



Our mission is to develop children who are confident and creative learners. We provide a rigorous curriculum and a supportive school environment that promotes high achievement, encourages personal growth, and meets the unique needs of each child.

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Dear Parents:

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193 was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. It is recommended that four communications a year on Erin's Law be made available to all students.

Victor Pacini, a survivor of sexual abuse, author and motivational speaker, will be assisting our schools in implementing this mandate. Mr. Pacini's program is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with learning standards. The focus of his presentation is to teach children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed are:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe Secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult

Mr. Pacini will be presenting at our schools. The dates for the student presentations at each building are as follows:

September 29, 2022- Old Orchard Junior High School

November 1, 2022- Highland and Jane Stenson

November 2, 2022- Devonshire and Early Childhood Center

We will be hosting a parent informational evening with Mr. Pacini to preview the information that will be shared with the students and answer any questions. *The parent event will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 virtually from 6:00-7:00 PM.* Here is the zoom link information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86455799881>

Meeting ID: 864 5579 9881

Requests to Opt-Out: If you prefer that your child opt-out of this prevention education session, please email your child's classroom teacher or principal.

Sincerely,

Sharon Jacobellis