

October 6, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Ben Franklin School takes great concern in the well-being of our students. We want to ensure our school is a safe environment for all students to learn. To do this we are implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Currently we are year 14 of this successful data based program.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) is one of the most effective bullying prevention programs nation-wide. OBPP has an extremely successful approach to prevent or reduce bullying in schools.

The goals of OBPP are to reduce bullying problems and prevent new bullying problems from happening. This program also works to build positive relationships among students. It focuses on all our students, not just those who are being bullied or who are bullying others. Including: bully, victim, and bystanders.

Parents and Guardians play a key role in this program. Your child will be asked to tell an adult at school if he/she is being bullied or sees bullying happening. It is extremely important that you take any bullying serious and report it to our school staff. Bullying is a very serious concern in all our schools today and should not be seen as “kids just being kids” or something our children need to deal with. We are looking forward to working with you and having your support to eliminate all aspects of bullying. Our efforts are directed towards improving peer relationships and making Ben Franklin School a safe and positive environment for our students to learn and build healthy friendships. We will kick off this school year by revisiting bullying rules, procedures, and rubric within classrooms. We encourage all parents/guardians to join us in making this a positive school environment that is bullying free. A copy of UASD Bullying Prevention Policy may be located on district web site at uasdraiders.org and additionally information included on Ben Franklin School web site/social media.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Miller (Guidance Counselor) at 724-439-5020 Ext: 3520

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Miller-D’Andrea
Guidance Counselor

A Bully Free Environment Makes a Better School

“You can’t be against bullying unless actually doing something about it”

-Randi Weingarten-