

4th Grade Child Safety Unit

Dear Hemlock Creek Family:

During the week of **April 26, 2024**, 4th grade students will begin a 2 lesson unit on the topic of personal safety. The Child Safety Unit is designed to meet the education requirements of Wisconsin State Statute 118.01(2)(d)8 which states, in part, that students shall gain:

Knowledge of effective means by which pupils may recognize, avoid, prevent and halt physically or psychologically intrusive or abusive situations which may be harmful to pupils, including child abuse, sexual abuse and child enticement. Instruction shall be designed to help pupils develop positive psychological, emotional and problem-solving responses to such situations and avoid relying on negative, fearful or solely reactive methods of dealing with such situations.

In this unit, your child will learn the following specific skills to help him or her stay safe from dangerous or abusive situations:

- How to use the Ways to Stay Safe to recognize when something is unsafe, report anything unsafe to an adult, and refuse to participate
- How to always ask a parent or the person in charge first before going somewhere, doing something, or accepting something from someone.
- How to recognize safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and how to refuse and report unsafe or unwanted touches.

If you have questions or concerns about the Child Safety Unit, please contact me. As with all Phantom Skills units, I encourage you to talk to your child about the lessons in this Child Safety Unit.

Thank you for helping us to make our school a supportive place where everyone can learn!

Sincerely,

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