

Source: NorthFulton.com

Rachel's Challenge comes to Northwestern Middle School

by Staff reports

January 12, 2010

MILTON - Northwestern Middle School is pleased to announce their promotion and implementation of "Rachel's Challenge," a program intended to foster peace in local schools and community while also building lifelong values of respect and character for youths and their families.

Rachel Scott was the first person to be killed in the horrible tragedy at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. She was known for kindness and compassion. Her writings, personal life examples and stories have touched many lives around the world.

Rachel Joy Scott wrote, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

This innovative school program has changed the lives of youth and created positive chain reactions of acts of kindness while also preventing numerous suicides, drastically reduced bullying and, in several known instances, prevented a planned school shooting. Thanks to the leadership of Northwestern Middle School – including the administration, teachers, staff, PTA and generous grants – local students and families now will have the opportunity to participate in this life-changing, student-focused program intended to further enhance our local environment and framework of positive thinking and actions.

Rachel's Challenge will premier at Northwestern Middle School on Thursday, Jan. 14 with two assemblies during the a community focused program that evening at 7 p.m. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

"Northwestern Middle School is excited about the opportunity to kick off Rachel's Challenge in our local school and the broader community as one more way of creating a foundation of positive thinking and positive acting community members of all ages, said Pincipal Bruce Fraser. "After all, our youth are the future of our community."

For more information, go to www.rachelschallenge.com.

Northwestern Middle School is located at 12805 Birmingham Highway, Milton, Ga. 30004