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Belmont, CA



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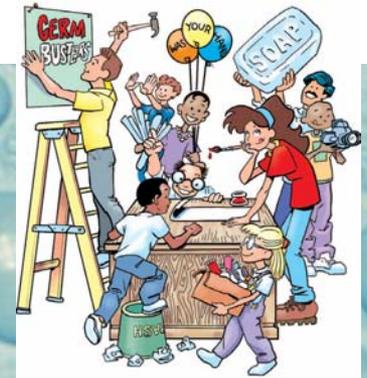


School Network for Absenteeism Prevention

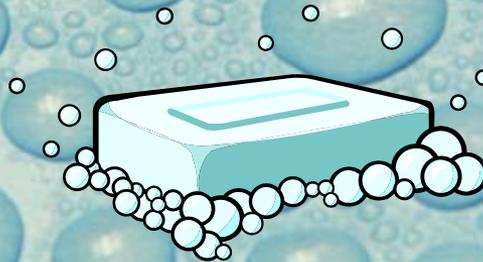
# 2005 Top Recipient

## Ralston Middle School (Belmont, CA)

- The Ralston eighth-graders created the Water and Soap Help! Program -- W.A.S.H. for short. With the help of a professional television studio, students created an infomercial on the importance of hand hygiene.
- The W.A.S.H. creators also led in-school assemblies and researched and wrote papers detailing the importance and benefits of handwashing and proper handwashing techniques. The students also explained the consequences of not engaging in good hand hygiene practices – which can lead to the spread of harmful germs that can make you sick.
- Additionally, the students are promoting the distribution of the increasingly popular silicone awareness bands, branded with a proper handwashing message. Students are furthering the project's success by continuing to visit classrooms in other grades to educate students about handwashing.



# Award Ceremony





A few words from the teacher.



the real stars of the show . . .



# 2005 Runner-up



## **Maplewood Middle School (Cortland, OH)**

A school nurse led pre-K through 4th grade students in “OPEARTION: HAND WASH.” An innovative project to promote healthy schools and healthy people, OPEARTION: HAND WASH is intended to educate the student’s about health safety and will allow them to participate in various skits to promote the importance of hand washing. After handling a pencil coated in disclosing powder contained in the “Wash Your Hands” kit, the students will display their hand washing techniques among an audience; thereafter viewing their hands under a fluorescent light to see the results of effective hand washing. The skits also include the locally-famed “ABC’s,” a new hand washing song. DVD was included in the application packet.

## **Central Elementary School (Tahlequah, OK)**