



April 6, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In compliance with “Erin’s Law,” there is a state mandate for child sexual abuse awareness education in Illinois schools. Students at Palos West, East, and South will be participating in special virtual assemblies regarding this very important personal safety topic. As in the past, this information will be presented at age-appropriate content levels from a speaker with Childhood Victories, Inc., which has developed a program that meets the requirements for Erin’s law, but is sensitive to the needs of children and parents.

The “Be Seen and Heard” 2.0 presentation will be tailored to each grade level, and has received positive reviews from school social workers, neighboring schools, and local media coverage. The presentations are designed to help students learn about the dangers of abuse and the difference between safe and unsafe touch. In addition, a portion of the middle school program will include information regarding teen dating violence. Each school will host programs via Zoom with grade level schedules. Presentations will take place on the following dates and the buildings will send out specific schedules/times later this month. This will include schedules for remote learners to participate online from home.

April 20th - Palos West (Remote Classes: Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, & AM Kdg.)

April 22nd – Palos East (Remote Classes: Grade 4 & PM Kdg.)

April 23rd – Palos South (Remote Classes: Grades 6, 7, & 8)

To help provide “peace of mind” for parents, you can view an informational video describing each grade level program at www.victorpacini.com/peace-of-mind-2. Presentations are voluntary, as parents will once again have the option of excusing your child from the program. For more information on Erin’s Law, you can visit <http://www.erinslawillinois.org>.

Opt-out Information

Please sign and return the below form to your child’s teacher at least 2 days prior to the presentation date listed above **only if you DO NOT want your child to participate**. Palos South students should include their Team and Connections teacher on the form below. Additionally, these forms can be scanned and emailed to the building secretaries as well using the email addresses provided below.

Palos West – pharmon@palos118.org Palos East – tflaherty@palos118.org Palos South – kaldrich@palos118.org

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_____ No, I do not want my child to participate in the Erin’s Law Program

Child’s Name _____

Child’s Teacher (East/West) _____

Child’s Team & Connections Teacher (South) _____

Parent Name (please print) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

****Teachers will forward these forms to the main office.***