



### New videos that support the BRAVE Program:

- *Bullying : You Don't Have to Take it Anymore*
- *StarSteps : Conflict Resolution Strategies Series*
- *What's Cool?*
- *Solving Conflicts with Teachers, Parent, and Peers*
- *Tolerance : Responding to Differences*
- *Dealing with Anger*
- *Bad Friendships*
- *No Name-Calling*
- *Sticks and Stones*
- *Using Your Wits*
- *Real Life Teens : Ethics in School*
- *Real Life Teens : Peer Pressure*
- *Real Life Teens : Bullies & Harassment on Campus*
- *In the Mix : Cliques - Behind the Labels*
- *Teen Scenes*

See pages 2-3 of this issue for summaries of these films.

## Focus on ....

### Social and Emotional Learning

The Middle School Library collection includes a variety of materials that were created to help teachers promote the social and emotional development of pre-teens.

We hope that these videos, fiction books, non-fiction books, picture books, and audio books will help you develop lessons or new approaches to help your students. We've included summaries of the picture books and videos to help you determine which ones might best suit your needs. Many of the videos are new to our collection and were purchased specifically to support the BRAVE Program. The fiction titles listed deal with bullying, cliques, or prejudice, and might be reassuring to students who are struggling with social acceptance.

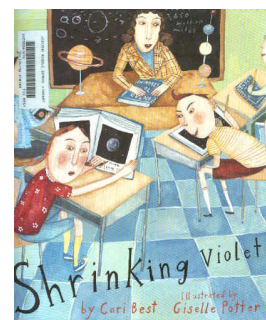
We would appreciate feedback from any faculty members who use these materials. Your experience and suggestions will help us with our collection development in the future.

Pat Minikel & Joan Kearon

### PICTURE BOOKS

Best, Cari. **Shrinking Violet**. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001 "Melanie Kroupa Books."

Violet, who is very shy and hates for anyone to look at her in school, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as Lady Space in a play about the solar system and saves the production from disaster.



Bottner, Barbara. **Bootsie Barker Bites**. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1992.

Bootsie Barker only wants to play games in which she bites, until one day her friend comes up with a better game.

Myers, Christopher A. **Wings**. New York : Scholastic Press, c2000.

Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings. But his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him in this thought provoking story about celebrating individuality.

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### Picture Books continued...

Nickle, John. **The Ant Bully**. New York : Scholastic Press, 1999.

Lucas learns a lesson about bullying when he is pulled into the ant hole he has been tormenting.

Peet, Bill. **Big Bad Bruce**. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1977.

Bruce, a bear bully, never picks on anyone his own size until he is diminished in more ways than one by a small but very independent witch.

Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Lincoln's Way**. New York : Philomel, c2001.

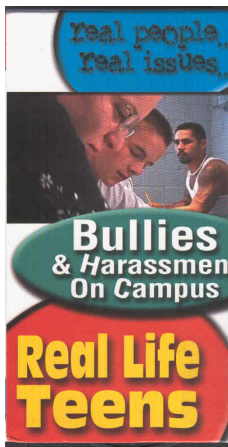
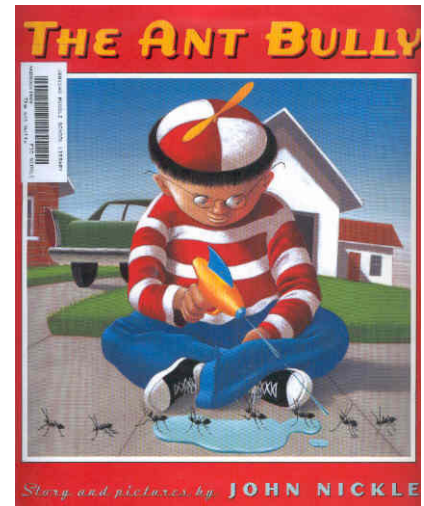
When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance.

Swope, Sam. **The Araboolies of Liberty Street**. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2001, c1989.

The kids of Liberty Street join forces to help the Araboolies when mean General Pinch orders them to move because they look different.

Wells, Rosemary. **Hazel's Amazing Mother**. New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, c1989.

When Hazel and her beloved doll Eleanor are set upon by bullies, Hazel's mother comes to the rescue in a surprising way.



