

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

May 24, 2018

As part of the fifth grade curriculum, students learn about the human body and changes that take place during adolescence. At times this will be a gender split unit.

The classes will begin the week of May 31 and June 1 during science classes – with additional dates added if needed. Mr. Markow will teach the boys' lessons. Mrs. Bunce will teach the girls' lessons.

The **learning targets** of the unit are as follows:

- I can describe the physical, social and emotional changes that occur during adolescence.
- I can describe the changes in independence and responsibility that come with adolescence.
- I can identify how it is normal for these changes to occur differently in different people in the adolescent years.
- I can identify two people in their support system with whom they can talk about their concerns.

The **resources** we use in this unit are

The Care and Keeping of You (Girls)
The Boy's Body Book (Boys)
It's a Change Thing (DVD)
Straight Talk (DVD)

After the unit, families are welcome to check out these books from our class for a week and then return them to Mr Markow.

There are **three reasons** we send this note home to parents:

- 1) Parents have a chance to communicate with us if they have any concerns.
- 2) Parents have a chance to speak with their child if they choose to before the unit.
- 3) Parents will be aware of the unit if their child comes home with questions that were not answered in class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Markow or Mrs. Bunce at school (824-7791) or send an email to markow@kelloggschool.org. Please sign this letter or respond to this email acknowledging that you have received this letter and are aware of the upcoming human reproduction unit. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Markow and Mrs. Bunce

Please sign this letter or respond to this email acknowledging that you have received this letter and are aware of the upcoming lessons about the human body. Thank you.

Student's Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____