

## *Yellow Ribbon Week Memo*

Yellow Ribbon Week is a suicide prevention week. The program began in September 1994 after the suicide of seventeen-year-old Mike Emme. It's a week long program that brings awareness to students about suicide and reminds them that **100% of all youth suicide is preventable**. Why is this week needed? More 15-24 year olds die from suicide than cancer, AIDS, heart disease, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza and chronic lung disease COMBINED. The week ends with an assembly where students, staff and parents talk about the warning signs and how suicide has affected them. Lets end suicide!!!! w/Yellow Ribbon Week.