### VIDEOS

**Bullying :You Don't Have to Take It Any More.** Mount Kisco, NY : Human Relations Media, 2002.

Teacher's resource book includes introduction, learning objectives, program summary, activity sheets and fact sheets. Provides insight into the problem of bullying. Explains that boys and girls bully in different ways. Presents two scenarios with discussions on what has taken place. Marcus is being bullied by Tim and John. Julie starts a rumor which causes Lisa to be ostracized at school. Examines the underlying reasons bullies behave the way they do as well as the emotional and psychological impact on those being bullied. Presents strategies on dealing with bullies.

**Bullies and Harassment on Campus.** Venice, CA : TMW Media Group, c2001.(Real life teens)

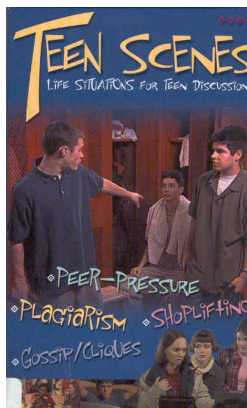
This program discusses bullies and harassment on campus and some the motivations behind a bully's behavior. Using interviews with teens that bully and teens that have been bullied, this program provides a broad understanding of why bullies do what they do, the best way to handle them and who can be of help in a harassing situation. It also discusses the damage to self-esteem when a student becomes the constant victim of bullying and the ways to avoid conflict and violence on campus.

**Teen Scenes.** St. Louis, MO : Videos with Values, c2002.

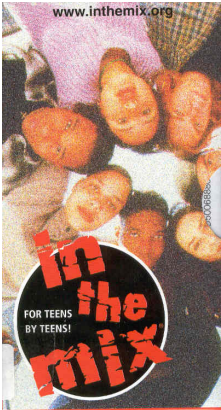
This program consists of four vignettes that portray students dealing with plagiarism, shoplifting, peer pressure, gossip and cliques. It invites teens to reflect on situations in their life that call for ethical decision making.

**Ethics in School.** Venice, CA : TMW Media Group, c2003.

This program discusses the importance of ethics in school. It is designed to help teens feel comfortable discussing these issues as well as probing positive and negative school ethics.



### Videos continued . . .



#### **In the Mix : Cliques - Behind the Labels.** [New York, NY] : Castle Works., 1999.

Companion program to School Violence. This program explores the various cliques that exist in schools, each with their own set of dress codes, slang, and behavior, as well as the reasons for being part of a group. We see how stereotyping creates rifts between groups and often leads to cruelty and mistreatment of individuals. Through understanding the people behind the labels, viewers discover they are individuals with a lot more in common than they thought.

#### **Peer Pressure.** Venice, CA : TMW Media Group, c2001.(Real life teens)

This program discusses peer pressure and its effect on teens. It is designed to help teens feel comfortable discussing issues and the positive and negative effects of peer pressure.

#### **STARsteps.** Mount Kisco, NY : Human Relations Media, 2003.

**Part 1: Rat Fink** - Two best friends discuss an upcoming test when it is revealed that one of the girls knows a classmate has stolen the test and is selling copies to other students. The conflict explodes when the girls disagree about their responsibility to report this violation of school rules and the repercussions of their actions.

**Part 2: Freaks** - A conflict arises between four students over the use of a classroom. Two students are studying at a table for a chemistry test when two other students arrive with a boom box listening to loud music. The students cannot study because of the music and the group starts to argue. Name calling between the two groups inflames the conflict.

**Part 3: Party Time** - Two good friends are in disagreement about their plans for Saturday night. Jordan wants to go to an un-chaperoned party at another student's house. Stephanie rejects this idea because she has heard that these other students are into smoking and drinking. Jordan claims that she has no evidence of this and that she is prejudiced against these students because of where they live.

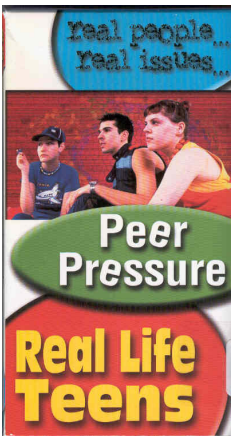
**Part 4: Frick and Frack** - Stepbrothers Kurt and Chuck argue about issues of intellectual property. Chuck is very excited about the approval of his science project until Kurt accuses Chuck of stealing the idea from him. Chuck claims that the two of them came up with the idea together and since Kurt decided not to do it, Chuck has the right to do it on his own.

#### **Using Your Wits.** Mount Kisco, N.Y. : Human Relations Media, Wits. Mount Kisco, NY: Human Relations Media, 2002.

Presents two role plays, one with boys and the other with girls, that involve bullying behavior. Matt is being harassed by two boys at school and Stacey, a new student, is being treated meanly by some of the girls. Stresses using one's WITS, Walk away, Ignore the bully, Talk to someone and Seek help. Features self-help and conflict management techniques to use when being bullied or harassed in other ways, such as making friends. Teacher's resource book includes introduction, learning objectives, program summary, teaching activities, student activities and fact sheets.

