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Dear Drew Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has initiated for the 2016-2017 school year required mandatory Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention training for all volunteers. Volunteers are defined to include parents/guardians and other family members, as well as other members of the community, who donate their time to support the students of Montgomery County, subject to the provisions set forth in MCPS Regulation IRB-RA, Volunteers in Schools. Volunteering also includes chaperones on field trips.

All volunteers must complete online training on the prevention, recognition, and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Volunteers may access the training, "Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect: for Volunteers and Contractors," by visiting the "Child Abuse and Neglect" page of the MCPS website. The link for the training can be found at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect and we have also added a direct link from our school website for your convenience. Volunteers will receive an email confirmation to verify their completion of the online training module. Please either forward this confirmation to Michele Whiting, administrative secretary, or provide a copy of the confirmation to verify completion of the online training module before volunteering in the school or on a school sponsored activity, such as a field trip. Drew will create a database of volunteers who have completed the training and will notify your child's classroom teacher.

We do hope that you will complete this required training in the near future no matter if you plan to volunteer in the classroom on a regular basis or intend to chaperone a future field trip. This new expectation will also help us to ensure that your child is safe at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to your involvement at Drew for a successful school year!

Sincerely,



Wanda Means-Harris
Principal