

SUPERINTENDENT *

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TREMONT COMMUNITY UNIT DIST. #702

January 28, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On Friday, February 8, the students of Tremont Grade School will be participating in a personal body safety lesson in response to the Erin's Law mandate. Trained counselors and staff from the Center for Prevention of Abuse will present the lessons. Each classroom will receive age appropriate information regarding personal body safety. The body safety program helps students develop knowledge, decision-making skills, and behaviors that promote safe living in the home, school, and community. Some points the program emphasizes are:

- Their bodies are their own.
- There's a difference between safe touches and unsafe touches.
- Only they can decide if a touch is safe or unsafe.
- They can say, "No!" or "Stop that!" to unwanted touches.
- There is a difference in safe secrets and unsafe secrets.
- If someone should break the "touching rule", they must tell an identified, trusted grown up.

Erin's Law is a law extending sexual abuse education in all Illinois schools. The Illinois law went into effect in 2013. All Illinois schools are required to provide sexual abuse education for all students, K-12, yearly. The law also requires educators to take part in training classes that cover sexual abuse and how to recognize warning signs.

If you prefer your student not participate in these lessons, please contact the Grade School office by Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Sincerely,

Becky Hansen, Principal

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