#### **Sticks and Stones: Let's Talk About Teasing.** Mt. Kisco, N.Y. : Human Relations Media, c1995.

Combines interviews with elementary students and real life scenarios to explore the effects of teasing. Defines what it means to tease another person. Portrays situations that depict teasing behavior on the playground, in the classroom, and at school. Offers positive techniques to deal with aggressive behavior and prevent unnecessary conflict.



### STICKS AND STONES



**FICTION BOOKS**

Anderson, Matthew T. **Burger Wuss**. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2001, c1999.

Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully which results in a war between two competing fast food restaurants, Burger Queen and O'Dermott's.

Byars, Betsy Cromer. **The 18th Emergency**. New York : Puffin Books, 1981.

When the toughest boy in school swears to kill him, 12-year-old Mouse finds little help from friends and must prepare for this emergency alone.

Clements, Andrew, **Jake Drake, Bully Buster**. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c2001.

Jake faces the challenge of cooperating with the school bully on a class project.

Cormier, Robert. **The Chocolate War**. [New York] Pantheon Books [1974]

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Deans, Sis Boulos. **Racing the Past**. New York : H. Holt, 2001.

After the death of his abusive father, eleven-year-old Ricky tries to help his younger brother deal with his residual fears and discovers that running helps him deal with his own anger and the taunts of a bullying classmate.

Duane, Diane. **So You Want to Be a Wizard**. San Diego : Magic Carpet Books, [2001], 1996.

Thirteen-year-old Nita, tormented by a gang of bullies because she won't fight back, finds the help she needs in a library book on wizardry which guides her into another dimension.

Erickson, John R. **The Case of the Car-Barkaholic Dog**. New York : Puffin Books, 1999, c1991.

Stranded in town, Hank the Cowdog finds himself drawn into a dangerous situation involving his sister Maggie and a terrible bully named Rambo.

Flake, Sharon. **The Skin I'm In**. New York: Jump at the Sun Hyperion Books for Children, 1998.

Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.

Flinn, Alexandra. **Breaking Point**. New York : HarperTempest, 2002.

Fifteen-year-old Paul enters an exclusive private school and falls under the spell of a charismatic boy who may be using him.

Hahn, Mary Downing. **Stepping on the Cracks**. New York : Clarion Books, 1991.

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully, Gordy, when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help him.

Hiaasen, Carl. **Hoot**. New York : Knopf : 2002.

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Howe, James. **The Misfits**. New York : Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001.

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Kehret, Peg. **The Stranger Next Door**. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 2002.

A clever cat's heroism helps two twelve-year-old boys become friends after their families, one of which is in a witness protection program, move to neighboring houses in Hilltop, Washington.

Kehret, Peg. **Escaping the Giant Wave**. New York : Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003.

When an earthquake creates a tsunami while thirteen-year-old Kyle is babysitting his sister during a family vacation at a Pacific Coast resort, he tries to save himself, his sister, and a boy who has bullied him for years. Includes an author's note which provides factual information on tsunamis.

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. **The Night the Bells Rang**. New York : Puffin, 1991.

The last year of World War I is an eventful one for Vermont farm boy Mason as he helps with the chores, tries to get along with his little brother, and sees an older bully go off to the war.

Klass, David. **Home of the Braves**. New York : Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002.

Eighteen-year-old Joe, captain of the soccer team, is dismayed when a hotshot player shows up from Brazil and threatens to take over both the team and the girl whom Joe hopes to date.

Krensky, Stephen. **Louise Takes Charge**. New York : Puffin, 2000..

Louise enlists the aid of everyone in her class and together they outwit Jasper the bully.

MacPhail, Catherine. **Missing**. New York : Bloomsbury, 2002.

Thirteen-year-old Maxine struggles to learn what is real when she begins receiving phone calls from someone claiming to be her runaway brother, Derek, who has just been declared dead.

Mead, Alice. **Junebug and the Reverend**. New York : Farrar Straus Giroux, 1998.

Having moved out of the housing project and into a new home along with his mother and sister, ten-year-old Junebug discovers that bullies are everywhere and that the elderly can make great friends.

Moss, Marissa. **Amelia Takes Command**. Middleton, WI. : Pleasant Co. Publications, 1999.

After successfully commanding the Discovery shuttle mission at Space Camp, Amelia returns to fifth grade where she deals with the bully who has been making her life miserable.

