

Communicate To Stop Bullying

SAFE, Inc. led a Parent University presentation on Bullying Prevention at Gribbin Elementary School on Jan. 16 as part of a joint Gribbin-Connolly PTA Meeting. Robin Mead, a licensed social worker and SAFE, Inc's Parent and Life Skills Coordinator and SAFE's Coalition's Parent Committee Chair Laurent Caballero shared the presentation with parents and teachers.

Mead began by discussing the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), which was created to prohibit harassment of students by other students and district personnel. The law's five areas of regulation include: the creation of school policy and revising the code of conduct, providing for school employee training, the appointment and training of a Dignity Act coordinator, an annual reporting of information to state and notifying students and parents utilizing the

district's website, mail, evening events, and open houses.

Mead and Caballero discussed the subtleties of bullying from "friends" and the emotional drain that takes its toll on kids who are bullied daily. They discussed the different types of bullying from the physical to the emotional and defined exactly what bullying is not.

The Parent University Presentations are being led by SAFE's Coalition's Parent Committee to address the findings of the Bach-Harrison

Prevention Needs Assessment Survey given by the Glen Cove School District to students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 in January 2012. The survey assessed the use of alcohol, marijuana, tobacco and other negative behaviors.

The next Parent University will be on Bullying Prevention at Connolly Elementary School on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend to understand their role in preventing and responding to bullying.

For further information on any SAFE, Inc. PRIDE Project Coalition and their initiatives contact Coalition Coordinator Aimee Abraham at 676-2008.



Robin Mead, SAFE, Inc's parent and life skills coordinator, right, and SAFE's Coalition's Parent Committee Chair Laurent Caballero shared the presentation with parents and teachers.

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Robin Mead, LSW, leading a presentation at the Gribbin-Connolly PTA meeting on Bullying What Every Parent Needs to Know for SAFE, Inc.