

# Hawthorn District 73

## Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>

### Elementary Student Assembly Program

**Erin's Law** (House Bill 6193) was signed by Governor Pat Quinn on January 24, 2013. This law requires all public schools to implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program for grades preK-12. In response to this important mandate, Hawthorn District 73 is hosting the **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>** assembly program for all elementary students during the second week in December. The program is designed to create an age-appropriate, safe, and engaging environment in which students learn the difference between safe and unsafe touch, and the importance of having trusted heroes.

Mr. Victor Pacini, an author, motivational speaker, and survivor of sexual abuse, developed the **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>** program. Mr. Pacini is a native to the area, and his program has been used with over 850,000 students and parents nationwide; it is developmentally appropriate, interactive, and aligned with the Illinois Social and Emotional Learning Standards. The primary goal of **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>** is to teach children basic skills that keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. The concepts that will be discussed include:

- Distinguishing safe from unsafe touches
- Safety rules at home and school
- Saying "NO"
- Safe/Unsafe secrets
- It's not the child's fault if someone touches him or her
- Telling a trusted adult



Please below for the **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>** assembly date at your child's school.  
Aspen Elementary School: Thursday, December 12th  
School of Dual Language: Friday, December 13th  
Elementary North School: Tuesday, December 10th  
Elementary South School: Wednesday, December 11th  
Townline Elementary School: Friday, December 13th

Students attend **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>** in grade level bands: kindergarten, first, and second graders; third and fourth graders; fifth graders. Students at Elementary South are in Phase 2 of Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>; they are scheduled to attend the assembly by grade level, with kindergarten and first grade students attending together.

*If you prefer that your child not participate in this program, please email your child's classroom teacher prior to Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.*

For more information about **Be Seen and Heard<sup>©</sup>**  
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