

# SCHOOL Safety Matters

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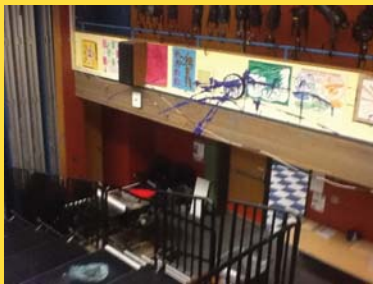
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## Monthly Safety Tips

### Graffiti & Vandalism

School buildings are major targets of graffiti and vandalism. The best way to deter this is to remove graffiti and clean and repair vandalism promptly. This eliminates the motivation of "the artist" to display their handiwork. Here are some things for schools to remember when dealing with both graffiti and vandalism:

- \* Contact law enforcement before removing or repairing. Depending on the extent, they may want to visit the school or have the custodian take pictures.
- \* If the custodian is able to remove it, they should do so as soon as the police or Public Safety Office gives the ok. If not, a work order should be submitted for help from District Maintenance.
- \* If it cannot be completely eliminated, every effort should be made to at least cover it up before students arrive.



### Lighting Timers!

Sunday, November 2nd, Daylight Saving Time ends! If building custodians are unfamiliar with the operation of the exterior lighting, the school should submit a work order to have them changed.

## Important Dates

October 9-15 is *National Fire Prevention Week* and the theme this year is "Working Smoke Detectors Save Lives." This is a good time to remind our students and staff the important roles these devices play in preventing fires at school and at home. For more information on this and other fire safety tips, go to <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>.

October 17-21 is *National School Bus Safety Week*. We would like to thank everyone in our Transportation Department who works hard to get our students safely to school and back home each day. The theme this year is "Be Safe-Be Seen, I wait in a safe place." For more information, including a poster contest for students, go to <http://napt.org/resources/national-school-bus-safety-week.php>

## Field Trip Forms

All forms necessary to have safe and successful field trips approved are available on the Intranet on the Risk Management page. These forms have recently been updated, so it is an important time to recycle all outdated forms so only the correct forms are submitted.

## Fall Bee Safety

This time of year bees and wasps become more aggressive as they increase foraging in preparation for the coming winter. It is not uncommon for us to see an increase in stings during this time. We pass along the following tips to help avoid such stinging insects:

1. Avoid wearing perfumes and colognes- the strong smell draws them to you
2. Avoid wearing brightly colored clothes- especially floral prints
3. Avoid sugary foods and drinks outdoors and keep food covered
4. Keep shoes on - closed toe shoes are best and do not walk around barefoot
5. Avoid loose fitting/ baggy clothes- they might find a way inside
6. Stay still when they are near- do not swat or make quick movements
7. Stay away from flowers- bees are pollinating the flowers
8. Avoid the trash and recycling area, if possible

If a student is stung:

1. Immediately bring the student to the Health Room
2. Remove stinger, if present (note: only honey bees leave a stinger)
3. Ice area
4. Observe the student, and watch for unusual reactions.

*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.*