



RANCHO MIRAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

As we are all painfully aware, we live in a day and age where it has become prudent and necessary to prepare our children for exposure to violent threats. Fortunately, the science of protection has provided us with effective responses to increase safety and survivability.

Rancho Mirage High School has partnered with Safe Kids Inc., a team of law enforcement and education experts, who have developed curriculum that teaches these responses in a non-threatening manner: The H.E.R.O. Program. H.E.R.O. is an acronym for:

Hide!

Escape!

Run!

Overcome!

Your child will learn these safe-thinking skills and empowerment strategies through age-appropriate activities, stories, classroom discussions, journaling, and student-parent discussion. Once they have been prepared in this non-threatening manner, the school will participate in school-wide drills that meet and exceed safety mandates determined by government officials.

The H.E.R.O. Program has been vetted by numerous focus groups consisting of students, teachers, school administrators, school psychologists, university faculty, law enforcement and most importantly, parents!

This school year, students, faculty and staff will participate in the H.E.R.O. Program. If you would like further information, we encourage you to visit Safe Kids Inc.'s website at www.SafeKidsInc.com to learn more about the program. You can also download the free H.E.R.O. Companion Guide for Parents by clicking on the "Families" tab.

We value the safety of our children above all else and believe the H.E.R.O. Program will create a safer learning environment for our entire school community.

Sincerely,

Teresa Haga, Ed.D.
Principal



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