



Parent Night at the Stratton Community Building

Approximately forty parents, students and community members gathered at the Stratton Community Building to learn about safe technology use and communication. Titled, "Care, Connect, Communicate," presentations began with the Student Wellness Team doing a skit of a typical conversation on the ride home from school, then another scene with a more open, detailed conversation. The evening was a joint effort of the school, the P.T.C., and the community to foster communication between parents and their children.

Those in attendance were given table questions for discussion during the spaghetti dinner. Each table group reported out their responses to questions about cell phone use, monitoring technology at home and at school, and social media sites that led to good follow up discussions.

The three guest speakers for the evening included Doug Saunders from the Franklin County Children's Task Force, Sgt. Chris Tupper and Detective Abbe Chabot from the Maine State Police Computer Crimes Unit. The speakers engaged the audience with personal and professional reflections. Key points of the conversation included "hard conversations start with easy ones," "the car and taking walks are great places to have these," and "everyone needs to have a trusted adult they can confide in."

As the evening concluded, additional resources were discussed and are available on the school's website.

Lastly, a big thank you goes out to the Stratton P.T.C. for help setting up and preparing the dinner.

For more information about this event or additional resources, please call the school.

