

White Sulphur Springs Schools are pledging to work towards a community that stands up against violence and are committed to breaking the cycle of violence through empowerment and education.

Aspen Abuse Support and Prevention network will be at the school February 8th and 9th conducting a sexual harassment prevention program for 7-12th graders.

Aspen is a community non-profit resource located in Livingston that provides shelter, support, referrals and advocacy to victims of domestic and sexual violence in Meagher, Park, and Sweet Grass counties.

We know domestic violence can affect children and youth differently than adults. The learning focus of this curriculum is on social and emotional wellness. Using both active and collaborative learning techniques, students understand how to identify and constructively deal with emotions as well as engage in healthy, inclusive relationships.

Youth are one of the most at risk population for interpersonal violence, including sexual and dating violence. ASPEN's Tolerance Respect Empowerment Empathy (TREE) program is a curriculum that promotes National and Montana common core standards such as critical thinking, problem solving, information literacy and analytical skills. It is intended to challenge students to think critically about how they think, act and speak. Covering a wide range of topics that teens today are facing, the TREE lessons are relevant and focused on the actual issues of youth in rural Montana.

The 7-10th curriculum is geared heavily toward understanding what sexual harassment is, how it is related to personal boundaries, defining your own boundaries, and what to do if those boundaries are crossed.

The 11th-12th curriculum takes a deeper look at what creates sexual harassing behavior, how the media plays a role in violence, and how it looks in thinking about consent and relationships.

If you do not want your child to participate please email or call Caley Clark at the school counselor@whitesulphur.k12.mt.us