Carreiro (EL, 05) said that it is wrong for dating violence because women don't deserve to be treated that way. "I feel that girls and boys have the same problems and the boys take it out on the girls. Then when they are done they realize what they just did.

Nick Montembauot (MF, 05) said it was a sad story. I don't think guys should take there anger out on girls. If I knew anyone that was abusing a girl I would report it to the cops, and I would talk to the guy and I would say if you continue this you might push it to far and might even kill her one-day.

Ashley Cabral (AB, 04) said the play was sad. I don't feel that it was right. No girl should go through that pain. If I knew of anyone, I would report it and try to get the person help.

If I was in that position I would be scared, and not sure if I would report it.

Jared Pereira (MF, 05) said it's around everyone and something has to be done about Dating Violence. It's a serious problem and it has to be addressed. Girls need to do something about dating violence and need to let people know what's going on in the relationship.

Sasha Boudreau (CA, 05) said a guy hitting a girl should not be tolerated. There is no reason for violence in a relationship and girls need to speak up and let people know what's going on in their relationship.

Jeff DeViveiros (AB, 04) said Dating Violence should not be tolerated, something should be done about it. If someone is in an abusive relationship they should let someone know or get some help.

Nicole Pedro (DT, 04) and ***Ryan Heap*** (EL, 04) Nicole says Dating Violence occurs very often and no one is doing anything about it, and there is no reason for them to go through it.

Ryan says that he would help his friend if he was violent and try to get him help. He would never give up on his friend. If it was the other way around and the girl hit him he would walk away from the conflict, and break up with the girl. The reason he would walk away is so that he won't take his anger out on her.

What is S.A.D.D.?

SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) is a youth organization that promotes teen empowerment and uses peer influence to spread the message of positive decision making. The SADD organization is comprised of thousands of high school and middle schools chapters that embrace a "NO USE" policy and help educate their peers about potentially destructive decisions regarding underage drinking, impaired driving, other drug use, violence and suicide. The mission of the SADD chapter program is to help young people say "NO" to drinking and driving.

Diman will be starting SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter. See Ms. Burns for further information.

STATISTICS
Relationship Violence Male & Female

Approximately one in four high school students has reported that they have experienced physical violence in a relationship.

Approximately 95% of reported perpetrators of abuse cases are male. Abuse can also occur in gay and lesbian relationships and women can also be physically abusive to men.

Dating abuse may be the most accurate indicator of future partner abuse. Abuse that begins during dating continues and intensifies upon marriage.

A study of 8th and 9th grade girls indicated that 25% had been victims of nonsexual dating violence and 8% had been victims of sexual dating violence.

More than one-third of girls in grades 10 - 12 report at least one incident of sexual and/or physical abuse.

Four women are murdered by their male partners each day.

Nearly two out of three female victims of violence were related to or knew the perpetrator.

An analysis of many studies indicates that the average prevalence rate for nonsexual dating violence is 22% among male and female high school students and 32% among college students. Females are somewhat more likely than males to report being victims of violence.

In 1995 more than 3 million children were reported to child protection advocates as possible victims of abuse. The total number of reported child abuse and neglect cases rose 45% between 1986 and 1995.

One out of four college women will be the victim of rape or attempted rape.

84% of rapes on college campuses are acquaintance rapes.

32% of college students report experiencing non-sexual dating violence.

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DIMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

-- A NEWSPAPER by and for DIMAN STUDENTS --

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Past Superintendent, Mr. Thomas McGarr, Ends 53 Years in Education!



Thomas McGarr has had a long and distinguished career in vocational schools as a teacher, administrator and committee member.

After a career spanning 53 years as a teacher, administrator and committee member in vocational school systems, Thomas McGarr is stepping away.

Mr. McGarr decided not to seek re-election, after serving 9 years, on the Diman Regional School Committee.

Prior to that, Mr. McGarr served for 10 years as Superintendent of the Diman Regional School.

Mr. McGarr's career in vocational education began in 1949 when he was hired as the first agriculture mechanics instructor in the town of Templeton in the western part of Massachusetts.

