

Fall 2019

SAFETY NEWSLETTER

Updates for the parents of South Kitsap School District students

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to see all the new and returning faces to South Kitsap School District. Now that schools are back in session, we want to share a few tips that will help you to keep your children safe.



PEDESTRIAN safety tips

Teenagers are now at the greatest risk of unintentional pedestrian injuries due to the distraction of cell phones, headphones, and other electronic devices. Below are a few tips to help your children stay safe.

SOCIAL MEDIA safety

Teaching children about social media safety is essential. It is important to teach children that interacting with people online can get complicated. Relationships and friendships can be confusing, and when they are talking to someone online, it can be especially hard to figure out what the other person is actually thinking. Below are a few tips that can help you begin the conversation about social media safety with your children.

Safety rules

- Set guidelines/rules for social media use.
- Regularly check your child's privacy settings on their social media account.
- Never allow them to accept friends from people they don't know.
- Make sure they're not posting personal details, including phone numbers, address or check-ins.
- Don't allow them to post photos or videos which jeopardize their safety and character.
- Ask them to tell you if someone is teasing or harassing them as those could be signs of cyber-bullying.

- Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Remind them to continue looking until safely across.
- Teach kids to put electronic devices down when crossing the street.
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
- Be a good role model. Set a good example by following the same rules you teach your kids.
- Wear reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
- Walk in well-lit areas.



CLASSROOM safety >> Shakeout Earthquake Drill

All South Kitsap schools will participate in the Great Washington **ShakeOut Earthquake Drill**, which will be held on **October 17 at 10:17 a.m.** While each school practices routine safety drills throughout each school year, the Great Washington ShakeOut is an opportunity for the entire district to practice our emergency preparedness procedures.



10:17 A.M.

Safety Steps: DROP > COVER > HOLD

HOW can we prevent suicide?

If you are in a crisis and need immediate help, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.



Keeping students safe is our #1 priority. SKSD is here to help families through a crisis. Being vigilant of signs and symptoms that suggest a risk of suicide can help prevention.

For more information on suicide prevention and crisis resources:

CALL 1-800-273-8255 National Lifeline (toll-free number and confidential)

VISIT <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

SEE something SAY something



South Kitsap School District encourages parents and students to report any unusual or suspicious activity. A tip line has been set up online at www.skschools.org/district/tip_line. It is an easy and convenient way to submit a report confidentially.

TIP LINE form



TIP LINE

School Name

Message

Category
Active Threat
Bullying
Drugs/Alcohol
Fighting

All personal information is optional and confidential.

Full Name

Email Address

Phone Number



YOUR TAX DOLLARS at work >> Secure Access Doors

Middle schools now have secure access door locks. School doors are locked throughout the day and visitors now need to use a call system

to request entrance to the schools. A similar system is in place in our elementary schools and South Kitsap High School.

SKSD Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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