

## Hoover Middle School

### HEALTH LESSONS-PERSONAL SAFETY

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of our Ken-Ton Forward Strategic Plan and ongoing Health curriculum, we are sharing with our students the NYS mandated health lesson on Personal Safety and Erin's Law implementation (website below). The health educators and mental health professionals will be sending out an asynchronous lesson on this topic via our Physical Education classes during the month of May. It is recommended that you navigate through this lesson with your child. We hope that it will elicit productive conversations at home. The information stresses how to respond to various scenarios such as, if someone asks them to go with them, even if we know the person - we **Always** ask permission first, and the importance of saying **NO – GOing** (to get away) and **TELLing** an adult what just happened. **The following is the link for the videos that will be shared with your child: [Erin's Law Videos](#)**

It is important to help students identify trusted adults at home, in the community, and at school. Having these open discussions will provide the students with strategies and appropriate language to discuss these sensitive matters. Please talk to your child at home about who they should go to in the event that there is an emergency.

For additional information please go to the Fight Child Abuse.org website for safety tips, discussion guidelines, and age appropriate activities at <https://fightchildabuse.org/>. Please also take a look at the information provided here on Erin's Law:

<http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/erins-law>

Thank you very much for your assistance and support in educating our children regarding the important topic of Personal Safety.

Sincerely,

School Counselors - *Liz Cipolla (grade 5), Rebecca LaRoach (grade 6), Kathy Villum (grade 7), Amy Lipowski (grades 5,6,7)*

Health Teachers - *Dan Norton, Julia Gaeta*

Physical Education Teachers - *Kelly Blaszk, John DeCarolis, Lisa Siegel, Tony Mermigas, Ayanna Tramont*

Principal - *Elaine Thomas*