Dear Parents/Guardians of Elementary School Students:

Students in grades 4-6 participate in Family Life Education (FLE) instruction through their classroom teacher. Students in grades 4-6 receive instruction in a human growth and development unit and an emotional and social health unit.

There are no changes to the FLE lesson objectives for school year 2015-2016. School board approved changes from June 2015 will be implemented in school year 2016-2017. For more information about the FCPS Family Life Education program, please see the detailed grade-level program descriptions at http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml.

In addition, grade level-specific curriculum lessons are available for review in multiple locations.

- Online in FCPS 24-7 (Blackboard) Parent View. Parents/guardians will need the new SIS account to access FCPS 24-7. Account information is available at your local school or online at http://www.fcps.edu/is/instructionaltechnology/247help/parents.shtml. Due to copyright permissions, we are unable to stream media online.
- Fairfax County Regional Library in the City of Fairfax (this location does not have media).
- Your child’s school. Please contact the school to schedule a time to review lessons and/or media.

You are invited to attend an evening opportunity to preview the Family Life Education media and lessons and to talk with school staff about the program. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 from 6:30-7:30 at Lake Anne Elementary School in the Library. All program materials and media for all grade levels will be available for your review at this time.

As you may know, parents who do not wish to have their children participate in FLE instruction may choose to opt their children out of any or all of the lessons. If you would like to opt your child out of one or more lessons, please fill out the form provided to you in your child’s orientation packet at the beginning of the school year or you may access the opt out forms online at http://www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml. If you have already indicated your desire to opt your child out of FLE lessons by using the form provided earlier in the school year, you do not need to complete another form. Should you opt your child out and then later decide you want your child included in FLE instruction, you must notify your child’s teacher in writing before instruction begins.
An alternative instructional program is provided for children who do not take part in FLE instruction, and every effort is made to foster understanding and respect for family choices and to avoid peer pressure for or against participation in the program.

Instruction occurs at various times for the instructional units during the school year. Human Growth and Development Lessons will be taught at Terraset during the week of December 14. We look forward to working as your partner in providing information that will help your child make healthy choices related to the exciting changes and new challenges he/she will be facing in the next few years.

Sincerely,

Candace Hunstad
Assistant Principal