



## ***News Release***

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### **Bold and Informative: Students Work Combines Art and Statistics**

On Tuesday, March 20th, the Otis School library blossomed to life with colorful paint and statistics during a project led by Rise Above Colorado's program director, Jonathan Judge. Working diligently to highlight the positive student statistics from the recent Communities That Care Youth survey, the high school health class created inspiring messages in bold paint on poster board.

Later in the afternoon, Jonathan Judge spoke to the sixth through twelfth-grade student body in an assembly presentation titled "Not Prescribed." The presentation featured a combination of personal testimony videos and science-based information to inform students of the risks associated with prescription drug misuse, the reality of misuse frequency by their peers, and how they can be advocates of health for themselves and their peers. The message was reinforced by the reading of positive statistics found in the Communities That Care Youth survey collected directly from the Otis student population.

Students will be displaying their informative works of art throughout the community and within the school to share their acquired knowledge and talent with fellow students and community members. As you are out and about in the community, please take time to admire the students' artwork, let them know how proud we are as a community of their talents and positive survey statistics.

This project, presented by Rise Above Colorado ([www.riseaboveco.org](http://www.riseaboveco.org)), was brought to the Otis School District through the work of the Otis Communities That Care board.

Communities That Care is a grant-funded community-level prevention initiative sponsored by the Northeast Colorado Health Department. For more information about Communities That Care visit [www.communitiesthatcare.net](http://www.communitiesthatcare.net) or contact Maria Foy at (970) 848-3811 ext. 3026

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