

# Protecting Children from Abuse

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BETHLEHEM -April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. While state laws have identified people, such as teachers, health care providers and clergy members, who are mandated to report suspected cases of abuse, we all have a role to play in protecting our children.

Signs of potential physical, sexual or emotional abuse or neglect may include sudden changes in a child's behavior or school performance; being overly compliant, passive or withdrawn; always watchful, as though preparing for something bad to happen; and a reluctance to be around a particular person or to return home from school or activities.

If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call PA ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313.



## Green Knights

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the Plainfield Elementary School where we talked to the younger generations of Pen Argyl School District about the Code of the Green Knights.

The Knights' Order was also able to use the donation we received from Waste Management to help kids with cancer by donating \$500 to Mini-Thon. With our money we decided to donate \$10,000 to a very important organization in our community, Families First. Families First is an organization that helps many families in our community that are in need.

We enjoy working with them for Stuff the Bus, the Christmas toy drive that they host, and any other fundraisers or projects they organize. We are very excited to make such a difference in our community by donating to this worthy cause. Character Education is very grateful for the money we received from Waste Management because with it we are able to help our school by spreading our message and making a positive impact on students' lives everyday. We are looking forward to continuing to do great things for our school and community with the generosity of Waste Management.



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