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Dan McDonald

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Kindergarten and Second Grade Students,

The New York State Education Commissioner's Regulation requires elementary schools to provide our students with information regarding the awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse. To meet this requirement, the Valley Central School District has developed an age appropriate lesson for all Kindergarten and for all Second Grade classes. Each lesson is based on the "Beyond Good Touches/Bad Touches" curriculum created by the Mental Health Association of Westchester County.

The lesson for each grade will be approximately 30 minutes long and will be taught by Mrs. Riker, the Student Assistance Counselor in the building. The lesson will focus on safety and privacy and will be taught in late February.

To help reinforce this lesson on safety and privacy, please reassure your children that most people would never do anything to harm them or make them feel unsafe. Also, remind your child that their bodies belong to them and if someone does something they don't like, they should:

- Say NO in a big, loud, outside voice!
- Get away from the person (run, walk).
- Scream or shout for help.
- Tell a grown up whom they trust what happened.

We are happy to be conducting this important lesson. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Riker at 457-2400 ext. 12006.

Sincerely,

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Dan McDonald
Principal

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Alexandra Riker
Student Assistance Counselor