



Middle School Family Letter



Dear Family:

Your child will be participating in the G.R.E.A.T. Program (Gang Resistance Education And Training). The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a violence prevention curriculum that teaches students important skills to help them avoid gangs, violence, drug abuse, and crime. The purpose of G.R.E.A.T. is to help students develop beliefs and practice behaviors that will help them avoid destructive habits. During the G.R.E.A.T. lessons, students will be working closely with their G.R.E.A.T. instructor, who serves as a mentor and positive role model for the class. Some of the things your child will be learning in G.R.E.A.T. include:

- The truth about gangs and violence.
- Students' roles in their families, schools, and communities.
- Identifying realistic goals and how to reach them.
- How to make good decisions.
- How to communicate well.
- Developing empathy for others.
- How to deal with peer pressure.
- What to do when he or she feels angry.
- How to resolve conflicts.

Throughout the G.R.E.A.T. Program, your child will have the opportunity to discuss ideas, practice skills he or she is learning, and reinforce important reading and writing skills. You can help support the G.R.E.A.T. Program by asking your child to share what he or she is learning. One of the reasons G.R.E.A.T. works so well is that it is a collaborative effort among law enforcement, the school, and you!

Thank you!

Your G.R.E.A.T. Instructor