

Dear Parents,

During the next few weeks Holmes students in grades one, three and five will participate in the SafeTalk program. This program, which uses the curriculum of the Child Assault Prevention Project, is supervised and coordinated by Kids in Crisis in collaboration with the National Center for Assault Prevention.

SafeTalk is a comprehensive, child-friendly workshop designed to help keep children safe. The workshop is held in the classroom and facilitated by Kids in Crisis staff members and trained volunteers. This proven, nationally acclaimed curriculum focuses on empowerment and encourages children to be "safe, strong and free."

The age-appropriate classroom workshop combines guided discussion with role-plays that focus on situations children encounter, like bullies, strangers and known adults who may behave inappropriately. The SafeTalk curriculum teaches children how to recognize and respond to a potentially harmful situation and how to express their concerns to a trusted adult. The workshop is completely confidential and respectful of the privacy of each child.

Parents and teachers are partners in the process and we welcome your involvement. Please attend the SafeTalk Parent Meeting at the **Tokeneke School Cafeteria (7 Old Farm Road) on Wednesday, September 7th at 1:45 PM**. This program will include a detailed description of the children's workshop, helpful parenting information and plenty of time for questions. For more information about SafeTalk and other Kids in Crisis services, please visit www.kidsincrisis.org

In an effort to promote the safety of all our children, we look forward to your participation in this very important program.
Sincerely,

Paula Bleakley
Principal

Please return this slip **ONLY** if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate.

I **DO NOT** want my child _____, to participate in the SafeTalk classroom workshop.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____