



Warwick Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Warwick Middle School cares about the safety and well being of our students. We want to make sure our school is a good place for students to learn. To do this we are going to be using a program called Olweus Bullying Prevention Program.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is one of the best known bullying prevention programs. OBPP has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying.

The goals of OBPP are to reduce bullying problems and prevent new bullying problems from happening. The program also works to make relationships better among students. The program is for all students, not just those who are being bullied or who are bullying others.

On Thursday, October 27th, we will be holding an assembly to explain the school rules and class meetings. The four school rules are as follows:

- We will not bully others
- We will try to help students who are bullied
- We will try to include students who are left out
- If we know someone who is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and adult at home

On Friday, October 28th, we will hold our first class meeting. Class meetings will be held each Friday morning during an extended homeroom to discuss topics such as building a positive classroom climate, identifying feelings, communication, peer relationships and respecting differences and promoting acceptance.

Parents and guardians play a key role in this program. Your child will be asked to tell an adult at school and at home if he or she is bullied or sees bullying happening at our school. It will be very important that you take any bullying seriously and tell our school staff. Our school staff members have been trained to deal with bullying situations when we are told about them. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or school administration to report bullying.

Bullying should not be seen as "kids being kids" or something that students just need to deal with. Having a safe school experience is something that all students should be able to enjoy.

Please feel free to visit our school website for more information at <https://www.warwicksd.org/>. In addition, if you have any questions about the program, please call your child's guidance counselor or me at 626-3701.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Smith