

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 8, 2026

TO: St. Johns County School

FROM: Carole Sullivan; Event Coordinator, Betty Griffin Center

We have attached information about our 2027 "A Day Without Violence" calendar poetry & art project. This year we would like to include our ELA classes by giving you the opportunity to include a fun poetry project for your students. Poems should reflect life in a world without violence. **Judges will look for poems that make a positive statement about a world without violence.** Images of diverse kinds of people, places and things that portray a harmonious way of life, a respectful living and working environment as well as children interacting with not only each other, but also animals. **Any poems depicting firearms, knives or any other violent images will NOT be eligible; violent images with a ban sign through them will not be eligible.**

The purpose of these activities is to interrupt what otherwise may become a generational cycle of domestic violence. The entry may **only be 8 1/2 by 11-size paper.** Written and typed entries will be accepted. Drawings on poetry entries will not be eligible, only the poems. Only one entry per student- either poetry or art will be accepted.

Each student **MUST** have an entry form attached to the back of his or her work with clear tape. Please help ensure that the names and information are written **clearly**. We would appreciate you distributing these materials to your staff.

All entries should be dropped off by the April 30, 2026, deadline at either

Betty Griffin Center Thrift Shoppe locations:

445 SR 13 N.
Fruit Cove, FL 32259

OR

1961 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

OR, any of the 6 St. Johns County Libraries will be collecting entries (see addresses attached.)

A 2027 "A Day Without Violence" Calendar will be provided to each teacher for use in the classroom, pending funding. These calendars also contain suggested activities, which can be used to create a more peaceful atmosphere.

We appreciate your assistance in informing the students, parents, and faculty of this domestic violence awareness project. If you have any questions, please call Carole Sullivan at Betty Griffin Center, 904-808-8544 x 201.

