



# Wendler Middle School's Rachel's Challenge

Presents:

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
In the Wendler School's Multi-Purpose Room

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1999 a girl named Rachel Scott was enjoying an outside lunch with a close friend when Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris shot her multiple times in the head, chest, arms, and legs. These events were the beginning of the now famous Columbine massacre.

The organization known as "Rachel's Challenge" was created after the Columbine massacre in 1999 to honor Rachel Scott, whose acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Wendler Middle School is one of the many schools in the Anchorage School District that has decided to take on her challenge. The school was first visited by the Rachel's Challenge team back in September of 2010 and has since adopted its principles.

Since then, Wendler Middle School has created multiple events and programs that attempt to meet the criteria of what "Rachel's Challenge" embodies. The "New Students Program," for example, organizes Rachel's Challenge student volunteers to meet and greet new students in our school and make sure they are getting properly acquainted. Upon return of the National Rachel's Challenge team in January of 2012, Wendler was praised for having created the most involved Rachel's Challenge program in the Anchorage School District.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> 2012, Wendler Middle School's Rachel's Challenge will be hosting a community event, *It Takes a Village* to remember the Columbine massacre 13 years ago with presentations about pursuing positive change in our community by students & community groups, as well as the presentation of a multi-media Public Service Announcement television campaign that the students of Rachel's Challenge have produced in partnership with Progressive Media Alaska. Free food, beverages, and a spirit of community togetherness included! Come to listen to the students talk about the importance of this program in the schools and to learn more about the television PSA campaign the students created. Big thanks to all the sponsors! **Especially to KACN TV who will be running one of our ads on every commercial block on GCI Cable's Channel 95 or Channel 38 on the Dish Network! THANK YOU!!!!**

