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October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the staff of JoAnn Bridges Academy held a month-long symposium, providing students with weekly opportunities to learn the basics of what breast cancer is, understand risk factors, learn prevention strategies and identify the warning signs for early detection.

With one in eight women expected to develop breast cancer in her lifetime, the young women of JBA have taken steps to protect themselves through knowledge and understanding. They also were able to voice concerns for loved ones who are fighting the disease, or express grief for those who have been lost.

At the end of the month a ceremony was held, opening with students recognizing what they had learned and then having the option to share personal stories of how they have been impacted. Each young woman also received a breast cancer ribbon to pin on the site's breast cancer awareness board. The ribbons will remain on the board to represent the students' continued support or remembrance for loved ones impacted by breast cancer.

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