Myers, Laurie. **Surviving Brick Johnson**. New York : Clarion Books, 2000.

Afraid of getting maimed for making fun of Brick, the husky new kid in his fifth-grade class, Nick decides that even his baseball collection will not protect him so he signs up for karate class, despite his little brother's reassurances that Brick is not a bully.

O'Dell, Kathleen. **Agnes Parker-- Girl in Progress**. New York : Dial Books, 2003.

As she starts in the sixth grade, Agnes faces challenges with her old best friend, a longtime bully, a wonderful new classmate and neighbor, and herself.

Park, Barbara. **Dear God, Help!!! Love, Earl**. New York : Random House, 2000.

Tired of being pushed around by the class bully, Earl and two friends devise the perfect revenge.

Paterson, Katherine. **The Field of the Dogs**. New York : HarperTrophy, 2002.

Josh, who has just moved to Vermont with his mother, stepfather, and new baby brother, must deal with the bullying of a neighbor boy and discovers that his dog, who he hears talking with other dogs, is also facing a bully of his own.

Roberts, Willo Davis. **The Kidnappers**. : New York : Aladdin Paperbacks, 1999.

No one believes eleven-year-old Joey, who has a reputation for telling tall tales, when he claims to have witnessed the kidnapping of the class bully outside their expensive New York City private school.

Sachar, Louis. **The Boy Who Lost His Face**. New York : Knopf, 1997.

David receives a curse from an elderly woman he has helped his schoolmates attack, and he learns to regret his weakness in pandering to others for the sake of popularity before new friends and a very nice girl help him to be a stronger, more assertive person.

Sonenklar, Carol. **Mighty Boy**. New York : Orchard, 1999.

When he gets a chance to meet his hero, the television character Mighty Boy, Howard Weinstein discovers his own strengths that help him handle the bully in his new fourth grade class.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Stargirl**. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2000.

In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

Spinelli, Jerry. **Wringer**. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, 1997.

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

Stolz, Mary. **The Bully of Barkham Street**. New York : HarperCollins, 1963.

An eleven-year-old bully learns that he must change himself if he wants people to like him.

Voigt, Cynthia. **Bad Girls**. New York : Scholastic, 1996.

After meeting on the first day in Mrs. Chemsky's fifth-grade class, Margalo and Mikey help each other in and out of trouble, as they try to maintain a friendship while each asserts her independence.

Wilson, Jacqueline. **Bad Girls**. New York : Dell Yearling, 2002.

Ten-year-old Mandy must endure torment from three nasty bullies in school, but she finds solace in a new friend ship with an older girl.

Yep, Laurence. **Cockroach Cooties**. New York : Hyperion Paperbacks for Children, 2001.

Teddy and his little brother Bobby devise strategies using bugs to defeat the school bully.

## PAPERBACK BOOKS

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Myers, Bill. **My Life As a Smashed Burrito With Extra Hot Sauce**. Dallas : Word Pub., 1993.

Twelve-year-old Wally, a computer whiz who is a "walking disaster area," ends up in a competition with the bully of Camp Whacka-Whacka, and when they find themselves fighting for their lives, Wally realizes that even his worst enemy needs God.

Paulsen, Gary. **The Seventh Crystal**. NY : Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1996.

As if school bullies weren't enough of a problem, now Chris Masters has a computer game pushing him around! Ever since the Seventh Crystal arrived anonymously in the mail, Chris has been obsessed with it. It's the most challenging game he's ever played. But when the game starts to take over, Chris is forced to face a lean, mean, medieval bully.

Shreve, Susan Richards. **Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge**. New York : Dell Yearling, 2000, c1993.

Eleven-year-old Joshua, worried about fitting in at school, feels awkward when the new student he is supposed to be helping becomes the target of the fifth grade's biggest bully. Sequel to "The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates."

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## AUDIO BOOKS:

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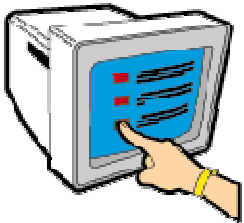
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**NON-FICTION BOOKS:**

- 158.2 Romain, Trevor. **Cliques, Phonies, & Other Baloney**. Minneapolis : Free Spirit, c1998.  
ROM Discusses cliques, what they are and their negative aspects, and gives advice on forming healthier relationships and friendships.
- 302.3 Romain, Trevor. **Bullies Are a Pain in the Brain**. Minneapolis : Free Spirit Pub., c1997  
ROM A serious yet humorous guide to dealing with bullies.



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