

Safety is a Priority

In an effort to protect our students and employees, we take safety very seriously at Stowers School. We hope you will not be offended and will cooperate with us when we ask for your identification, or remind you of a safety precaution that you may have forgotten or were unaware of. This may take more time than you expect when you are in a hurry, so please give yourself extra time when you come to the school to check out your child, and **always have your ID card with you.**



Safety on Walking Paths

Over the last few years we have been fortunate to have the support of Military Police and DA Police to monitor the paths students use to walk to and from school. Unfortunately this year, that support is not available to us. As a result, we are getting an increased number of reports of bullying and other inappropriate behavior occurring with students on the paths. For example, we have had students threatened and harassed verbally and physically while walking to and from school. This is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Each incident brought to the attention of the principal or assistant principal will be investigated. Students found to be engaging in such behaviors may be suspended from school, suspended from using the paths to travel to and from school, or provided other consequences as deemed appropriate by the administration.

We have had some offers from parents to be Path Monitors. They are willing to walk the paths while keeping an eye on the behavior of all students. Any behavior observed that is not acceptable will be reported to the administration for investigation. Parent Path Monitors will not have authority to handle problems they observe. They will simply report the behavior to Mrs. McPherson or Mr. Wise who will do the investigation.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Path Monitor, please call the school at 706-544-2312 to give your name and contact information to office personnel. A meeting will be held to discuss expectations and duties prior to you taking on this volunteer role. Vests for volunteers will also be handed out.

Speed on Stowers Drive

Please keep your speed to **5 MPH** during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We would rather be proactive and prevent an accident, rather than having to be reactive to one that occurs. The safety of our students is a top priority for all of us at Stowers School, and we hope it is your priority as well. Please do your part by driving slowly while on school grounds and watching closely for children and adults.



Uninterrupted Instruction

It is very important for classrooms to have uninterrupted instructional time. This is why we don't allow unscheduled visits to classrooms between 8:30 and 3:15 unless an appointment has been scheduled with the teacher. The smallest distraction can get children off task and take the teacher several minutes to get them going again (or the class may be in the middle of a test). If you wish to observe in your child's classroom, please contact Mrs. McPherson or Mr. Wise and they will arrange a time for you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we try to keep instruction undisturbed for our students.