

Treynor Cardinals



Dear Parents,

May 15, 2014

Our school cares about the safety and well-being of our students. We want to make sure our school is a good place for students to learn. To do this, we are going to be using a program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program starting in the fall. Our staff was trained in Olweus at the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. New staff has been added over the past 8 years, so our School Improvement Committee felt it was important to train those members and refocus those that were on the staff at that time.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is one of the best-known bullying prevention programs. OBPP has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying. The goals of OBPP are to reduce bullying problems and prevent new bullying problems from happening. The program also works to make relationships better among students. The program is for all students K-12, not just those who are being bullied or who are bullying others.

Parents and guardians play a key role in this program. Your child will be asked to tell an adult at school and at home if he or she is bullied or sees bullying happening at school. It will be very important that you take any bullying seriously and tell our school staff. Our school staff members are being trained to deal with bullying situations when we are told about them.

Students in grades 3-12 will be completing an online survey during the last week of school that will provide baseline data to help measure the effectiveness of the program in the future. Feel free to stop by the office to view a copy if you wish.

Bullying should not be seen as "kids being kids" or something that students just need to deal with. Having a safe school experience is something that all students should be able to enjoy. If you have questions about the program, please call or stop by any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Larsen'.

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