Parent Permission Slip

Our class is about to begin new unit of study entitled "Living Together as One." During this unit the learners will define and identify stereotypical and discriminatory behaviors. They will analyze the harmful effects of discrimination on our society and give examples of the ways individuals have responded to violations of human dignity. They will describe a social action plan to make the school a welcome and secure learning environment for all learners.

Some of the components of this lesson may cause intense emotions and feelings. There will be debriefing periods after each component to deal with these issues.

The following movies may be viewed during this unit.

"Journey to a Hate-Free Millenium"

This documentary shows real life stories of people whose lives have been dramatically effected by discrimination and hatred, and explores their conscience choice not to hate in return. Historical incidents cited in the movie are the murders of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming and James Byrd in Texas, and the Columbine High School shootings, as well as activities of white supremacists and hate groups. After viewing the film, students will have the opportunity to process their reactions and discuss their feelings about hatred and violence.

"Remember the Titans"

This fact-based movie is set in Alexandria, VA in 1971 and begins with the integration of black and white students at T.C. Williams High School. Denzel Washington portrays the school's new black head football coach. Racial tensions flare in the town and on the team during the struggle to victory. In the process the players and coaching staff develop racial harmony and create bonds of friendship.

I give permission for my child, _____, to participate in activities (including viewing the movies) throughout the philanthropic unit "Living Together as One".

I know that at any time I am free to view these movies or the materials used for discussion.

Parent/Guardian signature_____ Date_____

Learner signature_____ Date_____