

Dear family,

As you may know, we are using the **Second Step** social, emotional learning program with all classrooms again this year. The *Second Step* program teaches children important skills for getting along with others and doing well in school. In addition, **Second Step** offers a *Child Protection Unit*. These lessons support our goal to be a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

In these lessons, students will learn three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as bicycle/riding on wheels safety, seat-belt safety, fire safety, and gun safety.
- **Touching Safety.** Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts. They will also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell a trusted adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will give students a chance to practice their assertion skills. We will discuss the importance of being assertive if ever in an unsafe situation, talking to an adult about an unsafe situation, and asking for help when needed.

Our school staff is committed to promoting a safe and supportive school climate. If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit or the *Second Step* program, please contact me. If you **do not** want your child to participate in these lessons, please complete, sign, and return the bottom portion of this letter no later than **Wednesday, September 19th**.

For more information go to **SecondStep.org** and log in with the activation key code that corresponds with your child’s grade. Activation key codes can be found below.. Thank you for helping us make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Sincerely,

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ACTIVATION KEY CODES

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Kindergarten	CPUK FAMI LYGK
1st Grade	CPU1 FAMI LYG1
2nd Grade	CPU2 FAMI LYG2
3rd Grade	CPU3 FAMI LYG3
TK	CPUE FAMI LYGE

Only fill out this portion if you **do not** want your child to participate in the district-wide Child Protection Safety Unit.

I **do not** want my child, _____, to participate in the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit lessons.

Parent/caregiver signature

Date