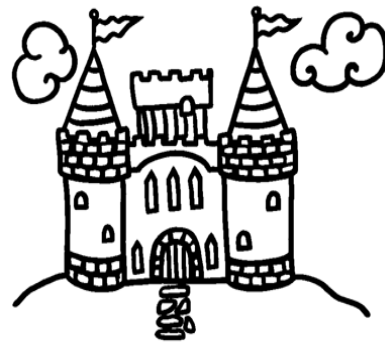


From Our Castle To Yours

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Welcome to the first edition of , “From Our Castle to Yours.” This newsletter was designed by the Building Leadership Team to keep parents involved and informed of current news, concerns, and updates. Please feel free to contact us with topics you’d like to see discussed in our newsletter or if you’d like to join our team.

Contact Information: call 655-8225, email ncappello@windsor-csd.org or send a letter in with your child -Attn: Building Leadership Team

March’s Hot Topic: Bullying

As you know the district recently brought in bullying expert Barbara Coloroso to work with staff and parents on anti-bullying strategies.

Ms. Coloroso defines bullying as : a conscious , willful and deliberate hostile activity intended to harm.

***Bullying does happen.** It happens in Windsor. Statistics are low but if **YOUR** child is being bullied that is one too many! In the near future we will be educating our students, teachers, staff, and working with the community about this important topic. But, the most important group is **YOU**, the parents of our students. We need your support in order to reduce bullying behaviors and we need your help.*

What You Can Do

As A Parent

1. Talk with your child– particularly the “bystander” role
2. Ask if he/ she is being bullied
3. Ask if he/ she knows anyone who has been bullied
4. Watch for changes in your child’s behavior that may indicate an incident as occurred
5. Report any concerns to your child’s teacher,

BLT will be sending future newsletters with information on important topics that impact you and your child. If you have suggestions for topics please let us know. (See below)
Please look for the following Hot Topics in April:

- Test Taking Tips
- Test Dates

How Much Do You Know?

True OR False:

1. Fewer than 10% of children are involved in bully/ victim problems in elementary school.

False - 19% report sometimes or more

2. Most bullying is physical in nature.

False

3. Girls bully just as much as boys; they just do it differently.

False - boys tend to be bullied by boys. Girls tend to be bullied by boys & girls.

4. Boys are more likely than girls to be involved in cyber bullying.

False - Girls are more likely to cyber bully

5. The vast majority of children who are bullied tell a teacher or other member of school staff.

False

6. Bullying is just as likely on the way to and from school as during school hours.

False - Most bullying occurs in the classroom.

7. Most students who observe bullying don’t think they should get involved.

False - Only 38% think they shouldn’t get involved.

If you’d like to become a part of our BLT (Building Leadership Team) email group please complete the following and send it to school with your child. You can also include topics for future newsletters.

I’d like to be on the BLT email group Yes No thanks

Suggestion for a future newsletter topic: _____

Name _____ Email _____