**Color Because We Care**

Cancer touches all of our lives in different ways… Whether we’ve been diagnosed, had a friend or family member undergo treatment, or have lost a loved one, cancer takes its toll. With over 100 different types of cancer, it should come as no surprise that every month recognizes a different cancer type and has an awareness ribbon in it’s honor.

**September: Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Orange**

**October: Breast Cancer Awareness Month Pink**

**November: Lung Cancer Awareness Month White**

**January: Cervical Cancer Awareness Month Teal and White**

**February: National Cancer Prevention Month Pick Your Color**

**March: Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month Maroon**

Starting in September and ending in March, Washington FCCLA is hosting monthly challenges that will encourage members to spread awareness about the different types of cancer. These challenges are simple. Follow the below steps.

1) Check out our Washington FCCLA social media to find out the featured cancer type of

the month and the awareness color.

2) Screenshot the ***Color Because We Care*** Instagram template and take a picture with as

much of the awareness color as you can! Wear it, stand by it, and get your whole chapter

involved.

3) Share the picture on your story and tag @washingtonfccla. Use our hashtag:

#ColorBecauseWeCare. Your picture will be featured on our social media.

4) Collect cool prizes! We will select winners for each month to receive a super cool gift

basket that is made up of all things your color!

On the first of every month, an announcement will go out on Washington FCCLA’s social media, where members will have the opportunity to compete for awesome prizes. I repeat, “AWESOME PRIZES”! The window for entering will last all month, and the winner will be selected and announced the following week. These challenges will count us down to the State Leadership Conference where winners will get special recognition and collect their prizes on the state stage!!!

To participate, you can email your entry directly to [alloyd@wa-fccla.org](mailto:alloyd@wa-fccla.org) (that’s me) and I will send you a confirmation email, or you can post your entry on Instagram and tag @washingtonfccla and @aly\_ssa.lloyd where we will all get a look at you completing the ***Color Because We Care*** challenges throughout the year.

Hopefully, these challenges will help you to gain insight on the variety of cancers and ways you can help spread awareness. I look forward to seeing all of your colorful pictures. If you have any questions, feel free to email me.

**Miracle Miles: Race for Research**

Much like a miracle minute, Washington FCCLA is excited to announce the second EVER Miracle Miles, and they all start with you!

At the State Leadership Conference this spring, we are offering the opportunity to run alongside other members, doing your part to raise money for cancer research in our state. You can choose to run, walk, jog, skip, or whatever gets you excited to join us on the track, raising money for cancer prevention.

In the weeks leading up to the state leadership conference, members who wish to participate in the run/walk/jog -athon will be asked to record pledges from parents, teachers, friends, or anyone looking to support a good cause. Contributions can be made in two ways: pledges or donations. Pledges are when a supporter's donation grows exponentially by the amount of miles completed. Donations are when a flat amount is given in support of the runner and the organization.

Every mile you run, is run with purpose. Every mile you run makes a difference. This isn’t a set course, it is a set time. You will be given 1 hour to get as many miles in as you can, and by the end of that hour, everyone’s earnings will all go towards research centers in our state.

The closer we get, the more information I will have confirmed. Keep checking this page and social media for updates on how you can sign up and get involved. I can’t wait to join you all as we ***Race for Research*** this spring!