

# Operation Right Choice Update

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## Project Towards No Drug Abuse

In February, ORC students completed the Project Towards No Drug Abuse. This program, taught by Tim White and Christy Mulligan, teaches students how to recognize and understand why people use drugs and how this will effect their health and their relationships.

Some of the Topics covered in the class were Truths and Myths about Drug Use, Labeling, Stereotyping, Understanding Addiction, Enabling, and Recognizing Symptoms of Drug Use.

In February, Bill O'Dell conducted a workshop called, "What's Up With Meth?" Students learned how methamphetamines can ruin your life and the dangers associated with making it and using it.



## ORC Graduation Ceremony Held



On Thursday, March 3rd, a graduation ceremony was held for all students who successfully completed the Project Towards No Drug Abuse Program.

Graduates were presented with certificates and several members were presented with ORC t-shirts and TACS - Teens Against Cigarettes and Snuff t-shirts.

Graduates were Katelyn Clay, Whitney Hodges, Russell Bailey, Paul Bailey, Jaytese Westmoreland, Teresa Canada, Ja'Leeza Canady, Bianca Canady, Rosetta Tillet, Josh Clark, Larry Webb, Cierra Stubblefield, Joseph Riner, Raven Coco, Brittany Jenkins, and DJ Shaver.

Recruitment is underway now for the next class of students wanting to join Operation Right Choice.

Weekly meetings are held on Thursdays from 5 - 7 pm in the Northcott Court Community Room. If you are in middle school or high school and want to be apart of the best group of teens around, call Christy at 522-0576 and join today.



**Free transportation to and from class and events is available.**

# YOUTH BEGIN 10TH ARTWORKS PROJECT



Thirteen students began working on their tenth ArtWork Project each Saturday, from 10 am to 3 pm at the Huntington Museum of Art.

Students are working on another large sculpture that will permanently displayed on the exterior of the museum. This project will use the medium of clay and concrete to create a three dimensional sculpture.



Those Operation Right Choice students who are participating in this project are Katelyn Clay, Whitney Hodges, Russell Bailey, Jaytese Westmoreland, Teresa Canada, Ja'Leeza Canady, Bianca Canady, Rosetta Tillet, Josh Clark, Larry Webb, Cierra Stubblefield, Joseph Riner, and Raven Coco.

## Tobacco Prevention/Education



ORC student stay very active in helping to educate others, especially their peers about the dangers associated with tobacco use.

On Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, ORC members trained over 150 middle school and high school students in various tobacco prevention tools.

Those students were challenged to go back to their schools and communities and conduct tobacco prevention events.

Barboursville and Cammack Middle Schools to assist students at each school with a tobacco prevention assembly.

Also in May, ORC students were invited to host a Tobacco Education/Prevention Booth at the St. Mary's Hospital Health Fair held at the Veteran's Memorial Field House.

ORC students were invited to





video free of charge.

The management of Blockbuster Video was very supportive of this endeavor and allowed the students to place the display directly on the counter to be seen by customers as they enter the store.

## **Students Speak At State Conference**

Members of TACS - Teens Against Cigarettes and Snuff were asked to speak at the Kentucky State Youth Tobacco Prevention Conference at Morehead State University.

They shared their experiences and ideas about how they inform others as to the dangers associated with tobacco use. TACS members attended this event were Katelyn Clay, Whitney Hodges, Jaytese Westmoreland, Teresa Canada, Ja'leeza Canady and Russell Bailey.



## **Threw With Chew**

February was National "Threw With Chew" month. Youth from across the nation were challenged to do some type of event focusing on the dangers associated with chewing tobacco and snuff.

ORC students took a video to Blockbuster Video of a true story of a high school student who starting dipping snuff at age 14 and by age 17 had developed cancer in his mouth.

They set up a display informing customers about the dangers of spit tobacco and to let them know that they can check out the