Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our commitment to the safety of our students here at XXXXXXX Elementary School, we have once again invited Virginia Rep to present their play, Hugs & Kisses, on (DAY, DATE at TIME.)

This enjoyable, award-winning, musical is co-produced by Virginia Rep, the Virginia Department of Social Services and Families Forward (formerly known as Prevent Child Abuse of Virginia). It has been presented in schools all over the state for 36 years.

This play is designed for children in grades K - 5 and introduces the concepts of good touch, bad touch and secret touch, in a sensitive and age appropriate manner. Children are encouraged to seek out and tell trusted adults, such as parents and teachers, whenever they feel there is a dangerous or harmful situation.

The characters in the play include Hugs the dog, Jemma, the new girl in the neighborhood, and friends, Jacob, Michael, and Katie. Jemma has been hurt by someone and does not know what to do. With the help of her friends, she learns the difference between good touch, bad touch and secret touch and finds the courage to tell her teacher, Mrs. Crenshaw. The story ends with the real actors talking to the audience about personal safety.

We hope you find this additional information helpful when talking with your child about this subject. If you would like more information about the play, or child safety, contact your guidance department at the school, or visit the Virginia Repertory Theatre website at: http://va-rep.org/

Sincerely,

XXXXXX Elementary School