

PARKLAND ELEMENTARY

Procedures if a Bear Sighting Occurs

School Access:

1. Recess Doors unlocked between 8:40-9:00am; 10:30-10:45am; 12:15-12:45pm; The front door of the school is unlocked from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Actions

A . Bear Sighting off of school grounds:

1. Phone call from neighbour or parent received. Time and location of bear sighting are noted.
2. Announcement made to notify school if sighting is near a dismissal time.
3. Students kept indoors if time of bear sighting is near a break time (recess, lunch)
4. Students and parents advised of bear sighting in neighbourhood if sighted near 2:45pm. Students must be under direct supervision of their parent or daycare provider when released. Students walking home alone will be kept at school and provided with further instructions from Principal.

B. Sighting of bear on school grounds during instruction time:

1. Staff report bear sighting to office.
2. Announcement made to notify school that a bear is on school grounds.
3. Students kept in at recess and lunch (Indoor Day)
4. Daycare notified. (Parkland Players 604-939-7005; Over the Rainbow 604-939-2755; Children’s House Montessori 604-931-1311)
5. Coquitlam RCMP and Conservation Officers are contacted immediately for assistance or further instructions. 1-877-952-7277

C. Sighting of bear on school grounds if students or staff are outdoors (Morning; Recess; Lunch or Afterschool)

1. If sighted by supervising staff, a whistle is blown. Notify the office and immediately start ushering student into the school.
2. Announcement made asking everyone to proceed indoors.
3. Students enter the school via the nearest unlocked exterior door. Move calmly towards entrances. Students then proceed to their classrooms once they are in the school.
4. Daycare is notified. (Parkland Players 604-939-7005; Over the Rainbow 604-939-2755; Children’s House Montessori 604-931-1311)
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D. If You See a Bear:

- Remain calm; don’t panic. Often the bear is simply looking for food and will move on if it finds nothing to eat.
- Keep away from the bear and go inside – bring all students inside.
- Never approach the bear and do not run from the bear. Do not act submissively by crouching down or whispering.
- Warn others of the bear’s presence, but don’t do it by yelling
- If the bear climbs a tree, keep people and pets away. Eventually when things quiet down, the bear will come down and leave. This usually happens after dark when the bear feels safe. Once the bear is safely out of the area, check the area to ensure there are no attractants available.

Staff, students and parents are instructed to not approach the bear or cubs.
For any bear announcements, use intercom

Who Are You Going To Call?

Conservation: 1-877-952-7277	Coquitlam RCMP: 604-945-1550 or 911	Parkland Players 604-939-7005	Children’s House Montessori 604-931-1311
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