Mr. McGarr was named Superintendent-Director at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in 1979. While Superintendent, he instituted several programs to the curriculum, including health careers, air conditioning and refrigeration, building technologies and had the school involved in the Vocational Industrial Club of America.

The VICA program allowed Diman students to present projects in competitions on state, regional and national level and the school has done remarkably well, including a national winner.

He did have a failure along the way, an attempt at taking those with the most school offenses and placing them in a class with the best teachers.

"We had a lot of tremendous successes there," Mr. McGarr noted. "One of the things that you learn in a vocational setting is teamwork. You can't accomplish much on your own."

Mr. McGarr does favor MCAS testing, even for the vocational school students. There has been some controversy over the state expecting students in a vocational program to have to pass the same tests that those in the comprehensive school do.

"I found that MCAS has a place and that the vocational student can do well," said Mr. McGarr, "The last series showed 75 percent of the students at Diman passing English and 66 percent passing Math. That is opposed to the 80 percent failure in both areas the first time they took the tests."

He would like to see test results come sooner, particularly for the eighth graders who take the test because it would give the high school more of a chance to find who is in need of remedial training.

Mr. McGarr pointed out that the curriculum for the vocational student includes two weeks of vocational training, six and a half hours a day for five days each of those weeks. Then there are two weeks of academics and back to two weeks of vocational training and so on.

The feeling is that concentrating the education produces better results than dividing time between shop and academics during periods of the day.

Mr. McGarr had a lot to be proud of during his years of service and he hopes to continue his efforts in the town of Westport where he has previously served on the School Committee and the Conservation Commission.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

* FALL RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT **911** or **324-2796**
* NEW CENTER FOR LEGAL ADVOCACY **1 800 244-9023**
* SSTAR WOMEN'S CENTER **675-0087**
* CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE **1 800 792-5200**
* NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE **1 800 799-7233**
* OUR SISTERS' PLACE **677-0224**
* BRISTOL COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE **679-1911** or **997-0711**

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 12-07

Aerosmith . . . Red Fire Trucks . . . Harley Davidson . . . Lemonade . . . Silicone Enhancements . . . Vegas Strip . . . Marlboro . . . Budweiser . . . Boy Bands . . . American Eagle . . . Rock and Roll . . . Jazz . . . Looney Tunes . . . CNN . . . NSYNC . . . Brad Pitt . . . Plastic Green Army Men . . . Slinky . . . Theme Parks . . . Starbucks Coffee . . . Dominos Pizza . . . MTV . . . Rambo . . . Bickford's . . . Jennifer Aniston . . . Donna Summer . . . Adams Family . . . Puff Daddy . . . Oprah Winfrey . . . Pepsi . . . Muscle Cars . . . Jeans . . . Fireworks . . . Mechanics . . . The Simpsons . . . Guns . . . Politics . . . Bad Street Directions . . . April Fool's Day . . . StarWars . . . Wars . . . Battleships . . . State Forests . . . Free Willie . . . Howard Stern . . . Public Schools . . . Billy Joel . . . Dog Track Racing . . . Gambling . . . NASA . . . B.S.A. . . . The White House . . . G.I. Joe . . . Opportunities . . . Thanksgiving Day . . . AOL . . . X-Box . . . FBI . . . Tiger Woods . . . September 11 . . . Levi Jeans . . . 90210 . . . Wal-Mart . . . WWF . . . Tom Sawyer . . . Social Security . . . Sitcoms . . . IRS . . . Microsoft . . . Unity . . . Disney . . . The Superbowl . . . The Marvins . . . Labor Day . . . Baseball . . . Mountains . . . Gossip . . . Wizard of Oz . . . Roller Coasters . . . Coming Together in Time of Need . . . Ernest Hemingway . . . James Brown . . . Firefighters . . . Sneakers . . . Muhammed Ali . . . Adam Sandler . . . Bubblegum . . . V-8 Engines . . . Pancakes . . . Ice Cream . . . National Guards . . . Pontiacs . . . Dunkin Donuts . . . Parades . . . California Earthquakes . . . Bowling . . . E-Cards . . . Hallmark Cards . . . Hollywood . . . The Mississippi River . . . Minimum Wage . . . Roller Blading . . . Mall of America . . . Emeril LeGasse . . . The Rio Grande . . . Ray Borque . . . Shamu . . . Garth Brooks . . . San Diego Zoo . . . Steven Segal . . . Monica Lewinsky . . . Blonds . . . Checkers . . . Vocational Schools . . . Infomercials . . . Chicken Soup . . . Got Milk? . . . Psychics . . . The Alamo . . . Cracker Jack . . . Diet Miracles . . .

