



Higher Academic Expectations within a School Climate

January, 2010

Dear Parents:

For several years, the Oswego School District has worked in partnership with the Aurora Police Department to provide the Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education Program (DARE) to fifth grade students. Unfortunately, this program has been discontinued. The district has taken this opportunity to research other means of providing prevention education programs to fifth grade students. We are happy to announce that District 308 has created the FACT Program. For the remainder of this school year, fifth grade students will participate in three thematic sessions of instruction offered by officers from the Aurora Police Department, as well as other agencies in the Oswego area. These sessions will take place each month, January through May, and will cover the following:

- Refusal Skills
- Peer Pressure
- Team Building

Our FACT Program will end with two culminating activities in May; A motivational speaker will talk to all D308 fifth graders at the Oswego High School and students will participate in *Step-Up Day* at Bednarcik Junior High School. Further information regarding these activities will be available in the future. We will be asking your child for feedback at the end of the FACT program so that we can ensure this is the most effective program for our fifth graders as they prepare to enter junior high school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tara Phillips'.

Tara Phillips
Assistant Principal