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Youth Violence Essay

(Names changed for privacy reasons)

“Smack cam” Ally said. “Smack!” The sound echoed when Alley smacked Emily. I could feel the sting when Emily got smacked. Emily started to laugh along with the other girls. She began to look out the window and cry. I could see her eyes water. Each car that passed by Emily’s eyes would water more and more. I was affected by youth violence when I witnessed bullying. I think that the cause of this is the encouragement of social media. There are many solutions to this problem. I think that if we see something close to this around you or online, you should try and prevent it from happening.

In the fall of 2013 a incident occurred. A girl that I knew from the fifth grade got smacked from one of her fellow teammates. We were on our way back to Tech Boston Academy after losing a soccer game to John D. O’Bryant. We were all on the bus and some girls in the back of the bus decided to do something fun. They chose their target. They turned on their camera phones and smacked the girl. The girl started to laugh. She wasn’t laughing because it was funny she was laughing because she didn’t want to be embarrassed. When she got home, she cried to her parents. Her parents were furious and they had to bring it to the school.

I think this happened because of the encouragement of social media and popular trends. Many different websites been upgraded and allow you to post videos. The things that people put online are suppose to be considered “fun” but are actually hurtful to many people. These trends aren’t just a hit and run this can affect someone life for ever. Smack cam has not only affected my friends life it has affected boy that I know named _____ . The incident also happened on a bus. One of his friends smacked him and now he has this huge bump underneath his eye. This has caused him to lose some of his eye sight. The upgrade of social media has allowed people to post up videos of whatever they want.

These videos spread across the globe quickly. Once something is put online, it will never be able to come off. I personally think that social media has a huge impact on different bullying situation.

There are many ways to prevent incidents like this from happening. I think that if we all see something that could go wrong we should try and stop it. For example if a boy tries to pull a girls hair, you should step up. You should walk up to him in advance and tell him that there are consequences for everything that he does. If things like this happen every day I know that the world will change. I also think that whenever something close to this is put online that user should be suspended from that website for a few. when this is done people will probably realise how it feels to get smacked in the face in front of a crowd of people. If people know the consequences they will probably think twice before doing something that they will regret.

“Dear Emily, we would all want to apologize for the incident that happened on the bus. We feel that the way we treated you was wrong and if we could take it back we would. We didn't think it was wrong until we seen how much it affected you.” This is an official quote from the apology letter from the Dorchester Lady Bear soccer team. This was given to the victim of the soccer incident. I feel really bad for what happened. But now it is something that we can't take back. this incident has affected my life and will always stay in my life.