



Hazel Park School District

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Dear Parent:

The Hazel Park Board of Education has established a program of instruction for Kindergarten and First Grade entitled Talking About Touching: A Personal Safety Curriculum. The curriculum is produced by Committee for Children and presents personal safety skills including safe and unsafe touches. Safe and unsafe touches are presented within the context of other safety rules, instructing children that inappropriate touches are never their fault and to 1) Say words that mean “No”, 2) Get away and 3) Tell a grown-up. The lessons will be presented during the school day. Instruction will be provided by Mrs. Blair, Human Reproductive Health Coordinator and the classroom teacher.

Research shows that young children can learn personal body safety skills, and that instruction is most effective when presented multiple times, with booster lessons for review. In an effort to provide our students with quality instruction while respecting grade level curriculum needs, safety lessons in Talking About Touching will be presented to our Kindergarten and First Grade students in the following order:

Kindergarten: Lessons 6 - 13: Getting Permission Before Going with Someone, Getting Permission Before Accepting Gifts, Getting and Giving Safe Touches, Dealing with Unsafe Touches, Saying “No” to Unwanted Touches, Learning the Touching Rule, Learning the Safety Steps, Using the Touching Rule and Lessons 15: Sam’s Story (Big Book).

1st Grade: Lessons 6 - 13: Booster Lessons - Getting Permission Before Going with Someone, Getting Permission Before Accepting Gifts, Getting and Giving Safe Touches, Dealing with Unsafe Touches, Saying “No” to Unwanted Touches, Learning the Touching Rule, Learning the Safety Steps, Using the Touching Rule and Lessons 14: Joey Learns the Touching Rule (DVD).

All materials have been recommended by the Hazel Park Advisory Board and approved by the Hazel Park 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 apart of the Advisory Board please contact Mrs. Bev Blair (248) 658-5529.

You as a parent or guardian have the right to:

- 1) Be informed of the content of instruction: (included above in parent letter)
- 2) Preview the materials to be used: You are welcome to preview the materials to be presented. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Bev Blair at (248) 658-5529. We look forward to helping you become familiar with the material that will be presented to your son or daughter.
- 3) “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. Bev Blair at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Bev Blair
Human Reproductive Health Coordinator

Kg. & 1st Grade: “Talking About Touching” Grade Parent Letter: 2018-2019

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