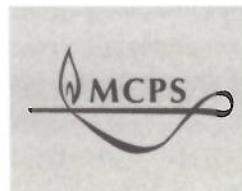


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Office of the Principal

October 9, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Montgomery County Public Schools is taking an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through early prevention and intervention education. During the week of October 12th and again the week of October 19th, our school counselors will be presenting the Personal Body Safety Lessons on the topic of child and neglect through PE and Health classes. These lessons will help students develop knowledge about abuse, learn to recognize the signs of it and how to report abuse to a trusted adult.

The lessons are known as Personal Body Safety Lessons and their purpose is to help students to:

- Develop knowledge, decision making skills, and behaviors which promote safe living in the home, school, and community;
- Learn skills for self-protection and identifying child abuse and neglect;
- Learn skills for asking for help for self and others and practice reporting to a trusted adult; and
- Engage in positive and appropriate interactions with peers and adults.

If you have any questions or concerns about the topics that will be covered, please contact me, your child's Health Education teacher, or your child's school counselor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ann Dolan', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ann Dolan
Principal