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R.A.C.E. Against Drugs



(SEVERN TWP, ON.) – The RACE Against Drugs is a community based drug and alcohol awareness program offered to Grade 5 students across Simcoe- Muskoka. The

RACE (Respect, Action, Courage, and Excellence) has been designed to reflect the character values and curriculum taught within the Simcoe County and District of Muskoka school boards.

The primary objective of this drug education event is to utilize the sport of auto racing to capture the attention of young people and communicate with them as they move and interact through each pit stop to learn key messages about the importance of a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

The RACE also provides the students with the opportunity to be engaged with the community partners staffing the pit stops.

This year the event organizers are excited to welcome our very own local top dragster in car racing. Melanie Simmons and her dragster will be taking part in the RACE against drugs at ODAS Park and will be at one of the pit stops. She will be there speaking to the grade 5 students about the importance of a drug and alcohol free body.

The event will take place at ODAS Park, on Fairgrounds Rd. in Severn Township on Wednesday October 26th, and Thursday October 27th, 2011.