

Dear Parents,

Your 4th grade student(s) is about to learn about home safety (key and door safety, phone and computer safety, first aid, what to do when bored, how to handle worries, etc.) so that they will be prepared to stay at home alone for short periods of time when both you and they are ready for that to occur (the Prince William County Social Service Guidelines state a child between the ages of nine and eleven may stay home up to 1 ½ hours during the day).

During the teaching of the program this year, Porter Traditional School will get a visit from the PWC Sheriff's Department. They will give a PWCS/PWC-approved presentation on gun safety to all 4th graders in an assembly format on March 22rd.

While everyone might not have the same opinion on guns, your students may have access to them whether at their home or a friend's home, relative's home, or on the street, in some cases. This part of the program is not meant to sway any political or personal beliefs, but just like the rest of the program, it is to keep kids safe. Guns are in more than one third of all U.S. households, so they're a very real danger to children, whether the parents own one or not. All children should be taught what to do if they ever encounter a gun.

Please make sure to encourage your child to share with you what he/she learns during our classroom lessons in late March, as well as the visit from Sheriffs Department. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Bablak at festamn@pwcs.edu.

Sincerely,

Madelyn Bablak
School Counselor, grades 1,2,4

If you would like to opt-out of this assembly, please complete this form and return to Mrs. Bablak .

I would like to opt out _____ (child's name) from the gun safety portion of the full day Safe at Home Safe Alone program.

Parent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Classroom Teacher's name: _____