

October 31, 2016

Dear Parent / Guardians,

As part of our Great Body Shop Curriculum your **8th** grade students will be covering the Cycle of Life and Communicable vs Noncommunicable Diseases Unit for approximately 1-2 weeks. Under the state standards the following topics will be discussed:

- **Changing Bodies, Minds and Relationships**
- **Reproduction, Fertilization, And Birth**
- **Healthy Choices, Strong Skills, Positive Relationships**
- **Pregnancy Prevention**
- **Identifying the risks of HIV and other STDs**

The focus of this work relates to giving our students the tools to make confident healthy decisions during one of the most difficult times in life. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that this work will begin the middle of November. You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues such as those above (puberty, boyfriends and girlfriends and the emotional changes which they might experience) before the work is covered in school.

If you have any questions about the content of the program or resources used please do not hesitate in contacting me at school. The Great Body Shop basic curriculum outline is also available for you to look at. [www.thegreatbodyshop.net](http://www.thegreatbodyshop.net) Please feel free to reach me or my staff members at any time during the school year.

Please return the bottom of the notice to your student's **teacher** only if you wish for your student **NOT** to participate in this unit.

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I have read the above letter and I wish for my child **NOT** to participate in the Cycle of Life Unit.

**Child's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher: (Please circle your child's teacher)**      **Ms. Arouca**                      **Mr. Dupuis**                      **Mr. Nimblett**