

From Pilgrim Park School:

From: Mark Peperkorn <peperkom@elmbrookschoools.org>

Date: November 11, 2016 at 11:48:08 AM CST

To: Pilgrim Park Middle School Recipients <recipients@elmbrook.parentlink.net>

Subject: Post Election Respect & Empathy

Good morning PPMS Families,

For years, we have been committed to creating and sustaining a respectful, responsible, and safe school community. At PPMS, this is known and messaged as RISE. We are purposeful in teaching and reinforcing our RISE expectations and committed to positive community building with our young citizens.

Today, we are asking for your partnership with helping us educate our student community about empathy and positive school citizenship as a PPMS student, Elmbrook community member, and global citizen. In the past few days since the election we have received reports of potentially harmful student behavior/comments targeted at fellow Pilgrim Park students because of their race, religion, ethnicity, economic status, gender, or political beliefs. This behavior does not reflect our expectations of *Respect, Integrity, Strive and Excellence* and will not be tolerated. We are asking for your assistance in reinforcing these expectations with your child, as well as discussing how to respond if your child should hear, read online, or see behavior that is not becoming of a student at PPMS. We must all remain committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all students in our school community.

Like other societal events, this election serves as an opportunity to practice our school behavior expectations in the context of real life. Our students have been exposed to a constant stream of negativity due to our recent nation-wide media outlets, and they need our support navigating through this negativity. It is a great time to model for our young minds what empathy looks and sounds like. At PPMS, we will continue to message and reinforce our behavior commitments in the coming weeks, as well as discuss the responsibility to hold one another accountable for our words and actions towards others. Here is a [potential resource for families](#) to support you.

Thank you for your support and engagement in this work. There are few things more important than teaching our children how to be positive, respectful and contributing members to our local, regional and global community.

With warm regards,

Mark

Mark Peperkorn

Principal

Pilgrim Park Middle School

And now, another Elmbrook principal sends the exact same email claiming the exact same harassment at another school!

From: Bethany Harder [<mailto:harderb@elmbrookschoools.org>]
Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 12:23 PM
To: Wisconsin Hills Middle School Recipients
Subject: Post Election Respect and Empathy

Dear WHMS Families,

For years, we have been committed to creating and sustaining a respectful, responsible, and safe school community. At WHMS, this is known and messaged as our Hills Pride. We are purposeful in teaching and reinforcing our Hills Pride ideas and committed to positive community building with our young citizens.

Today, we are asking for your partnership with helping us educate our student community about empathy and positive school citizenship as a WHMS student, Elmbrook community member, and global citizen. In the past few days since the election we have received reports of potentially harmful student behavior/comments targeted at fellow Wisconsin Hills students because of their race, religion, ethnicity, economic status, gender, or political beliefs. This behavior does not reflect our expectations of Respect and Responsibility and will not be tolerated. We are asking for your assistance in reinforcing these expectations with your child, as well as discussing how to respond if your child should hear, read online, or see behavior that is not becoming of a student at WHMS. We must all remain committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all students in our school community.

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Lisa Rettler