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H.M. Jackson High students continue campaign about tobacco dangers

Last fall H.M. Jackson Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) club was featured in a Healthlink special with Jean Enerson. Now club members are out in the community continuing to spread the word that smoking is dangerous.

March 28, 2007 is Kick Butts Day (KBD). KBD is the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' annual celebration of youth advocacy, leadership and activism. Jackson High's TATU club received a grant from the American Lung Association of Washington to continue their anti-tobacco activism inside and outside of the school walls.

"Did you know that every day 45 young people take up a lifelong habit of smoking?" asks Lyn Lauzon, the drug and alcohol counselor and club advisor at H.M. Jackson. "TATU students will be out with fliers and posters on March 28, carrying the Kick-Butts-Day message to all they see and trying to reduce that alarming number of new smokers. Students will have fliers and posters up at school. They plan to spend their lunch hour and that evening at the Everett Mall telling everyone about the effects of tobacco. We will especially be asking that adults not buy tobacco products for kids or give them to anyone under age."

