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## **WILDLIFE ALERT**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We just wanted to make people aware that a bear was spotted in a tree in the forested area beside the school at 11:37am. We have done a sweep and contacted conservation officers. Currently there is no sign of the bear on our property, but please be aware and take the following precautions:

- Remain calm. Do not run or climb a tree.
- Slowly back away, talking to the bear in a quiet, monotone voice.
- Do not scream, turn your back on the bear, kneel down or make direct eye contact.
- Keep away from the bear. Do not try to get closer to it.
- Stay together. If you are with others, act as a group. Keep children close – pick up and carry small children.
- Go indoors.
- Watch the bear until it leaves. Make sure the bear has a clear escape route.

The school continues to be in close contact with conservation officers and we are acting on their advisement. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

If you see a bear, please report it to Wildlife Conservation at: 1-877-952-7277.

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