We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees. - - Franklin D. Roosevelt

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 12-08

Fishing . . . Sailing . . . The Superbowl . . . Cotton Candy . . . Roasted Peanuts . . . Monster Trucks . . . Pretzels . . . Football Games . . TV . . . N.Y. Times . . . Newsweek . . . Fox . . . Tom Edison . . . Pete Rose . . . Hoover Dam . . . Sam Adams . . . R&B . . . Land of Opportunity . . . Money . . . Most Powerful . . . Dirt Bike Racing . . . Being Able to do Anything You Want in Life . . . Crime . . Snow Cones . . . Town Fairs . . . Fried Dough . . . Adidas . . . College Basketball . . . Snapple . . . Toys-R-Us . . . Designer Clothing . . . Lassie . . . Daytona Beach . . . TRL . . . The Greatest Country . . . MLS . . . NCAA . . . Civil Rights . . . Spam . . . Welfare . . . Rich . . . Saturday Morning Cartoons . . . The Simpsons . . . Pokemon . . . Tom Green . . . Women's Rights . . . Ford Assembly Line . . . Plenty of Food . . . Digital Cable . . . Concerts . . . HBO . . . Sunday Paper Coupons . . . Big . . . Demolation Derbies . . . Stock Cars . . . Hunting . . . Auctions . . . Tractor Pulls . . . Beautiful . . . Swap Meets . . . Flea Markets . . . Yellowstone . . . Beverly Hills . . . Hershey Park . . . Mount Rushmore . . . Washington Irving . . . Independence Hall . . . Woodstock . . . Dr. Seuss . . . Little Rascals . . . Smokey The Bear . . . Mall of America . . . Cable TV . . . Al Bundy . . . Chevy Camaro . . . Drive-Thrus . . . Saving Private Ryan . . . Spring Break . . . Snowballs . . . Shaving Cream Fights . . . Neon Lights . . . JW . . .

Who loves his country cannot hate mankind. - - Charles Churchill

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 10-04

Ben Franklin . . . Long Island . . . Rap . . . Cotton . . . Buffalo Wings . . . John Denver . . . Diets . . . Pride . . . Chicken Pot Pie . . . Buffets . . . Silver Dollar . . . American Chop Suey . . . Jello . . . Skills USA VICA . . . American Eagle . . . Glow Sticks . . . Charlie Brown . . . The Island of The Misfit Toys . . . Walkman . . . Parades . . . Survivor . . . Times Square . . . Polo . . . Indy 500 . . . E.A. Poe . . . Dream Team . . . Pancakes . . . Don King . . . Dallas Cowboys . . . Kobe Bryant . . . John Gotti . . . Joe Montana . . . Ranches . . . MCI . . . Action Movies . . . Fashion Shows . . . CNN . . . County Fairs . . . Weather Vane . . . Sega . . . Guess . . . Lacrosse . . . Jerry Springer . . . Want Fries With That? . . . Windows . . . Paper Boys . . . Tooth Fairy . . . Student Pledge in the A.M. . . . Solitaire . . . Duck-Duck-Goose . . . Hide and Seek . . . Grease . . . "I Have a Dream" . . . Paper or Plastic . . . Paper Money . . . Liberty Bell . . . Camping . . . Hulk Hogan . . . Color TV . . . Neil Armstrong . . . M&M's . . . Tommy Hilfiger . . . Sony . . . The Doors . . . TV Dinners . . . 57 Chevy . . . Volunteer Firefighters . . . Johnny Carson . . . WNBA . . . Christmas Specials . . . High School Sports . . . Must See TV . . .

