

4th Grade Reproductive Health

The Hazel Park School District has approved a program of instruction for fourth grade students entitled "Just Around the Corner for Boys" and "Just Around the Corner for Girls", both by Marsh Media. "Just Around the Corner" presents younger elementary-level girls and boys with information about the changes ahead as they enter puberty.

Content covered will include: when to expect the onset of puberty, the physical and emotional changes of puberty, the maturation of the reproductive system, developing a healthy body image, the importance of good hygiene, and maintaining health through good nutrition and exercise. Fourth grade boys and girls will be separated for instruction and will view only the material common to their gender. Students will also be reminded of Personal Body Safety: no one should be touching them inappropriately or saying things to them that make them feel uncomfortable or frightened. If they do they need to remember that it is not their fault and they need to tell an adult they trust. The program is designed for one instructional session during the school day and will be presented by Mrs. Blair, Human Reproductive Health Coordinator, and / or the classroom teacher.

All topics and materials have been recommended by the Human Reproductive Health Education Advisory Board and approved by the Board of Education. The Advisory Board is made up of Hazel Park School District parents, students, clergy, educators, and interested citizens. If you as a parent or guardian are interested in being a part of the Advisory Board, please contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at Webster Elementary (248) 658-5529.

According to the state law in areas related to Human Reproductive Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education, you as a parent or guardian have the right to:

- 1) Be informed of the content of instruction: (included above)
- 2) View the materials to be used: Parent meetings on October 15 and 16th. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact Mrs. Blair to arrange a time to review the materials.
- 3) Observe the instruction in your child's classroom: Arrangements for observing in the classroom need to be made in advance with the classroom teacher.
- 4) "Opt" or excuse your child out of the instruction: If you choose to have your child "Opted Out" of the instruction, without penalty, please check with your child's teacher for the appropriate form or contact Mrs. Beverly Blair at the phone number listed above. It is important to note that if you have "Opted" your child out of Human Reproductive Health, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in the past, they will remain "Opted Out" until you notify the school that you would like them "Opted In."

Sincerely,

Amy Kruppe, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Beverly Blair
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator