

October 19, 2009

Dear Parents:

Next week BSR will be participating in the ICAP Program "No More Bullies, No More Victims". As parents concerned about your children, we hope you will join with us in participating in this program.

The "No More Bullies, No More Victims" workshop is a three-pronged approach to supporting a community initiative against bullying. The staff, parent, and student workshops are integral components in this program.

The student workshop for grades 5 & 6 will sensitize young people to the problems and consequences of bullying to all members of their community not just the victims. Students' opinions on current bullying behaviors and attitudes will be surveyed and analyzed by presenters. This valuable information will play a critical role in discussing their perceptions of current responses, attitudes, and policies on bullying. They will create a list of their suggestions for decreasing bullying, which with the survey, will be communicated to administrators. Finally, they will be given various resources that will support and encourage them to create a community where there are "No More Bullies, No More Victims".

Our parent program for 5th and 6th grade parents will be held on Tuesday, October 27th from 6:30-7:30 in the BSR library. This one-hour workshop considers the causes of peer-to-peer violence and bullying behaviors. Who are the victims? Who are the bullies? What can our communities do to design and implement effective strategies to intervene and prevent bullying? The latest research will be cited and resource and informational materials distributed.

The success of this program 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 BSR community, we invite you to attend the "No More Victims" parent program.

Sincerely,

Dr. DeMartino