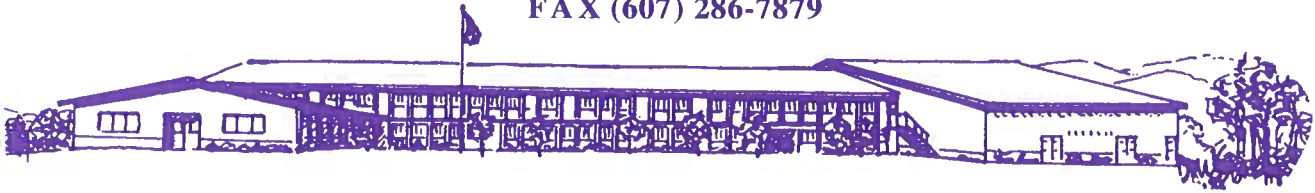


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Dear Parents and Families,

We are writing to share information with you regarding upcoming lessons that will occur in our elementary classrooms and in the middle and high school health classes. As you may be aware, New York State has signed Erin's Law into legislation. This requires public schools to teach child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention classes to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Erin's Law is intended to help with the identification of sexual abuse, and to provide awareness, assistance, referrals or resource information for children and families who are victims of child sexual abuse.

This year, MCS is partnering with the Otsego County Child Advocacy Center to educate and protect children and teens from all types of bullying, abuse, and victimization. The Coordinator of the Child Advocacy Center, Sarah Purdy, will be providing lessons in grades K-5 using the Monique Burr Foundation Child Safety Matters™ program (with the support of our counseling staff.) Lessons will also be provided for students through our middle and high school health classes in May, using the Monique Burr Foundation Teen Safety Matters™ program. The goal of this program is to help keep children and adolescents safe. It educates and empowers children and teens with information and strategies to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to physical/emotional and digital dangers. The program is based on the latest research and has been reviewed and endorsed by national experts.

Research shows that everyone benefits when prevention measures are in place and children are safe. Children who feel safe perform better in school, have better attendance, and enjoy healthier, happier relationships and more productive lives. If you have questions, please contact me or any of our counseling staff - Mrs. Lippitt at the elementary level or Ms. Johnson at the middle/high school level (607-286-7910.) We look forward to partnering with families and sharing this important information with students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tim Gracy, Interim Principal