

#### 4<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT NOTIFICATION FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In compliance with the Maryland State Department of Education, COMAR, instruction on disease prevention and control, including HIV/AIDS, will be taught in the fourth grade science curriculum. This material will be included in the context of study of cellular function and structure, and will provide students with important factual information about disease.

These lessons include the following:

- Communicable diseases, including HIV/AIDS and how they are transmitted
- How immune cells are affected by infection
- Health behaviors to help prevent the spread of diseases, including HIV/AIDS
- Social effects of diseases, including HIV/AIDS

This instruction is age appropriate for fourth grade students. Sexual transmission of HIV/AIDS is NOT being presented at this time. During this unit your child has an opportunity to receive a student booklet entitled, "Protecting Yourself from Communicable Diseases." We encourage you to review the information booklet with your child and discuss what they will be learning in class. We are working together to provide them the content and skills necessary to practice life-long health enhancing behaviors.

Sincerely,

The Office of Health Education  
Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
410-222-5453

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Please sign below indicating that you have received this notification about the HIV/AIDS instruction. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL BY: \_\_\_\_\_