**Reality Works**

**Parental Consent Form**

Dear Parent(s),

During the 10 week course of Home and Careers class your child will be learning about the development of children. In order to provide your child with a realistic idea of the demands of parenting your child will be given the opportunity to participate in a parenting simulation project as part of the class. This project involves caring for our lifelike electronic parenting manikin for a 16 hour period of time (2:35pm-7:35am). This manikin cries, coos, burps, and needs its diaper changed periodically throughout the day **AND NIGHT**. Your child will be responsible for providing proper care as if this were a real baby. The manikin should be with them at **ALL** times, except in emergency situations.

In order for this to be a positive learning experience for your child, I ask for your support in helping to monitor student participation while they are home. Your insistence that they alone care for their manikin will help to impress upon them the tremendous demands that a baby places on a parent’s time energy, and social life.

We are fortunate to have been able to purchase these interactive manikins. With proper care, they should last many years. Your child will be responsible for any damage that occurs as a result of abusive handling or for the loss of supplies sent home with the doll.

Thank you for your support during this valuable parenting simulation project. Please sign the permission slip below and have your child return it to me during class. Your child **CAN NOT** take a doll home until their permission slip is signed. Feel free to call Miss. Fitzpatrick at 483-7801 ex. 1103 or e-mail [afitzpatrick@malonecsd.org](mailto:afitzpatrick@malonecsd.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

I give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the interactive parenting simulation using the Reality-Works doll. I understand that my child is financially responsible for an damage due to abusive handling or for the loss of supplies sent home with the doll.

Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Students Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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