

**PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FORM FOR “CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING CLASS”**

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Dear Parent:

Thanks for allowing your child to participate in this Creative Problem Solving Class.

Some of the topics we plan on covering in this class might be misunderstood or taken out of context, so I hope to use this letter to communicate the intent of the class, give you a chance to have some good conversations with your child, and also make sure you have my contact information.

One of the goals of the class is to introduce students to the concept of “hacking”. Contrary to how it is often portrayed, hacking was originally not about breaking into computers. Rather it’s about solving problems with unexpected, original, creative solutions--or sometimes just being the first to see a problem at all.

With that in mind, the course covers a lot more than just computers. We plan to cover such topics as lock picking, puzzles and games, magic tricks, etc, because each can illustrate that same principle.

The most important lesson comes in the first week, however. That’s when we will discuss the history of hacking as a culture, the ethics of hacking, and being careful to delineate what is beneficial, legal hacking, and illegal malicious activity. Of course other weeks will also include appropriate reminders and discussions about relevant legal and ethical behaviors.

If you have any questions about the class, please feel free to contact me via phone or email. I look forward to any feedback. Additionally, please sign and return the following attachment so we know you understand and are willing to have your child participate.

Sincerely,

John Doe

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that my child,

\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the creative problem solving class and a variety of sensitive topics such as lock-picking, computer hacking, and others will be studied and discussed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_