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| **Northwest Guilford Middle**  **“Where Vikings S.A.I.L.”**  **Denise Francisco**  ***Principal***  **Greta Martin**  *Assistant Principal*  **Ben Davis**  *Assistant Principal*  **A person and a child pointing at a chalkboard  Description automatically generated**  Parent Previews - The Family Guide to Entertainment  **Guilford County Schools Reproductive Health Classes (page 108)**  [Related image](about:blank)  [Parent Previews - The Family Guide to Entertainment](about:blank)  **Show Responsibility, Act Respectfully, Invest with Integrity and Live Responsibly**  [Image result for viking sailboat](about:blank)    A face mask with a logo  Description automatically generated    **Please call if you have questions about the grade level curriculum lesson plans.**  **(336) 605-3333**  **School Mission: Northwest is committed to the engagement of students in active, relevant, and meaningful learning opportunities that strengthen character, foster respectful citizenship, and encourage lifelong learning.** |  | A close-up of a logo  Description automatically generated  November 14, 2024 19, 2024  Hello Parents and Guardians:  My name is Cathy Hailey, and I am the Reproductive Health and Safety Education Teacher/Family Life at Northwest Guilford Middle School. I have been the Reproductive Health and Safety Education teacher here since 1995. **I am super excited to welcome you to the Annual Reproductive Health and Safety Education Curriculum Parent Preview Meeting.**  It is hard to believe that we have already entered the third grading period! This is the time of the year in which the curriculum is implemented. I have already taught all the students at the other two schools that I serve.  Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life is a standard portion of North Carolina’s Health Education Curriculum. Your child will be taking **Reproductive Health and Safety Education/Family Life Classes on** **or around Thursday, March 7, 2024.** Guilford County School’s Reproductive Health and Safety Education classes and lessons reflect North Carolina’s Essential Standards and are based on the philosophy of ***Abstinence until Marriage*** and that parents are the primary sexuality educators of their children.  **In preparation for student instruction, a Parent Curriculum Preview Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2024,** in **the school’s Media Center.** The parent preview meeting is intended to provide an overview of the required Common Core Essential Standard Goals and Objectives of the N.C. Standard Course of Study. The session will be for parents of all students in grades sixth through eighth.  ***The Parent Preview Meeting is not required but it is encouraged. I will be available to guide you through the curriculum and answer any questions regarding the lessons******.***  ***I support you and your student through the “puberty education journey.”***  **If you plan to attend, please be sure to check - in the school’s Main Office first.**  Health Education is required for all students in North Carolina Public Schools. Health Education and Physical Education should be divided equally throughout the academic school year. All students will receive lessons within the Reproductive Health and Safety Education / Family Life Curriculum.  The opportunity to teach your student is a privilege and responsibility I take very seriously. I do my best to motivate, comfort and appreciate your student(s) and the individual uniqueness that they bring to the classroom. My goal as the Reproductive Health and Safety Education teacher is to help your student to be a responsible and independent learner. Information taught within the curriculum allows students gain knowledge and skills needed to have healthy friendships/relationships, how to make informed decisions, problem solve and to think critically about situations that may arise inside and outside of the classroom as they strive to grow into responsible adults.  I have been living a dream teaching middle school students about puberty for over thirty years! I am “an advocate for student success”! The feeling of watching my students have that “aha” learning moment never gets old. I am passionate about forging relationships with students that build a sense of confidence and enable them to grow as learners.  Reproductive Health and Safety Education is seen as a partnership among parents/guardians, school, and community. The curriculum shall encourage the involvement and acceptance of each. It lays the groundwork for honest conversations at home. The school's role is to supplement and assist in the child's education, encouraging learning essential to the development of strong families, positive relationships, and a healthy community. All the lessons are important to help young people develop into healthy adults. Students are encouraged to discuss information received in the classroom with parents or guardians at home. ***Homework assignments in grades 7th and 8th require parent / guardian signatures to assist in bridging the gap in communication of classroom lessons. This requirement provides opportunities for easier conversations at home.***  GRADE 6 Meeting Time  **Morning Meeting 9:30am – 11:30 am for Grade 6 parents ONLY to attend. Please plan to attend within the posted hours at your convenience. The meeting time length is based on you.**  **6th GRADE - ONLY 3-4 Days of instruction. Lessons include:** Communication Do’s and Don’ts, Conflict Resolution, Good Decision Making, Passive, Aggressive and Assertive Behavior emphasizing the importance of being “Assertive” to resist peer pressure, Active listening Skills, using “I” statements when communicating, Friendship Qualities (Video entitled “Friendship Soup”) What is the recipe for friendship? In this video, kids describe the ingredients that go into making friends. Topics on Social, Emotional, and the Physical changes of puberty are included.  ANY PARENT of 6th - 8th STUDENTS- MEETING TIME - 1:00pm – 4:00pm Visit anytime between these hours at your convenience.  **\*\*Grade 6 parents** **who missed the morning session may also attend** 1:00pm – 4:00pm  **Please attend during a convenient time.**  **The meeting is informal, as a result, the length of the meeting time is based on you.**  **GRADES 7th – 8th – 8-12 days of instruction based on the A/B Day schedule.**  CDC revised COVID guidelines represent an increasing focus on individuals making their own decision about their level of risk and how they want to mitigate that risk. People may choose to mask at any time.  All students will be enrolled in the Standard Reproductive Health and Safety Education/ Family Life Classes unless a letter written from the parent or guardian stating otherwise is submitted to the Health/PE teacher by ***Thursday, March 7, 2024.***  I am excited to return to Northwest and have students fill the classroom with their energy and enthusiasm for learning. I look forward to collaborating with you to make lessons and parent/student interview assignments, a memorable and enriching one for all. I cherish your partnership and collaboration. Thank you for your constant support in Guilford County School’s Reproductive Health and Safety Education Program.  I appreciate your commitment to your student’s education and appreciate any comments may you have about the Reproductive Health and Safety Education Curriculum.  If you are unable to attend the Parent Preview, or have questions or need additional information, please contact me at **336-605—3333or email –** [haileyc@gcsnc.com](mailto:haileyc@gcsnc.com)**.**  **Visit my Northwest Staff Webpage at:** [**https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/73957**](https://www.gcsnc.com/Page/73957)  **Please visit North Carolina Department of Public Instructions, Healthful Living Section Grades 6-8 Essential Standards website at:** [**www.dpi.nc.gov**](http://www.dpi.nc.gov/) **or** [**https://www.dpi.nc.gov/teach-nc/curriculum-instruction/standard-course-study/healthful-living**](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/teach-nc/curriculum-instruction/standard-course-study/healthful-living)to viewthe uniform set of learning standards included in the curriculum for public schools in North Carolina.  Thank you for your support in this very important learning experience for your student.  Sincerely,  Mrs. Cathy Hailey  A close-up of a logo  Description automatically generated**Health Education Specialist**  2006-2007 and 2018 -2019 North Carolina and Guilford County Schools Health Educator of the Year  Kiser Middle School (Base) 336-370-8240  Northern Guilford Middle School 336-605-3342  Northwest Guilford Middle School 336-605-3333  **NORTHWEST GUILFORD MIDDLE - 5300 Northwest School Road-Greensboro, NC 27409**  **Phone**: 336.605.3333 **Fax**: 336.605.3325 |