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The Butterfly Project



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What is the Program About?

The Butterfly Project is an interactive program organized for young girls in grades 4th and 5th from Lincoln school. This project has a dual meaning: it strengthens the girls involved and unites them to each other to involve them more in the community. The program also aims to provide an outlet for young girls to get informed about? and promote community groups.

Our strengths-based, skill building approach creates a safe space for girls to address risky behaviors, build on protective factors, and improve relationships in a format that interests and engages girls.

The Butterfly Project is a way for the girls to grow like caterpillars and come out of their cocoons, becoming beautiful butterflies in a way that they can be proud and feel beautiful in their own body. The second meaning of the Butterfly Project is the idea that a butterfly landing on a leaf can affect the way events happen in the world. In the same way the things the girls learn and experience will affect the way they act and treat others, to positively change the life of another person without even realizing the impact their actions have.

The butterfly is a beautiful feminine symbol that in itself can help young girls love themselves for who they are.

Project Topics

Girls build their leadership skills and create lasting social change through community action projects, and learning the history of our city. There are also be Dance, and Art Lesson during the program.

WHO: Students from Lincoln & Swift School

WHERE: **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**
169 Belleville Road, New Bedford

WHEN: October 17 — June 7
2:30pm until 5:00pm.
Wednesdays Afternoons

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Calendar 2012-2013 Wednesday 2:30-5:00pm

October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
3	7 Butterfly Program	5 Butterfly Program	2 No Program 	6 Butterfly Program	6 Butterfly Program	3 Butterfly Program	1 Butterfly Program	5 Butterfly Program
10	14 Butterfly Program	12 Butterfly Program	9 No Program 	13 Butterfly Program	13 Butterfly Program	10 Butterfly Program	8 Butterfly Program	7 Friday Performance Day  END
17 Butterfly Starts	21 No Program 	19 No Program 	16 Butterfly Program	20 Butterfly Program	20 Butterfly Program	17 No Program 	15 Butterfly Program	
24 Butterfly Program	28 Butterfly Program	26 No Program 	23 Butterfly Program	27 Butterfly Program	27 Butterfly Program	24 Butterfly Program	22 Butterfly Program	
31 Butterfly Program			30 No Program 				29 Butterfly Program	



Students from last year..



Speakers about ant-bullying



Field trip to the Visitor Center



Crafts: Decorations



Dance Class



Art Projects



Discussions



St. Andrew church Garden
the girls helped in the garden



Games