The winds that blow through the wide sky in these mountains, the winds that sweep from Canada to Mexico, from Pacific to the Atlantic - have always blown on free men. - - Franklin D. Roosevelt

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 10-03

Sea to Sea . . . The Military . . . Mourning as a Nation . . . Madison Square Garden . . . Golden Gate Bridge . . . Backstreet Boys . . . Pumpkin Pie . . . Turkey . . . Diversity . . . Corvettes . . . Statue of Liberty . . . Elvis . . . Abe Lincoln . . . Mustang . . . Chevy Blazer . . . Grunge . . . Sears Tower . . . Wes Craven . . . Dean Koontz . . . Anne Rice . . . The Atom Bomb . . . Bob Dylan . . . Saturday Night Live . . . Little Debbie . . . Korn . . . Strong . . . Camping . . . Dirt Bikes . . . Motorcross . . . Horsepower . . . The Sound of a V-8 Engine . . . Movies . . . Racing . . . Ben Franklin . . . Technology . . . Steven Speilberg . . . Comic Books . . . Eve 6 . . . Dale Earnhardt . . . The Peanuts Gang . . . JFK . . . Steel . . .

In short, we must be constantly prepared for the worst and constantly acting for the best-strong enough to win a war and wise enough to prevent one. - - Lyndon B. Johnson

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9-05

Touch Football . . . Outdoor BBQ's . . . Rocky Balboa . . . Cider . . . Pumpkin Pie . . . White Steeple Churches . . . Pharmacies . . . Simpsons . . . Bright Green Lawns . . . Sandy Beaches . . . Cornfields . . . Kids in Backyards . . . Snowmen . . . Solitaire . . . Full of Smiles . . . Trees . . . Seasons . . . Singing in the Rain . . . Popcorn . . . Sound of Music . . . Nachos . . . Stone Cold Steve Austin . . . Heavy Metal . . . Buritos . . . Kid Rock . . . Paintball . . . Pearl Buck . . . Ameridians . . . Pedro Martinez . . . Seafood . . . Looking at the Stars . . . Everglades . . . Playing in the Park . . . Hanging with Friends . . . Country Time Lemonade . . . Swimming Pools . . . A Summer Day . . . Mardi Gras . . . Buffalo Wings . . . Kickball . . . T-Ball . . . Softball . . . Stock Market . . . Wall Street . . . Great Lakes . . . Big Screen TV's . . . Barry Bonds . . . The Ghetto . . . The Hood . . . Not Made in Japan/China . . . Mashed Potatoes . . . Mail Boxes . . . Mayor Guliani . . . My Home . . . Mickey Mantle . . . X-Games . . . Ribs . . . Stop Signs . . . Mustang . . . Chocolate Cake . . . Hot Chocolate . . . Girls . . . Fender Guitars . . .

If we do not make common cause to save the good old ship of the Union on this voyage, nobody will have a chance to pilot her on another voyage. - - Abraham Lincoln

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS 9-06

Snickers . . . Beef Jerky . . . Mash Potatoes . . . Motorcross . . . Francis Scout Key . . . Cartoons . . . Ellis Island . . . Farms . . . Pearl Harbor . . . Family Gatherings . . . Bugs Bunny . . . Tweety Bird . . . Mr. Potato Head . . . The Great Lakes . . . 5Th Avenue . . . Rudolph . . . Winnie-the-Pooh . . . Cell Phones . . . Bill Gates . . . Cape Canaveral . . . VHI . . . Chop Suey . . . Plymouth Rock . . . Paul Revere . . . Redwood Trees . . . One . . . Contests . . . Dodge . . . Bumper Stickers . . . Kiss . . . Aerosmith . . . Queen . . . Area 51 . . . Nickelodeon . . . Cruise Control . . . Mom & Pop Stores . . . Bobbing for Apples . . . NYPD Blue . . . Road Runner . . . Old Navy . . . O'Hare Airport . . . Meals on Wheels . . . Salt Lake City . . . Rolex . . . Cowboys . . . Dawson's Creek . . . Ally McBeal . . . Judge Judy . . . Techno . . . Grammy Awards . . . Soap Opera . . . The Brady Bunch . . . The Partidge Family . . .

The spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the mind of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias. - - Learned Hand