

SCHOOL Safety Matters

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Monthly Safety Tips

Safe Routes to School

May is Walk or Bike Challenge month, and many of our schools have signed up to enter this event. Reducing the number of cars that drop off students can help make our parking lots safer, but the increased number of walkers and bikers brings a unique set of challenges. For this reason, we ask that duty personnel be extra vigilant. The larger number of first-time walkers and bikers that may not be familiar with school safety rules, such as the designated walking paths and to walk, not ride, their bikes once on school grounds. For more information on the challenge, go to <http://www.walknbike.org/>



Hazardous Material

This month Risk Management will collect hazardous materials for proper disposal. If your school needs to discard anything that cannot safely go into the normal trash pick-up, please contact us. For questions or to schedule a pick-up, please call ext.4561.

There are many exciting things happening in the District during May. With the school year winding down, graduations approaching, and teachers working to prepare their students to move forward, a lot is happening in a short period of time. Risk Management would like to thank everyone who continues to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe during this hectic stretch. In this issue, *School Safety Matters* focuses on three specific events happening in the District that typify these efforts. We recognize schools taking the Walk or Bike Challenge, and we celebrate both National School Nurse Appreciation Week and National Teacher Appreciation Week.

National Teacher Appreciation Week

Students spend the majority of their day in the care and under the supervision of our teachers. We have many reasons to stop and thank our teachers this and every other week of the year, but we would specifically like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for everything teachers do to keep students safe. From duty supervision during arrival, dismissal, and recess to teaching valuable life lessons in the classroom and being positive role models, teachers have a tremendous positive impact on safety in your schools. Thank you, teachers!



National School Nurse Appreciation Week

May 6 – 12 is National School Nurse Appreciation Week, a time to honor the nurses that serve in the Beaverton School District. The work these dedicated employees do every day helps students feel safe and secure at school and ensures their health and safety needs are met. This work also helps remove these concerns from teachers, administrators and other school staff, allowing them to better focus on instruction and individual education needs. Children perform at their best when they are healthy, and nurses are devoted to removing barriers to learning that health issues can sometimes cause. Please take a moment and let the nurses working in your building know how much you appreciate what they do.



Please call Risk Management at ext. 4560 if we can help you with any safety question or if you have any safety tips that should be forwarded to the rest of the District.