

Dear Parents,

Next week is A week of hope in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. So many of your kids are participating in the Oklahoma City Memorial Kids' Marathon and that is an admirable goal. I will be implementing a unit of instruction focused on the character and tolerance themes of a week of hope. The unit is age-appropriate and does not dwell on the negativity of the event, but rather focuses on learning to help others, empathizing, and making choices that benefit others as well as themselves. On Friday, April 27th, I have arranged for a bombing survivor and a rescue worker to come speak to the class at 1:45pm. You are welcome to come; however if you plan to come, let me know so if the time changes, I can tell you. I have discussed with the speakers what would be age-appropriate and they will be talking about how they helped people and how children helped during that time. I think that this is a very meaningful unit of study for your children so they understand that their decisions every day and in the future can have a positive impact on themselves and others. If you have questions or concerns, please come by and see me or email me at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bandi