

October 19, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to let you know about an incident that happened today at our school in which a student had to be transported to a hospital to receive care for injuries he sustained. While I am sorry I could not send this letter home with students today, I wanted to make you aware of the situation and our response as soon as possible.

Shortly after 12:30 p.m., one of our students approached another student in the bathroom area of the boys locker room and put that student, who was washing his face at the time, in a headlock. When he released the headlock, the second student fell to the floor, in the process sustaining significant injuries to his face.

Students and staff immediately notified administrators, who called for an ambulance to treat the injured student. Our school called police, who charged the student with second-degree assault. Appropriate disciplinary action will also be taken by our school and school system.

A school staff member went to the hospital with the family to assist in any way possible. We will continue to communicate with the child's family as he recuperates.

I want to stress emphatically that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in our school. While I cannot discuss the specifics of possible actions, I will seek the strongest possible sanctions with regard to this student.

I encourage you to talk with your children about this incident, and what they should do if they are confronted with such circumstances. I also implore you to talk to them about proper decision-making, and how irresponsible actions can have terrible results.

The safety and security of our students and staff is of the utmost importance to all of us at Corkran Middle School. Thank you for everything you do for your children and for our school. If you have questions or concerns, please call the school at 410-222-6493.

Sincerely,

Jolyn Davis
Principal

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