

NEW JERSEY CHILD ASSAULT PREVENTION (CAP)

LETTER TO PARENTS



November 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten Students:

During the week of **December 7th, Kindergarten students at Spruce Run School** will be participating in the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project. As parents concerned about the safety of your children, we hope you will join with us in participating in this program.

The CAP project aims to prevent child assault by teaching children to recognize and deal with potentially dangerous situations, and by training teachers and parents to help prevent the victimization of children. The program has three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in service, and individual classroom workshops for children in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Our **parent program** will be held on **Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 6:00 pm in the Spruce Run School Library**. This program includes information on child sexual assault, identification of child assault victims, reporting of abuse, and crisis counseling skills. There will also be a detailed description of the children's workshop.

The classroom workshop combines guided group discussion with a series of role-plays focusing on situations children frequently encounter: a child-to-child assault; adult stranger-to child assault; and an assault involving an adult the child knows. Discussion helps children identify what options they have to protect themselves. The strategies we focus on are self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of the school community. Because we encourage children to share their experiences and concerns with adults, it is important for parents and school staff to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. As part of the Spruce Run School community, we invite you to attend the CAP parent program.

For more information, please visit <http://njcap.org>. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Deb Wilson the Hunterdon County CAP Coordinator at [908.310.6583](tel:908.310.6583) or hunterdoncountycap@gmail.com.

We invite you to attend the CAP parent workshop on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Spruce Run School Library. Please RSVP to this event using this form: <http://goo.gl/forms/VONSd6uvRg>

KEEP THE ABOVE LETTER AS A REMINDER!

Please return this slip **ONLY** if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the Child Assault Prevention project **by December 4, 2015**. Thank you.

I do not want my child _____ in _____'s
(Child's First & Last Name) (Homeroom Teacher/s)
class to participate in the Child Assault Prevention project.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date