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Lighting the Path for the Future

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Dear Parents:

During the next few weeks, Edison School District will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project. We hope you will join us in participating in this program.

The CAP project aims to prevent child assault by teaching children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations, and by training teachers and parents to help prevent the victimization of children. The program has three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in-service, and individual classroom workshop with children in kindergarten through the 6th grade.

Our parent program will be held on Feb. 29th at 6:30 – 7:30. This program includes information on child sexual assault, identification of child assault victims, reporting of abuse, and crisis counseling skills. There will also be a detailed description of the children’s workshop. Due to the information discussed, children are not permitted to attend the Parent Workshop.

The classroom workshop combines guided group discussion with a series of role-plays focusing on situations children frequently encounter: a child-to-child assault; adult stranger-to-child assault; and an assault involving an adult the child knows. Discussion helps children identify what options they have to protect themselves. The strategies we focus on are self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of the school community. Because we encourage children to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important for parents and school staff to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. As part of the Edison School District community, we invite you to attend the CAP parent program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Dalia Mirrione,
Principal

Keep the above letter as a reminder!

Please return this slip ONLY if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the CAP project.

I DO NOT want my child _____, to participate in the CAP workshop.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

