RED RIBBON WEEK: AN AFFIRMATION TO BE DRUG FREE

A door decorating contest wrapped up Red Ribbon week at Archdale-Trinity Middle School. Door judges that included, from left, Sharon Farlow, Editha Ashworth, Brian Biggs, and Gary Cook. They are pictured here with first-place winner Erin Lyons: 4th period class with their “Ice, Ice Baby” door.

Archdale-Trinity Middle holds door decorating contest

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The best way to open the door to a young person’s future is to close the door on alcohol and drugs. A door decorating contest was the culmination of Red Ribbon week at Archdale-Trinity Middle held recently at the school.

Door judges that included Board of Education Chairman Gary Cook, board members Brian Biggs and Sharon Farlow and Randolph County Schools Student Services Director Editha Ashworth, had a tough job deciding between classroom doors decorated on the theme of “Your future is key so stay drug free!”

First-place winner was Erin Lyons’ 4th period class with their “Ice Ice Baby” door. Second-place went to Jennifer Cash for “Your Future is Bright.” Third-place was a tie between Nicole Nelson and Azalia Spencer.

Prizes donated by Sara Plaza, Archdale Bakery and Nattie’s Frozen Yogurt.

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As a wrapup of Red Ribbon Week, ATMS students and staff wore red as an affirmation of their pledges to be drug free.

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Drug use in Randolph County.

In addition to drug awareness activities, students were “drunk goggles” as a training tool to simulate the effects of alcohol and drug intoxication without actually using those substances. While wearing the goggles they tried unsuccessfully to ride scooters, walk lines and shoot basketballs.

“My family has directly been impacted by the consequences of drug use,” said ATMS student Bailey Jelies. “I think Red Ribbon week is an awesome campaign because hopefully it will prevent others from going through what we have been through. It could save someone’s life.”

Since 1985, National Family Partnership has provided drug awareness by sponsoring the annual National Red

Ribbon Campaign.