Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We all share a common goal for our children to be safe and protected from all things harmful. Related to that goal, school counselors are required to present annual personal safety lessons designed to prevent sexual abuse. The Think First & Stay Safe™ program is a research-based program that teaches specific personal safety education by way of interactive classroom lessons, classroom posters, role playing and corresponding activities. Think First & Stay Safe™ enables students to take an active and necessary role in protecting themselves from abuse and exploitation. A committee of professional school counselors reviewed the program and selected components that were developmentally appropriate for elementary students and developed lessons around those concepts.

Due to the importance of this topic, I want you to know when and how you may preview the materials and when the counselors will be presenting this information to your child's class. Please contact your child's counselor Holly Rivas at 678-546-2178 to schedule a preview or if you have any questions or concerns. The materials will be available for preview from 1/6/22 to 1/14/22. During the months of February through April, our school counselor will offer the sexual abuse prevention and safety lessons to all K-5 students.

You can also learn more about the detailed lesson plans and research behind this program at www.childluresprevention.com. Please be aware that more information is provided on the website than is actually used in Gwinnett County. The plan for Gwinnett includes: the key concepts taught at all grade levels; each grade reviews what was learned in the previous grade(s) and then learns additional lures or tricks. Specifics are provided below:

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<td>You can use your built-in computer and make safe choices.</td>
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<td>People are like the weather. Most are safe, but they can change.</td>
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<td>Lures are tricks used to get children away from safe adults and safe place.</td>
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<td>Laws help protect children and there are adults who can help you.</td>
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Your instincts help keep you safe.

A stranger is someone you don’t know.

Someone may even use threats to trick you.

No one can take away your dignity.

K Review key concepts

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5th Review key concepts

Video: Breaking the Silence

School counselors provide both in-person and virtual services that support students' academic success, career development, and social-emotional needs. Though confidentiality is important, virtual learning presents limitations that are outside of the school counselor's control. Virtual school counseling sessions may include unintended viewers or recipients, as there may be a parent/guardian, siblings, or extended family close by during the virtual session.

If you prefer that your child not participate in the sexual abuse and safety prevention lessons, please write and sign a note indicating your preferences and send it to your child’s teacher or school counselor. As always, counselors are available to discuss any concerns you might have. Unless written documentation is received, your child will participate in the sexual abuse prevention and safety lessons.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sally Lehmann

School Principal