



Nancy Young Elementary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Young Elementary is considering offering a Rainbows program for this school year. Rainbows is a weekly support group for our children who have suffered a loss of a parent or sibling through death and for students who have experienced divorce.

When something significant happens in a family, the entire family is affected. Even though death and divorce appear to be only grown-up problems; they do have profound effect on the children that are touched by these experiences. If a parent dies or divorce happens, not only do the parent grieve, but the children also do as well. Because of their age and short life experience, children may find it extremely difficult to verbalize their feelings of grief.

Through this support group called Rainbows, we hope to assist your child in expressing and understanding his/her feelings, to feel acceptance for what has happened, and to feel a sense of belonging and love. At Young Elementary we have some very dedicated, sensitive, caring and trained adults who have said "yes" to helping these children put their feelings into words, work through their grief, build a stronger sense of self-esteem, and begin to accept what has taken place in their family.

If you feel that your child would benefit from the Rainbows Program, please fill out the Pre-Registration Form below by September 14th and return to your child's teacher. Depending on the interest in the program we will be contacting you with the type of Rainbows group we will be facilitating at Young.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to call myself, Karina Derhake, School Social Worker at 630-375-3815 or email me at karina_derhake@ipspd.org. Or Tanya Shea, School Psychologist at 630-375-6956, email tanya_shea@ipspd.org.

Most Sincerely,

Karina Derhake
School Social Worker

Tanya Shea,
School Psychologist

I am interested in having my child participate in a Rainbows Group
and would like additional information regarding a group.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

