

Dear Parents,

On January 24, 2013, Governor Pat Quinn signed a law extending sexual abuse education in Illinois schools. The Illinois law went into effect immediately and schools were mandated to begin implementing "Erin's Law" starting in the 2013-2014 school year. Erin's Law requires all schools to provide age-appropriate child sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention education for all students in kindergarten through twelfth grade on a yearly basis. This will be the fifth year that Prairie Crossing has implemented these discussions with our students.

This letter is to inform you that on Monday, January 6th, our classroom will be participating in a discussion with Caryn Meyer, our Social Worker.

The focus of our lesson will be to teach children to recognize and cope with potentially dangerous situations. All information will be provided in an age-appropriate manner.

The presentation will be approximately 30 minutes and the following will be addressed:

- Children's Rights (the right to be safe, strong, and free)
- A discussion of bullying and bully-type behavior
- A discussion about "strangers" (i.e. what they are, how to stay safe around a stranger)
- A discussion about "unsafe touches/behavior" from a known adult and how best to react (if ever faced with it)

If you wish to opt out your child from this discussion, please email Mrs. Meyer (Social Worker) by January 4th. Her email address is cmeyer@pccharterschool.org.

Should you choose to opt your child out of this presentation, an alternative activity will be provided during that time.

As always, if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Meyer directly at 847-543-7924.

Thank you!