March 9, 2018

Dear First and Second Grade Owen Parents:

In response to concerns regarding child safety and vulnerability to sexual abuse, the State of Illinois passed Erin’s Law that requires schools to provide instruction in personal safety and awareness of safe/unsafe situations. Again this year, our School District is collaborating with Mutual Ground, Inc. to provide Personal Body Safety Education instruction to our 1st and 2nd grade classes as part of the district comprehensive plan. Mutual Ground has provided this program in many school districts throughout our area and we look forward to this opportunity for our students.

In each grade level, the program will discuss sexual abuse prevention at an age appropriate level for our students as outlined below:

1st Grade Personal Body Safety (two 45 minute presentations):

· Safe and unsafe touch

· Learning the safety rule

· Discussing the difference between Safe vs Unsafe Secrets

2nd Grade Personal Body Safety (one 45 minute presentation):

· Learning/reviewing the safety rule

· Identifying trusted adults that children can go to for help.

**To provide you with more information regarding this program, the School District and Mutual Ground are providing a parent presentation on April 3rd from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Clow Elementary School (1301 Springdale Circle, Naperville**).

This presentation will be the time to hear all about the grade level presentations, as well as an excellent opportunity to learn about what we can do as parents and as a community to help prevent child sexual abuse. This program is for parents only. A brochure with further details from Mutual Ground will also be available in English and Spanish on the school website.

You will receive additional notification about classroom presentations as well as information about your right to opt out for your child. Please note the date of the classroom presentations at Owen.

Grade 1: May 7th and 8th Grade 2: May 9th

Our school is committed to the safety and well-being of our students, which is why we feel that providing this program is so important. If you have further questions, please feel free to call Rhonda Annala, Mutual Ground’s Prevention Education Coordinator at 630-897-0084 x107.

We look forward to seeing you on April 3rd at Clow Elementary.

Kids First,

Mrs. Kim Earlenbaugh

Principal