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and makes it harder for your body to fight infections including gum disease.

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which leads to diabetes complications.

Gum disease can lead to higher blood sugar.

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**Red Ribbon Week**

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week

**Monday**

October 25

Wear RED Day

“Red-y to live Drug-Free and make a difference”

**Tuesday**

October 26

Twin Day

“Pair up against drugs”

**Wednesday**

October 27

Jersey Day

“Team up against drugs, play drug-free”

**Thursday**

October 28

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“Drugs can’t find me”

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