

**On June 6, 2019, the Alexandria City School Board signed a Resolution Against Gun Violence to support measures to reduce the number of guns and eliminate gun violence in our communities. Since the signing of the resolution, the numbers related to gun violence have increased significantly:**

- The number of children and teens shot and killed annually went from 1300 to 3000 and an additional 15,000 are shot and injured
- The number of children in the US that have experienced gun violence at school has risen from 153,000 to 240,000
- The number of all firearm deaths has increased from 33,000 to over 39,000

**National Gun Violence Awareness Day** is the first Friday in June (tomorrow) and **Wear Orange Weekend** will be celebrated from June 4th through 6th. **Orange has been the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.** Whether it is worn by students, activists, or loved ones, the color orange honors the more than 100 lives cut short, and the more than 230 wounded by gun violence every day.

Firearms remain the leading cause of death for American children and teens. Children are spending so much more time at home, and families are experiencing high stress related to COVID-19, distance learning, and financial hardships. The Be SMART program for safe gun storage encourages ACPS families to take five simple steps (**S**ecure, **M**odel, **A**sk, **R**ecognize and **T**ell), normalize conversations about gun safety, and take responsible actions at home that will prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

For more information about these events or organizations, please visit the websites listed below.

<https://wearorange.org>

<https://besmartforkids.org/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.nytimes.com/2020/04/01/opinion/covid-gun-violence-hospitals.amp.html>

<https://www.philanthropy.com/article/The-Rise-in-Gun-Sales-Amid/248614>

<https://giffords.org/coronavirus-and-guns/>