

Warwick Valley Middle School  
P.O. Box 595  
Warwick, N.Y. 10990

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

“Banana Splits” groups will be forming at Warwick Valley Middle School. These support groups are designed to help children handle feelings associated with parental separation and divorce. “Banana Splits” helps to establish peer support between children who share feelings of loss and change. Together, students explore and learn to cope with the ongoing issues relating to recent or past family changes.

Students will be grouped by their grade levels and will meet during advisory or lunch for approximately 8 sessions. Please make sure your child understands that due to the nature and duration of the group, it is important that he/she attend each session. If your child has anything scheduled during advisory, such as AIS, orchestra, band or chorus, we will do our best to develop a workable schedule.

If you would like your son or daughter to participate in “Banana Splits”, please fill out the Parent Permission Form below. Your child should return it to the guidance office as soon as possible, as group space may be limited. If you have any questions regarding the program, please feel free to contact us at 845-987-3100, extension 5. We look forward to working with your child.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wright  
6th Grade Counselor  
5th Grade Orange & Yellow

William Menkens  
7th Grade Counselor  
5th Grade Red & Green

Lauren Ogden  
8th Grade Counselor  
5th Purple & Blue

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**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM**

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in Banana Splits.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team

***Please return the signed form to the Middle School Guidance Office.***