

# Altoona Middle School Altoona, WI

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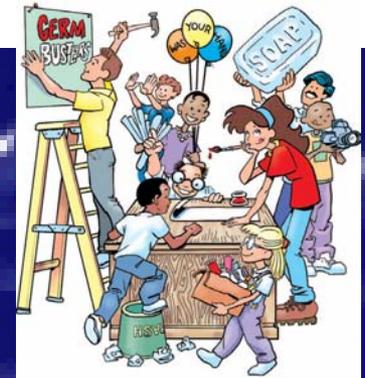


School Network for Absenteeism Prevention

# 2006 Top Recipient

## Altoona Middle School (Altoona, WI)

Sixth grade English class scripted and taped a hand washing video to use on their close circuit TV to use throughout the school. The video was to teach the student's peers about the spread of germs and proper hand washing. The video was also shared with a local elementary school and the Altoona School District Elementary School to teach younger viewers about the spread of germs and proper hand washing. The Altoona Middle School Student Council made signs for bathrooms, kitchens and locker rooms in the school district. They also distributed table tents to cafeterias in the school district about proper hand washing and to remind students to wash their hands. Additionally, a letter that was drafted by the students was sent home to parents of middle school and elementary school students to encourage proper hand washing in the home. The middle school's teachers were provided with activities to do with their classes to encourage proper hand washing. During the process, students were asked to complete a 5 question evaluation of the hand washing program. Submitted materials include informational and activity sheet about the hand washing program that was provided to parents, students and teachers, and pictures of the activities taking place.



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# 2006 Runner-up



## Ralston Middle School (Belmont, CA)

Seventh grade students in a California school district's health class are heightening awareness about the importance of hand washing with their W.A.S.H. (Water and Soap Help) Version 2 program. The students once again teamed with a professional television studio, the San Mateo Department of Public Health, and student led district assemblies to create a video guide for teacher and educators to use in the classroom or other setting to encourage proper hand washing. A pamphlet was created to be distributed to middle schools students to be followed up by students in a Youth Leadership class who are working on a school survey about hand washing practices. Additionally, the resource materials were further developed to be incorporated into a germ/microbe science lesson. A resource guide CD with curriculum, posters, websites, and other materials to implement a successful hand washing education program was also created. The students' materials were made available to all schools in San Mateo County. Submitted materials include CD/DVD, resource binder, posters, games, and a hand washing pamphlet.

# 2006 Runner-up

## DeLaura Middle School (Satellite Beach, FL)

A group of students in Mrs. Smith's language arts class participated in "Make a Difference Day" where students were to deliver healthy habit information and request specific health-related items, such as hand sanitizer, wipes and other items for delivery to classrooms. Students also made posters and announced the project during the school's television announcements. They used attendance figures to determine the effect of health supplies' availability on student absenteeism and/or trips to the clinic. Submitted materials included a poster, an overview of "Make a Difference Day", news clipping about the class and the project, and an email from the school nurse with statistics about clinic visits and absenteeism.

