Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you about the “Safe-T” program, a safety presentation for children in 2nd and 3rd grade. “Safe-T” is one of four presentations that the Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) offers to children to teach them body safety. These personal safety programs are offered **free** to all children in the St. Louis metropolitan area and surrounding counties.

Your child(ren) will have the opportunity to attend a “Safe-T” presentation on

(day)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The presentation lasts approximately 45 minutes. “Safe-T” teaches children response skills and knowledge through non-threatening and age-appropriate lessons that will help them avoid potentially abusive situations. The “Safe-T” program utilizes the 10-minute video called Mae Shares a Secret created by the Women’s Center of Tarrant County, as well as posters, stories, games and role-playing. Using these multimedia activities, children learn:

* To identify instinct and feelings.
* Three basic safety skills: say NO to an inappropriate touch; run away to a safe place; and tell a trusted adult.
* If sexual abuse were to happen to them, it is not their fault.
* To distinguish between a secret about touching and a surprise.
* To understand that sexual abuse can occur with people they know and trust.
* To learn effective communication skills with different subjects.
* To identify people who can help.

This interactive presentation is both fun and educational. All participants receive an activity booklet that they are encouraged to take home and share with their families.

**If you DO NOT wish for your child to attend the presentation, please fill out the slip below and return it to your child’s teacher before the date of the program.**

Sincerely,

The Child Abuse Prevention Program Staff

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I DO NOT give permission for my child,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to attend the 45 minute

“Safe-T” program on (date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_