

# Around Wild Rose

## DT Raises Community Awareness about the Dangers of Impaired Driving and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

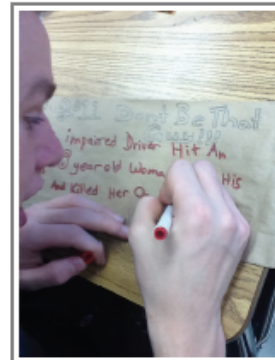
How do you raise community awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder without a big time budget? Well, students in Miss. Weima's Leadership Grade 8 and 10 classes found a way!



We discussed a variety of ways that messages are already being delivered, how effective they are, and whether or not they are influential in the public's actions. Through these discussions, it became evident that sharing personal experiences, as well as reading local news stories related to these two very prominent issues, was most hard-hitting. The issue of impaired driving brought forth many stories from students who have personally experienced how easily one person's poor decision can destroy the lives of many. Students wanted to share these stories in the community, but how?



We decided to raise awareness by writing, drawing, pasting a variety of personal messages on paper liquor store bags. Miss. Weima was surprised to discover apprehension of some liquor stores to take part in this venture, but soon found one very eager to participate in the community of Sylvan Lake. Students worked to create messages on over 1,000 bags to be distributed over the coming holiday season. Our goal was to make at least one person think twice before making poor decisions with alcohol!



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