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Dear Parents / Guardians of a 5th grade student,

Your child viewed an educational video today as part of our Bully Awareness Program and the Elementary Counseling Curriculum.

We encourage you to discuss the content of BROKEN TOY, the 25 minute emotionally charged video that was viewed in your child's 5th grade classroom.

The story was about a boy named Raymond, a 12 year old boy who is constantly picked on by his classmates. The "bullies" see nothing wrong with what they are doing until their actions go too far.

Students were also involved in a small group discussion under the direction of the classroom teacher and guidance counselor. Classroom discussion of Broken Toy provided the chance for students to review the content of the video and share feelings regarding the information that was presented.

Parents are invited to call the elementary guidance counselor if they wish to schedule a time to come in and view the video.

It is our hope that the video, classroom discussion and parent- child dialogue has given your child an opportunity to explore their own feelings and reactions regarding bullying.

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