Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

We are pleased to inform you about the “Safe Touch” program, a safety presentation for children in kindergarten and 1st grade. “Safe Touch” 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.

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

(day)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (date)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The presentation lasts approximately 30 minutes. “Safe Touch” teaches children response skills and knowledge through non-threatening and age-appropriate lessons that will help them avoid potentially abusive situations. The “Safe Touch” program utilizes a 10-minute video called Tick Tock Plays it Safe created by the Women’s Center of Tarrant County, as well as posters, stories and role-playing. Using these multimedia tools, children learn:

* To distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate touch.
* 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 understand that private parts are those parts of the body covered by a swimsuit.
* That there are no secrets about abuse.

This interactive presentation is both fun and educational. All participants receive a coloring book reviewing the information covered during the presentation.

**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 30 minute

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

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