STAMP OUT BULLYING

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> BCMS PURPLE TIGERS ARE ON A CRUSADE TO "STAMP OUT BULLYING"

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WHAT IS BULLYING?



BULLYING is a serious problem in our schools today.

<u>WHAT IS BULLYING</u>? Bullying is the use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively dominate others. The behavior is often repeated and habitual.

WHAT ARE THE FORMS OF BULLYING?

- A. Physical
- B. Verbal
- C. Emotional
- D. Sexual
- E. Racial



WHO IS INVOLVED IN BULLYING?

(THE ROLES)

-BULLY (Individual or Mobbing)

-VICTIM

-BYSTANDER



10 Indications That Your Child Is Being Bullied

- 1. Unexplained Injuries
- 2. Changes In Appetite
- 3. Frequent Sick Days
- 4. Missing Personal Items
- 5. Suffering Grades
- 6. Tendency To Self-Harm
- 7. Isolation
- 8. Avoidance
- 9. Loss Of Sleep
- 10. Exclusion From Social Activities

8 Indications That Your Child Is A Bully

- 1. Is exclusive refuses to include certain kids in play or study
- 2. Persists in certain inappropriate or unpleasant behavior even after you have told him/her to stop
- 3. Is very concerned with being or staying popular
- 4. Seems intolerant of and/or shows contempt for children who are "different" or "weird"
- 5. Frequently teases or taunts other children.
- 6. Constantly plays extremely aggressive video games
- 7. Hurts animals
- 8. Observes you excluding, gossipping about, or otherwise hurting others

BCMS STUDENTS ARE NOT ALONE, USE YOUR VOICE!!!!

Bullying can lead to depression, the development of low self esteem or suicide. Bullying can have traumatic effects on our students.



WHAT ARE THE BCMS PURPLE TIGERS DOING TO ERADICATE BULLYING FROM OUR SCHOOL CULTURE?

Bullying is prevalent in our school's today. It is truly a social phenomenon that has surfaced in our schools and needs to be targeted. The Purple Tigers at Bessemer City Middle School are leading a crusade to 'stamp out bullying' from our school. Bullying has been identified as one of the school's weaknesses in the School Improvement Plan. Administrators, Counselors and Teachers have all been provided with a Stamp Out Bullying poster to display in their classrooms to enlighten students on what we need to do collaboratively to eliminate bullying from our school culture. Students at Bessemer City Middle School:

- S Stay Away From Bullies
- T- Tell Someone In Charge
- A- Avoid Bad Situations



M- Make Friends With Those Being Bullied

P-Project Confidence



TEEN LINK CRISIS CENTER

If your child is experiencing problems with bullying feel free to have them contact myself, Ms. Pugh or they can phone the Teen Link Crisis Center at 328-LINK. This link was created in 1994, and operates on the basic premise that all people have a deep need to be understood, and students are no exception. Also, it serves as an immediate help line for teens who are being bullied or may be contemplating suicide.

THE FACES OF TEENS WHO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE AS A RESULT OF BULLYING



Nude Snapchat 'drove teenager to suicide after friends filmed her naked in shower'

The Faces of Teen Suicide

Many, but not all of the these kids were Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning. Others were *Perceived at Gay*, even if they were not, and sometimes kids are simply called "Gay" as a method of bullying and harassment.

I tried jumping off a Freeway Overpass when I was 13-years-old, but a passing motorist dragged me off the chain-link-fence, just before I could make it over.

11-Year-Old Carl Joseph Walker-Hoover of Springfield, MA, Hanged himself after enduring anti-gay bullying at school, including daily taunts of being gay, despite his mother's weekly pleas to the school to address the problem. *Died (April 6, 2009)*

11-Year-Old Jaheem Herrera, of Dekalb County, Georgia, Hanged himself after enduring anti-gay bullying at school. The School investigated and ruled that when the other kids taunted him with the "Gay" word, it meant they wanted him to be happy. Died (April 16, 2009)

12-Year-Old Jared High, of Pasco, Washington, Shot himself with his father's gun, after being bullied and assaulted at school. Died September 28, 1998



