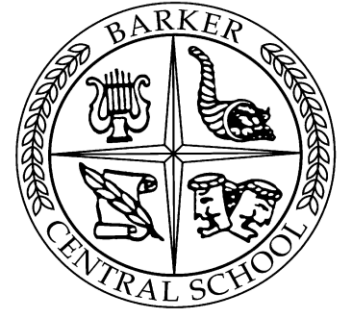


Barker Central School

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To Families/Guardians of Barker Kindergarten through 8th Graders:

We wanted to make parents aware of presentations occurring in various grade levels over the coming weeks. While the district has had some of these presentations in previous years, this year we will be collaborating with Northpointe Council. Northpointe is a not-for-profit organization focusing on helping local communities by providing prevention, intervention, education and counseling services.

The first presentation is on Erin's Law, which was adopted by New York State in 2019. The law requires public schools to teach child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention classes to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. This education is intended to help children and teachers to identify sexual abuse, and to provide awareness, referral, or resource information. Your child's class will be receiving a lesson on child abuse prevention, which will be taught in a developmentally appropriate, sensitive, and kid-friendly way. The district conducted presentations on this topic last year. These are one-time presentations and will be occurring in your child's classroom or physical education class.

The second presentation is Too Good for Drugs. It will focus on developing the skills children need to make healthy choices for kindergarten through second grade. The goal is to build children's social-emotional skills and empower them to be strong learners, make healthy choices, and be more resistant to peer pressure and peer influence. These lessons will take place over the course of ten weeks in your child's class. Presentations for Kindergarten and second grade will begin January 31st; presentations for first grade will begin February 18th.

We hope that these presentations will continue to help our students build the important social and emotional skill sets needed for success. Thank you for your continued support of the district.

Sincerely,

Michael Carter
District Principal