

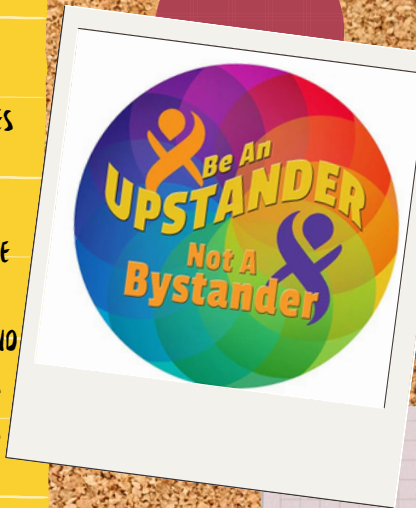


Central Middle School

PAWS & REFLECT

CLASSROOM VISITS

FIRST ROUND CLASSROOM VISITS IN GRADES 6-8 AIM TO SUPPORT A POSITIVE, RESPECTFUL, AND INCLUSIVE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. 6TH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT COUNSELING SERVICES AND HOW COUNSELORS CAN SUPPORT THEM THROUGHOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL. 7TH GRADERS FOCUS ON HIB (HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING), RESPECT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TREATING OTHERS WITH KINDNESS. 8TH GRADERS EXPLORE BULLYING AND ITS IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS, RELATIONSHIPS, AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. THESE CLASSROOM CONVERSATIONS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUILD AWARENESS, AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO NAVIGATE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY.



UNDERSTANDING THE HIB LAW

ALL STUDENTS DESERVE A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. THIS MONTH, WE ARE REVIEWING NEW JERSEY'S HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING (HIB) LAW IN STUDENT-FRIENDLY LANGUAGE. STUDENTS ARE LEARNING WHAT BULLYING IS (AND WHAT IT ISN'T), HOW TO RECOGNIZE IT, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING CONCERNS.

REPORTING PROCESS

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY EVER FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, UNSAFE, OR SEE SOMEONE ELSE BEING TREATED UNFAIRLY, THEY SHOULD TELL A TRUSTED ADULT RIGHT AWAY. AS THE ABS, I AM HERE TO INVESTIGATE AND SUPPORT WHEN BULLYING CONCERNS ARISE. FAMILIES CAN ALSO REACH OUT DIRECTLY IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

START DAILY CHECK-INS: ASK YOUR CHILD OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS LIKE, "WHAT WAS SOMETHING GOOD THAT HAPPENED TODAY?"

REINFORCE KINDNESS AT HOME: ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LOOK FOR WAYS TO INCLUDE OTHERS.

KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN: REMIND YOUR CHILD THAT THEY CAN ALWAYS COME TO YOU OR A TRUSTED ADULT IF THEY NEED HELP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of Respect
October 5-9

Bullying Webinar for Families
October 20 @ 7PM

Red Ribbon Week
"Make a Difference."
Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free."
October 23-31