

Ecole Belmont Elementary School

CODE OF CONDUCT

Children cannot learn if they are worried about being bullied, teased or excluded. Our goal is to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for all of our students. To help us do this we need to have a code of conduct that our students will understand.

We believe that discipline should:

- show students what they have done wrong
- show students how they are responsible for their actions
- show students that there are consequences
- show students that they can create solutions and restore relationships they may have harmed
- keep students' dignity intact

All students are subject to the code of conduct and rules of the school while on the school premises, in going to and returning from school, and at all school sponsored games and functions, whenever and wherever they are held. It also applies to out of school activities that will have an impact on the school environment (e.g. MSN conversations undertaken at home that concern students or staff). Parents should be aware that the school administration may have a responsibility to refer serious breaches of the code of conduct to other parties. We must all work together to maintain our positive environment at Belmont.

The code of conduct below covers the **main areas** of student responsibility. Students are naturally held to higher expectations for behaviour and face more serious consequences as they mature. We believe that the school and the home must work together as partners in this as in other areas.

PLEASE:

- ✓ tell the truth at all times.
- ✓ respect the rights and physical "space" of others: "*Hands off*" is our rule.
- ✓ at all times, solve problems peacefully. Seek help from an adult if you need to.
- ✓ follow the instructions of the Principal, VP, teachers, SEA's and noon hour supervisors.
- ✓ participate in class and do your best.
- ✓ dress appropriately, following the dress code.
- ✓ treat school property (furniture, building, grounds, textbooks, etc.) with care.
- ✓ stay within the school grounds at all times during the school day.
- ✓ be friendly and include others on the playground (You can't say, "*You can't play*").
- ✓ be aware that playground games (e.g. soccer) are for FUN and FITNESS, not competition.

PLEASE DO NOT:

- bully others. Do not physically or verbally (*that is, with words*) abuse, harm, or threaten anyone.
- fight, play-fight, or throw snowballs
- use bad language
- exclude other children on the playground
- disobey a staff member
- be disruptive in your class or in the school
- copy other people's work or cheat on tests or assignments
- use the Internet unless directly supervised by a teacher or other adult
- bring any of these items to school: weapons (real or toy), drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, lighters or matches. Electronics must be left in backpacks
- vandalize school property
- do anything to make other members of our community feel uncomfortable or scared

We count on you to use COMMON SENSE at all times!