

The Support, Advocacy & Resource Center Will Be Visiting Our Class

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On January, 18,20,21 a Prevention Specialist from the Support, Advocacy & Resource Center (SARC) will be visiting our school to highlight important information about Harassment and Bullying. The goal of the presentation is to give students the tool and skills to recognize a potentially dangerous situation, and report it to an adult. SARC presents these issues in a proper and suitable way.

SARC offers prevention based education services throughout Benton / Franklin Counties. Programs are directed toward the prevention of sexual assault and to raise the awareness of sexual violence. All programs are done in an age appropriate manner and are sensitive to the audiences needs. The following core competencies – empathy / feelings, respect for oneself / others, self and community responsibility, boundaries for oneself and others, conflict resolution / problem solving and gender stereotyping are incorporated into all programs. These competencies were selected as they mirror developmental assets that extensive research has shown that youth need to mitigate risk and to thrive. Equipping youth with many developmental assets help them to become caring, and responsible adults. In addition to focusing on developing assets, audiences are equipped with knowledge and tools to help reduce the possibility of sexual victimization.

Each session for our presentations will last approximately one hour. The topics that are covered in each program are listed below. For further information and to discuss in greater detail, please feel free to call (509) 374-5391.

Harassment and Bullying Prevention Program

This program is provided to children in 6th - 8th grade with activities and discussions adjusted to age appropriate topics. Attitudes and beliefs that play a dynamic part in harassment and bullying are covered. Children learn what harassment and bullying are, how to provide upstander intervention, and how to get help if they are being harassed or bullied.

Parents/Guardians, you are encouraged to attend the presentation.

If you do NOT want your child to participate in the SARC presentation, please send a signed note with your response to his/her teacher before January 14th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school Rey Reynolds, 509-546-6000. You can also contact **Rosanna Herrera, Program Director for SARC at (509) 374-5391 or rhererra@supportadvocacyresourcecenter.com.**

Thank you.