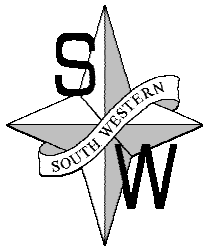


South Western School District

Baresville Elementary School
135 Sanford Ave.
Hanover, PA 17331



TO: Parents/Guardians of District Elementary Students

FROM: Elementary School Counselors

RE: Project Harmony

DATE: October 2, 2009

Since 1994, a goal of the district elementary guidance program has been to educate elementary-aged children about diversity and the specialness and uniqueness of themselves and others through the development of the Project Harmony initiative. This initiative promotes cooperation, sensitivity and acceptance that directly relates to the following district belief statements:

- ◆ Quality education provides a myriad of learning opportunities that helps each student develop confidence, teamwork, and compassion for others.
- ◆ The school environment must always be safe and promote the ideals of respect for others, a strong work ethic, and self-discipline.

To spread the message of peace, diversity, and respect, our school counselors will be in all elementary classrooms teaching Project Harmony lessons promoting a culture of peace. The first lesson, which focused on encouraging students to be sensitive and accepting of others in our continuously developing world, featured The Peace Book by Todd Parr. Students also constructed *Pinwheels for Peace* and then carried those handmade pinwheels in a Peace Parade to demonstrate a school-wide commitment to promote a culture of peace. Project Harmony classroom lessons will continue through November. A Project Harmony assembly will be experienced by all K-5 students in January.

The Project Harmony logo shown on the other side of this page was designed several years ago by Paul Downie, a 1995 South Western graduate. You have the opportunity to order T-shirts and sweatshirts again this year. The shirts are black with a white Project Harmony logo. Please note that your child's purchase of a T-shirt is purely voluntary. Should you be interested in purchasing a T-shirt or sweatshirt for your child or other family members, please complete the order form on the reverse side of this letter. **Return the form along with the proper amount of cash to your child's classroom teacher. We will not be able to accept checks. Deadline for all orders will be October 16, 2009.**

Thank you for supporting Project Harmony. Together we can work to build a positive school climate for your child, and to show them the importance of a peaceful and harmonious existence!