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## *Teen Pregnancy Prevention*

### PARENT NOTIFICATION

On March 20, 21 and 22 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls will participate in a 3-day (45 minutes/day) program called “Changes as We Grow, the Early Years” as part of their Health curriculum. On April 3, 4 and 5 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys will do the same.

The program’s concentration is on preparing students for the emotional, social and physical changes they will experience as they begin puberty.

The program fulfills state-mandated maturation/reproduction requirements for grade 5, and is also the first year of a county wide, multi-year initiative that brings children age appropriate information about personal growth and development, sexuality, and abstinence.

“The Early Years” is divided into 3 sections: Emotional Change; Physical Change; and Social Change, in an effort to give students a complete, non-threatening and healthy view of puberty and adolescence.

Boys and girls are separated for the program. With regards to Physical Change, topics for girls include hygiene, body changes, menstruation and the female reproductive system, while boys discuss hygiene, body changes and the male reproductive system.

The program is sponsored by the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPP) of the Geauga County Board of Education.

If you would *not* like your child to participate, please contact Emily Figliano, 632-0261 ext. 4004.

Sincerely,

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