

Brigantine Public School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Next month the elementary and middle schools will be participating in The New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Project, known as CAP. This is a statewide prevention program training children, parents, and teachers to prevent peer assault, stranger abduction, and known adult assault.

The success of the CAP project depends on the support of the school community as it consists of three components: a parent program, a teacher/staff in-service, and individual classroom workshops for children. Every year the NJCAP program trains approximately 100,000 children and 15,000 adults.

During the CAP workshop, children are encouraged to share their experiences and concerns with the adults in their lives, and it is important for parents to be willing and able to respond to these concerns. As such, parents are invited to attend the CAP parent workshop on **Thursday, November 15th from 4:30 p.m.** to **5:30 p.m.** in the Elementary School Media Center. Parents will be informed of what the student workshops consist of. These include guided group discussions of children's rights and role plays designed to help children recognize and deal effectively with potentially dangerous situations including child against child (bullying), adult stranger against child, and assault involving a known adult. These lessons help children identify the options they have to protect themselves. The strategies presented are self-assertion, peer support, and telling a trusted adult.

If for some reason you choose to deny your child permission to attend this workshop, you must notify the classroom teacher in writing by November 30, 2018.

We hope you will join with us on November 15th in participating in this valuable program. For additional information on the NJCAP program, please visit <u>www.njcap.org</u> and view the CAP Community Affairs video at <u>http://njcap.org/cap-new-community-affairs-video/</u>.

Please contact your child's building Principal should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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