



Dear Parents:

Warren Township School District will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project. As parents concerned about the safety of your children, we hope you will join with 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, staff workshop and individual classroom workshops for children in kindergarten and 3rd grade.

Our parent program will be held on Feb. 28th 10:00am at ALT school. 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.

The classroom workshop combines guided group discussion with a series of roleplays 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 Warren township school District community, we invite you to attend the CAP parent program.