MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

***Learning and Teaching***

February 2023

Dear Family,

In the next several weeks we will be using the **Second Step** *Child Protection Unit* in your child's classroom. The *Child Protection Unit* teaches students three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety.** Students will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on wheels or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
- **Touching Safety.** Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts.
    - Learning the Touching Rule will help your child recognize sexual abuse touch so he or she can say no and tell an adult about it. Children can find it hard to tell adults about sexual abuse because they don't know the words to use. We can help your child by teaching him or her the correct (anatomical) words for private body parts. This gives children the words to use and helps them to know it is okay to talk about those body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will also give students a chance to practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

You will have access online using the link and activation key below to materials and Home Links that will help you understand what your child is learning about safety at school to give your child another chance to practice safety skills.

To keep your child safe and protected, everyone at school needs to be involved. So all our teachers get special training in how to:

- Recognize and report suspected child abuse.
- Respond to and support children who have been abused or who are facing other challenges.
- Use strategies that promote a safe and supportive school climate.

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit, please contact me. If you **do not** wish for your child to participate in these lessons, please complete, sign and return the bottom portion of this letter.

Thank you for helping us make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Sincerely,

Principal Name
Principal

Go online to **SecondStep.org** and log in with the appropriate activation key for your child's grade level:

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| 1st | CPU1 FAMI LYG1 |
| 2nd | CPU2 FAMI LYG2 |
| 3rd | CPU3 FAMI LYG3 |
| 4th | CPU4 FAMI LYG4 |

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I **DO NOT** want my child _____, to participate in the Child Protection Unit lessons.

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Parent/Caregiver signature Date