

Magrath Elementary School

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April 2, 2023 MES Parents/Guardians:

This coming Monday April 3 at 6:30pm MES will be hosting a **"Who Do You Tell"** information session for Parents/Guardians in the Black Box Theatre.

The <u>"Who Do You Tell?"™ Program</u> is a child sexual abuse education program for elementary school aged children, their parents, and teachers. It was first introduced in Calgary, in 1983. Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse (CCASA) has owned and offered the program since 1994. Since that time, the program has been evaluated, revised, and updated to ensure its continued effectiveness. The "Who Do You Tell?"™ Program works toward its vision of ending sexual violence.

Trained educators teach students three key messages:

- Childhood sexual abuse is NEVER the child's fault.
- It's ok to say NO.
- TELL someone you know and trust.

The program is multi-session and includes teacher/ staff training, a parent/caregiver training, informative resources, and follow-up communication.

The *Parent Information Night* is offered to familiarize parents/guardians with the history, content and presentation methods of the "Who Do You Tell?"[™] Program. Parents/guardians are also given information about child sexual abuse, how to talk to their children about abuse and how to respond to disclosures. They are also given the opportunity to discuss any questions and/or concerns they may have <u>as parents/guardians must provide permission for their children</u> to participate in the program.

Consent forms will be sent home with students on Tuesday April 4, 2023.

For more information click the <u>HERE</u> and <u>HERE</u>. Please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely, MES Admin