

PROTECT OUR KIDS!

Parents,

Join us **Wednesday, April 23, 2014** from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at Wilder Intermediate School, 1120 Nicklin Avenue, to learn about safety initiatives focused on protecting your child!



SRTS programs use a variety of strategies that help make routes safer for children to walk and bicycle to school and to encourage children to walk and bike more. Kate Moening, the Ohio advocacy organizer for the Safe Routes to School National Partnership, will share examples of success stories from other districts and highlight opportunities for parents to support SRTS efforts.

Lessons have been learned from unfortunate active shooter events at schools and other public places in other jurisdictions. It remains very unlikely that such an event will ever occur in Piqua. But we have adopted tools to make it even less likely. We also have changed the way students, school staff, and police respond to these incidents. Families should also plan ahead. We will explain the changes made by those responsible for your children's safety at school, and how parents can also prepare their response.



Sandy Hunt will present introductory information and resources for parents on dealing with bullying and the effects of bullying. Sandy is Director of the Victim Witness Division of the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office. Mrs. Hunt has made many presentations throughout Montgomery and surrounding counties on bullying prevention and protection. Her legal perspective will be especially valuable for parents. Mrs. Robin Phipps, Piqua City Schools Intermediate Guidance Counselor, will also be available during this time.

Piqua Police have adopted NetSmartz.org as part of a comprehensive approach to keeping our children safe online. Learn some general tips about online safety without any scare tactics. What better place to have resources for online safety than . . . online! We will tell you where to find safe and fun activities to have this talk as a family, for a variety of age ranges.



After marijuana, prescription and over-the-counter medications account for most of the top drugs abused by 12th graders in Ohio in the past year. Professionals from the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services will present "Parents360 Rx," a program developed by the Partnership at Drugfree.org to increase parents' knowledge of substance abuse and improve a parent's confidence in their ability to speak with teens about substance abuse, particularly prescription drugs.

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