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An Email Newsletter for SLTP Alumni & Staff

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All too real

Bullies . . . Every school has them. They taunt, tease, shove, and beat up other kids. Indirect bullying -- where kids are ignored or excluded -- can be just as devastating as a physical assault, say experts. To Ronald Stephens, executive director of the National School Safety Center, bullying is "one of the most underrated but enduring problems in schools today." In the U.S., surveys show that as many as one in four kids say they've been bullied recently in school.

It is one thing when younger kids may be afraid or ashamed to tell adults about a bully. It is entirely another when a climate for bullying exists at the high school level.

Some teachers and administrators don't and won't intervene because they think kids should work it out on their own.

What can student leadership do to help kids protect themselves from a bully? (Send your email to: SLTPlead@aol.com)

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Great Answer

By Bonnie Block

In our kindergarten class, we constantly encouraged children to recognize and accept strengths in themselves and others. We daily promoted the concept of "family." We truly cared, nurtured, embraced and loved each other. One of our strongest class rules was, "We will say only kind things to each other." The children became cheerleaders for one another in attempts as well as successes. When someone had difficulty with a task, another child often said, "Just do your best." Standing ovations were given throughout the day for acts of effort.

One day the children were seated on the floor eagerly relating experiences about springtime when Michael raised his hand. Michael often raised his hand, but Michael couldn't speak. Because of the safe, inviting environment we had established, his enthusiasm and eagerness to learn never seemed to diminish. I recognized him each time he raised his hand, and we all gave him time to respond at his own comfort level, hoping this would be the time he'd talk. Then, after a few minutes, I

would respond as if he had answered, "Michael, that was a good try." We then proceeded with our lesson.

When Michael raised his hand again this day, the class and I eagerly waited, as usual. And to our great surprise, he spoke! The children and I were so surprised and joyous, the energy in the room was overwhelming. One of my class angels, Nicole, spoke first, "That was a great wrong answer!" The class immediately stood and gave him a standing ovation.

From Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen.

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Visit the website -- print out your application and get it in!!!!!!!

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Attention ALC delegates

Don't forget that the ALC delegates are expected to contribute to the nightly *Tranquillity*. That means you need to find the stories, poems or songs you'd like to share.

ALC delegates are also expected to participate in the morning *Getting Started* presentations -- so start practicing your energizers.

ALC delegates are also expected to have a *Vesper* which is a wish for their fellow ALCers for the week.

And let's not forget Magic Notes for everyone!!!!

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2003 Staff Application Deadline

The deadline for the application is August 15. Applications are available in the new camper manual.

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Final Mailing

The final mailing of applications for this summer will be in the mail this weekend.

If you need applications to distribute to your school -- please call 1.800.600.7223 and leave your name and address.

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Officer Training Seminar

The OTS is scheduled for July 1 and 2. Officer teams should be prepared for an intense experience.

OTS is the first leg of SLTP's Grand Slam.

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Nichols College

Nichols College is THE Leadership Center for New England. The school offers a strong leadership curriculum. The school environment and atmosphere is highly energized.

Last year SLTP found a home on its campus. Next month, both of the Massachusetts Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminars (HOBY) will be staged at Nichols.

HOBY will draw participants from 300 schools all across Massachusetts. SLTP will draw students from over 100 schools (from as far away as Louisiana).

The talent that will be walking around that campus this summer is incredible.

By the way -- the AC is operational in the dining hall -- so that means there are no buildings left without airconditioning. And that's a relief!

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Don't be left out

Don't be left behind. Sign up today!!!!!!

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The 2002 SLTP Conference Schedule

at

Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

LTC's - - July 9 - 13; July 23 - 27; July 30 - Aug 3; Aug 6 - 10

ALC's - - July 10 - 13 (full); July 31 - Aug 3; Aug 7 - 10

Officer Training Seminar - - July 1 - 2

Adviser Certification - - July 31 - Aug 3

The ReEnergizer Conference - Saturday, November 30

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