

# DAVID M. COX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Cox Parents,

As student safety remains our primary concern here at David M. Cox and throughout the Clark County School District, we are sending this letter to parents in order to ask for their assistance. In order to ensure the safety of all students, please review the following safety tips provided by the Southeast Region with your child:

1. **Teach your child to tell an adult immediately** if they see, hear of, or suspect a weapon of any type. It is also important to have children report drugs, alcohol, and the any bullying activity. Time is of the essence when investigating concerns.
2. **Teach your children to run away from danger**, never toward it. Danger is anyone or anything that invades their personal space. If someone should try to grab them, tell them to make a scene; loudly yell, "This person is not my father/mother/guardian!" and make every effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting. Their safety is more important than being polite. Teach your children that if they are ever followed in a vehicle to turn around and run in the other direction to you or another trusted adult.
3. **Never let your children go places alone**, and always supervise your young children or make sure there is a trusted adult present to supervise them if you cannot. Make sure your older children always take a friend when they go anywhere, including to and from David M. Cox Elementary.
4. **Know where your children are and whom they are with at all times**. Remind children never to take anything or respond in any way if approached by someone they don't know. Teach them to run away as quickly as they can to you or another trusted adult.
5. **Talk openly to your children about safety** and encourage them to tell you or a trusted adult if anyone or anything makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. Discuss security issues with your children so they will understand the need for precautions. Advise your older children about steps they may take to help safeguard themselves. Know your children's friends and their families.
6. **Practice what you teach** by creating "what if" scenarios with your children to make sure they understand the safety message and can use it in a real situation.
7. **Have a list of family members who could be contacted in case of an emergency**. Designate a family member or close associate who would be able to fill the role of advisor in case of an emergency.
8. **Be alert to and aware of your surroundings**. Know the "escape routes" and plan what you would do in different emergencies. Practice "what if" scenarios, so you will be well prepared. Know the location of local hospitals and best routes to take to reach them. Know how to reach the nearest local law enforcement agency or sub-station.
9. **Remember you are your best resource** for better safeguarding your family. Do not become complacent about personal security issues.

Sincerely,



Mr. Westendorf

