

McMurray Elementary School Rachel's Challenge: Permission Slip

The Peters Township School District is proud to bring the Rachel's Challenge program to our students, staff and community. Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit organization that seeks to make schools safer, more connected places where bullying and violence are replaced with kindness and respect; and where learning and teaching are awakened to their fullest. On Wednesday, September 19th, McMurray students and staff will participate in our Rachel's Challenge launch presentation.

Our goal is that our Rachel's Challenge launch motivates students to Start a Chain Reaction of spreading acts of kindness and compassion. For our 4th grade students, the presentation focuses on the challenge to reach out to others with deliberate acts of kindness. The assembly is a fun, energetic, and interactive event that mixes music, video and activities to tell her story. Students will learn about a young girl named Rachel; however they will not hear or see footage related to the Columbine tragedy or her death.

Student in 5th and 6th grade will have the option to attend a more detailed, but still age-appropriate introduction to the program. Rachel's story will be told from the perspective of her brother, who was a middle school student at the time. The presentation contains video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy. While the video/audio footage might be emotional, it is not graphic and was previously viewed on the national news.

Parents of 5th and 6th graders must complete the attached permission slip for their child to take part in this program. Any student who does not return a signed permission slip will attend the 4th grade presentation of the program. Permission slips must be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Monday, September 17th.

Parents can learn more about Rachel's Challenge on their website at: <http://rachelschallenge.org/>

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Please allow my child to take part in the 5th and 6th grade presentation of Rachel's Challenge at McMurray Elementary School.

This form must be returned to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Monday, September 17th.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____