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Consent for Participation in Banana Splits

2016-2017

Dear Parent,

Your child is invited to participate in a small group called Banana Splits. This group is designed to be a support group for kids whose parents are divorced. The group's focus will be on sharing experiences so that they all know they are not the only one whose parents are divorced, using healthy coping skills, and focusing on what *is great* about his or her family.

This small group will meet once weekly. We are scheduled for lunch time on Mondays for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. (As I receive requests for younger grades, I will work on scheduling that group.) Students will get their lunches and come to room 303 near the lunchroom. Time and day may be adjusted to better meet needs and schedules. But this way, no class time is missed for this group and there are no before school meetings.

Permission to participate in this small group is requested. If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the bottom part of this letter and return it to me (fax, scan and email as permission are all acceptable or send it back with your child). If there is any information regarding your child's situation that you would like us to be particularly sensitive to, please give some explanation on this or contact me otherwise. Please do not hesitate to call with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,  
Laura G. Witcher, MA, NBCT-SC  
Counselor

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I agree that my child, \_\_\_\_\_ (Teacher \_\_\_\_\_, Grade \_\_\_\_)  
may participate in the small group Banana Splits during the 2016-2017 school year.

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Parent or Guardian Signature(s)

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Date