

McHarg Elementary

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Dear Parent(s),

Ellen Denny, McHarg Guidance Counselor, will be teaching our Family Life Curriculum in the coming weeks. A comprehensive and sequential Family Life Education Program was mandated by the Virginia General Assembly and incorporated into the Code of Virginia in 1987 and has been revised thereafter.

The Radford City School Board has approved the Family Life Curriculum to be taught in Radford City Schools. Parents have the right to view the entire Family Life Curriculum and are welcome to contact Ms. Denny if they would like a hard copy of the curriculum as well as audiovisuals and other supportive materials used in the lessons. You may also access Family Life Curriculum on the McHarg webpage at <http://www.rcps.org/mch/index.html>. Click on “School Info” and then “Family Life” to access the entire curriculum.

The McHarg site has sensitive lessons that we, as a school system, encourage parents to teach. These standards (1.6, 1.7, 3.5, 3.7, 3.8) need to be approached with sensitivity and personalized attention and will **NOT** be addressed at school. McHarg Elementary has decided to allow parents, the child’s primary instructor, to address those standards, one on one, with their child. Resources are available from Ms. Denny if you would like support in discussing these standards with your child.

The remaining standards, self-efficacy, respect, personal responsibility, feelings, behavior, marriage, family living, relationships, friendships, safety, good/bad touching, electronic privacy and media influences are all discussed in a classroom setting with Ms. Denny in the guidance office. Please know that parents have the right to opt their child out of any or all of the Family Life Instruction. If you have questions or concerns about your child participating in the program, feel free to contact me (rgraham@rcps.org), Mrs. Denny (edenny@rcps.org) or the office at 731-3652.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Graham, Principal