



SOUTH STREET School

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Dear South Street School Families,

This week, I met with our Kindergarten through Grade 2 students in the library, by grade level, to review schoolwide expectations for behavior. While the majority of our discussion focused on recent concerns occurring on buses to and from school, students were also reminded that unsafe or inappropriate behaviors during the school day are also unacceptable.

During the assemblies, students discussed what safe and respectful behavior looks like, how their choices during the school day impact others, and why the bus is considered an extension of the school environment. Emphasis was placed on listening to adults, keeping hands and feet to themselves, using appropriate language, and making choices that help everyone feel safe—both on the bus and in school.

Families can support this message at home by:

- Reviewing bus and school expectations with your child
- Reinforcing the importance of following adult directions the first time
- Discussing how behavior choices can affect the safety and feelings of others
- Encouraging respectful and kind interactions in all settings

As a reminder, all Eastport-South Manor schools closely follow district progressive discipline protocols that have been approved by the Board of Education. Our discipline matrix outlines potential outcomes for a variety of behavioral situations and is always available for families to review via our monthly newsletters or on the building webpage.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to ensure a safe and respectful learning environment for all students and staff.

Regards,

John-Michael J. Jackson

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