

Franklin 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 Social Studies 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. In August 2019, New York State became the 37th state to sign Erin's Law into legislation. New York State's law, ([Chapter 187 of the Laws of 2019](#)) - known as Erin's Law - requires public schools to teach child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention classes to students in kindergarten through eighth grade. **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,

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