Dear Fifth Grade Parent,

On April 17th and 18th, we will be teaching the Reproductive Health/Human Sexuality and HIV/AIDS components of our Health Education curriculum. The concepts for these lessons are:

1. Describe the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty.
2. Understand the parts and function of the male and female reproductive systems.
3. Understand the processes of menstruation (girls only) and nocturnal emissions (boys only).
4. Understand the positive consequences of remaining abstinent from harmful or risky behaviors.
5. Identify people who are good sources of information.
6. Explain the function of the immune system and how HIV/AIDS disables the immune system.
7. Describe ways in which HIV/AIDS is and is not transmitted.
8. Describe the importance of practicing healthy habits and universal precautions.

Classroom presentations will include approved materials, a discussion of concepts and a question and answer segment to address the students’ questions. Boys and girls will be separated for all lessons. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

We will utilize the following audio-visual materials in our classroom study:

*The New Improved Me: Understanding Body Changes*\* *(Boy to Man), (Girl to Woman) and HIV and AIDS: Staying Safe*

*(\*Note: Boys and girls will view the video in separate groups. Boys will view only the boys’ section and girls will view only the girls’ section of the video.)*

You may review these materials April 10th at 6:00 PM, or at another time by special request. If you wish to see the materials, please contact Mrs. Ashkanani, at 248.837.8701 or meghan.ashkanani@berkleyschools.org (put “5th Grade Health” in the subject line). You may also view the HIV and AIDS video and supporting materials and lessons at the Discovery Education website at <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/>. The login is **bsdboard** and the password is **berkley.** In the search box, type “**HIV and AIDS: Staying Safe**”.

**By law, parents have the right to observe reproductive health instruction in their child’s classroom. They may also excuse their child, without penalty, from participation in classes containing reproductive health. Please send a written notice to your child’s teacher, if you wish to**:

* Make an appointment to observe the reproductive health instruction.
* Excuse your child from reproductive health instruction, this year only.
* Excuse your child from reproductive health instruction until the principal of the school is notified by you.

Sincerely,

Pattengill 5th Grade Team Mr. McKelvey, Mrs. Daniels & Mrs. Wloszek

Meghan Ashkanani, Principal