Be Seen and Heard[®] Assemblies and Parent Night Information

Dear Parents and Guardians.

After continued positive feedback from our students, parents, and staff, Union Elementary School District will be hosting our sixth year of Be Seen and Heard© assemblies for K-8 students at all school sites beginning Thursday, September 11, 2025. These assemblies will reinforce and build upon topics that were covered in last year's Be Seen and Heard© assemblies. They are presented in the interest of student safety and will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, the differences between a safe and unsafe touch and a safe and unsafe secret, the importance of voice, and identifying trusted adults. Please note that for this year, the assemblies will be virtual and streamed into classrooms via the classroom teacher.

The content of each assembly is differentiated to be age-appropriate by grade level. School support staff will be on hand to support students during the assemblies. Each presentation will last approximately 30 minutes. Information about each assembly, by grade level, can be found in the table below. As a parent/guardian, you have the right to determine whether your child attends this assembly. Please see below for opt-out information.

We invite you to attend a virtual parent information night to learn more about the Be Seen and Heard© program. The presenter, Deanna Hynes, will lead parents through an overview of the program and will be available to answer questions. This presentation is open to ALL Union Elementary School District parents/guardians.

Date: September 3, 2025 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Link: Zoom Link for Sept. 3 Parent Info Night

Flier: Parent Night Flier

If you are unable to come to our parent night, you can preview the program, through "Peace of Mind" videos at this website: www.PeaceofMindvideos.com You will need to enter your name and email address to access the videos. Additional parent resources can be found at https://www.cviroadmap.com/.

Assembly Descriptions By Grade Level

K-1st Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, the differences between a safe and unsafe touch and a safe and unsafe secret, strategies to stay safe, and how to identify trusted adults. The phrase "sexual abuse" is not used.
2nd Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, the differences between a safe and unsafe touch and a safe and unsafe secret, the importance of recognizing negative feelings and what they mean, strategies to stay safe, and how to identify and confide in trusted adults. The phrase "sexual abuse" is not used.

3rd Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, abuse as a form of bullying, the definition of an inappropriate touch, the difference between a safe and unsafe secret, strategies to stay safe, the importance of voice, and how to identify and confide in trusted adults. The phrase "sexual abuse" is not used.			
4th Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, the definition of an inappropriate touch, the difference a safe and unsafe secret, the concept of child grooming, why some children do not disclose abuse, the importance of voice, and how to identify and confide in trusted adults. The phrase "sexual abuse" is not used.			
5th Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, bullying as a form of abuse, the importance of recognizing negative feelings and what they mean, the importance of voice, and how to identify and confide in trusted adults. The phrase "sexual abuse" is used and defined.			
6th Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, bullying as a form of abuse, the concept of child grooming, and what to do if someone confides in you. The phrase "sexual abuse" is used and defined.			
7th Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, bullying as a form of abuse, how to overcome adversity, and the importance of personal responsibility. The phrase "sexual abuse" is used and defined.			
8th Grade	This assembly will address the dangers of child sexual abuse, bullying as a form of abuse, the impact of Erin's Law, and the importance of setting personal boundaries. The phrase "sexual abuse" is used and defined.			

Requests to Opt-out:

As a parent/guardian, you have the right to determine whether your child attends this assembly. If you DO NOT want your student to attend the Be Seen and Heard© assembly, please complete this <u>BSAH Parent</u> <u>Opt-Out Form</u> prior to the day of the assembly and either email it to your school principal or drop off a hard copy in the front office.

School Assembly Schedule by Date:

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025	Friday, Sept. 12, 2025
K-1	5th Grade
2nd Grade	6th Grade
3rd Grade	7th Grade
4th Grade	8th Grade

Sincerely,

The Learning and Innovation Department

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