

Parent/Guardian Invitation

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is our pleasure to invite you and your child to attend Chain Reaction by Rachel's Challenge. The mission of Rachel's Challenge is to equip and empower students and adults to sustain a positive culture change in their schools and communities by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion; based on the life and writings of Rachel Scott, the first person killed in the Columbine High School shootings on April, 20 1999. Since inception, over 23 million people have heard Rachel's story in live settings worldwide.

Chain Reaction is a powerful, high-energy program in which youth and adult participants are guided through a series of experiential learning processes. The overall goals of the program are to increase personal power and self-esteem, to shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support and to eliminate the acceptability of teasing, violence and all forms of oppression. Chain Reaction programs are designed to unite the members of the school and/or community and to empower them to carry the themes of the program back to the greater school population. This program successfully addresses the issues of violence, teasing, social oppression, racism, harassment, conflict management, suicide, peer pressure, alcohol and drugs.

During the program, youth are given several opportunities to speak out about what's really going on in their lives and what they need from one another. Please note: while our program focuses primarily on global and community issues and concerns, individual students can and often do share personal difficulties and experiences. Your child should be aware that while confidentiality is one of the primary norms for program participation, we can never guarantee confidentiality on a large group level following the day (*We do remind the participants of the importance of confidentiality*).

At the conclusion of the program, the majority of the youth leave feeling bonded, empowered and committed to making a positive difference. At times, youth may need additional support. It would be a great gift to your child if you can be available to listen to any feelings or responses s/he may have following the program.

We strongly encourage parents, teachers and community members to participate. Please contact your School Coordinator if you are interested in being a part of the program, or if you have questions about anything related to this specific day. Please contact our office if you would like more information about our programs.

Sincerely,

Rachel's Challenge Team
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