



SPRING HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As you know, the safety of your child is of the utmost importance. Our school has safety and emergency plans in place and we practice drills involved with these plans regularly so that students know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Student Supervision

Each classroom teacher has procedures for monitoring students in the classroom and throughout the school. Our school has an overall building monitoring plan as well, which details the supervision plan for students before, during and at the end of the school day. Students should arrive at school no earlier than 8:40 am. School ends at 3:30 pm and students should go directly home unless they are involved in child care or an activity after school.

Health Curriculum

We also have a comprehensive health curriculum that is taught to all students throughout the school year. This curriculum, "The Great Body Shop," helps your child learn about his or her own body and how to take care of it. Our health program is a team effort involving you, your child, the teacher and other school staff. When children learn about issues from safety to illness prevention, nutrition, drug/alcohol and violence prevention, we help ensure their good health, safety and well-being. Our curriculum is one that encourages parent involvement, and throughout your child's elementary years, you will receive parents' bulletins and newsletters that will help you and your child discuss the important health issues your child is learning about in school.

Personal Safety

The Great Body Shop also teaches children about personal safety. In addition to teaching children about this in school, it is important for you to remind your child that no one has permission to touch him/her in unsafe or uncomfortable ways. This includes touching in private areas as well as hitting and other types of hurtful behavior. Please talk with your child about trusted adults at home, school and in the community with whom he or she can discuss safety issues. Knowing that he or she can turn to a number of caring adults is important to your child's sense of well-being.

Whenever a child feels hurt, threatened or frightened at school, we ask that he/she tell an adult immediately. If your child reports an unsafe situation from school to you at home, I ask that you notify me or your child's teacher immediately.

If we all act as a team to reinforce the messages taught in our adopted curriculum and other health-related programs, we can go a long way in helping your child learn to make the kinds of decisions about his/her body that will keep him/her safe, healthy, drug-free and ready to meet the challenges of the future.

Please let your child's classroom teacher or me know if you have any questions about this information. We look forward to working together with you to ensure your child's safety and good health.

Sincerely,

Lana Bailey, Principal
Spring Hill Elementary School