



Stop and Think
Parent/Guardian Letter
1 - 3 grade students

When having a special program or speaker, schools share information with parents and caregivers about that program. For your convenience, below is a sample parent letter. Feel free to edit and/or print on your letterhead, whatever best meets the needs of your organization

Dear Parent/Guardian,

[School Name] has scheduled RESPECT, an educational theatre company, to present an educational, theatrical production for your student on [date] at [time]

RESPECT is a data-based, nonprofit organization that travels to schools and organizations across Nebraska and Iowa performing plays that help kids prevent bullying and other abusive relationships by helping them learn positive skills and helpful resources. Founded in 2000 by Dr. Patricia Newman a Child Psychologist and Special Educator, the company has performed for over nearly 600,000 students. For more information about RESPECT, please visit their website, www.respect2all.org or call 402.965.1425. They can also be found on Facebook: respect2 and Instagram: respect2all_nebraska.

The play your student will see is called *Stop and Think*. This program focuses on the identification of many bullying behaviors and prevention techniques. Participants will learn about the importance of positive bystanders and how a person can become empowered if they “stop and think” before acting impulsively. *Stop and Think* includes interactive scenes, and students are encouraged to participate in role-play activities, respond respectively to bullying behaviors as the target or bystander, and realize what is “fun and games” for one person may be painful for another.

We invite you to join us in the audience for this important topic. Please talk with your student’s teacher for specific arrangements.

While the issues in the play may or may not be a specific issue at our school or for specific students, it is important to be pro-active in providing all students with the skills and information to be empowered as bystanders and to be able to help others as well as themselves have safe, happy and healthy relationships with others.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[School counselor/principal]