



Dear Parents/ Guardians

The Kamloops Brain Injury Association and Royal Inland Hospital are partnering with Kamloops RCMP and Canadian Mental Health Association to present the P.A.R.T.Y (Preventing Alcohol Related Trauma in youth) program to Kamloops students. P.A.R.T.Y is an injury prevention program that aims to provide students with a realistic look at the impact of poor decision making and the immediate and long term consequences of motor vehicle collisions. Students follow the journey of a car accident victim starting with the incident of injury, through treatment, rehabilitation and community re-integration. Physicians, nurses, paramedics, police, and trauma survivors share first hand experiences and provide students with strategies for reducing risk and emphasizing key messages such as driving sober and avoiding distracted driving.

Parents, teachers, and students should take into account the reality based education provided by this program. Program components include real life scenarios and often include graphic photos and information. Students will be asked to attend the physio-department, morgue (no physical bodies will be shown), and receive information for suicide prevention. For any student who has recently experienced a significant traumatic incident or is triggered by graphic content, participation in this program should be carefully considered.

The Kamloops Brain Injury Association will be taking pictures throughout the day, if students do not want their picture taken, please make sure you contact your school. Lunch will be provided to students, if students have allergies or dietary restrictions they are advised to pack their own lunch.

We would like to thank ICBC for their support with the P.A.R.T.Y program. Contributions such as this help us to continue to provide injury prevention to the Kamloops community. If you would like more information about the P.A.R.T.Y Program including agenda and program details please visit www.kbia.ca.

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