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Good Afternoon Murray Families,

I am communicating today with a reminder about our upcoming conference evenings, an ongoing issue with a popular online app called TikTok and a reminder message from our nurse, Ms. Dishop.

Conferences -

We are able to return to in-person conferences. Our dates and times for these two evenings are Thursday, October 14 from 4PM-8PM and Tuesday, October 19 from 4PM-8PM. Ms. Folkema, our family involvement coordinator, is currently scheduling families as conference forms are turned in. An online form is available on the Murray website.

<https://www.spps.org/murray> Click on “Families” and then you will see the online form on the right hand side of the page. Conference forms are also available in our office and in our bi-weekly newsletter that will come out again next Friday. If you have questions, please email Ms. Folkema (contact information below) or call to speak with her at 651-293-8740. This is a great opportunity to connect directly with your student’s teachers and get an update on their progress.

Your Partnership is Needed (TikTok app issues) -

TikTok is an extremely popular online app that students often access for entertainment. It allows you to post short videos. Recently, the trending videos on this platform have focused on different challenges that take place at schools. The most recent challenge for the month of September was titled, “Devious Licks”. This trend was challenging students to vandalize their school by ripping apart bathrooms or causing damage, etc. While we saw significant issues earlier in the month, we were able to slow it down by changing some of our supervision and movement strategies with students using the restroom. The latest trend and challenge for the month of October is titled “Smack a staff member on the backside”. You can certainly google to see what each month’s challenge is. Obviously, this causes us great concern. We have heard that students may move this challenge from smacking staff to smacking students. We have begun with continuous announcements letting our students know that physical contact in any way towards a staff member could be considered physical or sexual assault and will result in appropriate discipline according to our Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Additionally, police may be consulted if further action is needed. The same can be said for student to student contact. We will be following our Rights and Responsibilities Handbook and will address every issue that is reported. [Link to Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#) The vandalism issues are being addressed on a case by case basis following the same process.



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We are asking for your help in having a conversation with your students around what it means to have a safe and respectful community. There are expectations that all of our community members are to uphold. There are steps taken when those expectations are not upheld and/or are violated. As parents/guardians, your voice matters. It will take all of us working together to support our students so that they are making positive choices and modeling our Murray and community expectations. Please speak with your child around this matter and let them know what you expect and how they can support their school. If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Bierman, Mr. Eggers, our counseling team or myself.

I sincerely thank you for your support on this matter.

Message from our Nurse, Ms. Dishop -

It is very important that students who are having **ANY symptoms of illness should NOT come to school**. If your student comes to school ill, you will be contacted to pick up your student immediately. Not only are we dealing with symptoms of Covid19 , but we are also entering allergy/asthma season. It is imperative that students stay home until they are **symptom free for 24 hours**. They will be welcomed back to school once they are well. If a student is home ill but able to do class work, they can find all their current assignments on Schoology. Contact your student's Foundations teacher if you need help accessing Schoology.

You can reach me at Murray M-F 8:45am -3:30pm with any questions or concerns. Phone # 651-888-7650

Email: diana.dishop@spps.org

Thank you for helping us keep our students and staff healthy and safe.

Your Co-Pilot,

Jamin McKenzie
Principal, Murray Middle School



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