

BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES - CODE OF CONDUCT

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Do your best
- ✓ Value yourself
- ✓ Support others in their learning
- ✓ Treat others with respect
- ✓ Keep our environment clean and safe

STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

At Beach Grove, we strive to help children learn that they not only have rights, but they have responsibilities as well:

At Beach Grove:

- ✓ We have the right to make mistakes...and we have the responsibility to learn from our mistakes;
- ✓ We have the right to a good education...and we have the responsibility to support others in their learning;
- ✓ We have the right to be taken seriously by adults and our peers...and we have the responsibility to listen to others;
- ✓ We have the right to a safe environment where we are valued and protected from harm...and we have the responsibility to value and care for others;
- ✓ We have the right to be proud of our heritage and beliefs...and the responsibility to treat each other with respect.; and
- ✓ We have the right to a clean and safe environment...and we have the responsibility to keep our world healthy, safe and beautiful.

SAFETY

- ✓ Potentially dangerous games and activities are prohibited; eg., play-fighting, poking with sticks, tackle football and doubles on swings.
- ✓ Fighting or intentionally hurting others is considered a serious breach of the School Act.
- ✓ Students are to go straight home from school so parents know they have arrived safely.
- ✓ Throwing rocks, sticks or snowballs is inappropriate.

ORDER

- ✓ When in the school building, students will conduct themselves in a quiet and orderly fashion.
- ✓ The library is a place of quiet. Students may use the library to study, do homework, research and read.
- ✓ Students have specific doors and times from which to enter and leave.
- ✓ Students are to eat lunches at their desks and to keep their areas tidy. (Eating and playing at school at lunch break is a privilege.)

RESPECT

- ✓ Students are to use the phone only in cases of emergency or when they have been given permission by a teacher.
- ✓ Students are to help keep the school clean of litter and graffiti, and refrain from chewing gum inside.
- ✓ Certain areas are for teachers and out-of-bounds for students such as:
 - a. all equipment storage areas.
 - b. gym or computer room, except when under the direct supervision of a teacher.
 - c. bike racks, except when students deposit bikes or pick them up.
- ✓ Students are expected to be polite to each other and all adults.
- ✓ Appropriate language is to be used.

WORK HABITS

The best and most successful students are always the ones who work the hardest. Having good work habits at school means that you:

- ✓ Have all your school supplies at hand;
- ✓ Keep your work area neat and organized;
- ✓ Use your class time effectively;
- ✓ Hand your work in on time and completed to the best of your ability;
- ✓ Listen attentively when others are talking;
- ✓ Help others around you become better students and better people; and
- ✓ You are punctual.

Regarding Electronics

- ✓ Leave at home items which are valuable as we cannot ensure safekeeping at the school: this includes ipods, cell phones, game boys and other electronic items. When students bring electronics to school they do so at their own risk.
- ✓ Regarding cell phones, we recognize that they are necessary for safety issues when children are walking to and from school or for emergency issues. However, here at school, students should be going through the office phone and the office should they require assistance.
- ✓ Cell phones should be turned off and kept in the child's backpack for the **entire school day** (including recess and lunch).
- ✓ We are also concerned about privacy issues when it comes to unauthorized use of cell phone cameras and personal cameras. These should not be used around the school without permission from the classroom teacher and the subjects in the photos.

DRESS GUIDELINES

The attitude that you bring to learning is reflected in the way in which you come dressed for it. At school, learning is your priority. To do this successfully, you must be clean, warm, dry and comfortable. Please ensure that you:

- ✓ Have a t-shirt, shorts and running shoes for gym;
- ✓ Have a coat for cold and rainy days;
- ✓ Wear clothes that keep your midriff and underwear covered;
- ✓ Avoid wearing clothing with offensive messages; and
- ✓ Remove your hat when in the school.

Important Final Details

***CONSEQUENCES** - are dependent upon the severity and frequency of unacceptable conduct as well as the age and maturity of students when determining appropriate disciplinary action.

- Responses to unacceptable conduct are pre-planned, consistent and fair.
- Disciplinary action, wherever possible, is preventative and restorative, rather than merely punitive.

***NOTIFICATION** - the administration and/or teacher will advise parents of serious breaches of the code of conduct. For example:

- Parents of student offender(s) - in every instance.
- Parents of student victim(s) - in every instance.
- School district officials - as required by school district policy.
- Police and/or other agencies - as required by law.
- All parents - when deemed to be important to reassure members of the school community that school officials are aware of a serious situation or incident and are taking appropriate action to address it.

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