



Oakridge Public School

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Dear Parents,

With the new year approaching, we have decided to revisit our lunch time procedures for our grade seven and eight students. At the beginning of the year, you were given a lunch form to sign on which you indicated your preference as to what you would like your child to do during that time. One of the options was to give your child permission to leave the school grounds between 12:45 and 1:35 pm and assume complete responsibility for their behaviour while they were off the school premises.

As a result of this permission option, we as a staff have found that it has become increasingly more difficult to track the whereabouts of students at lunch time. Some students have been coming to school with a lunch and eating it at the Plaza, others have been eating their lunch at school and then going to the Plaza to hang out, and some have been leaving the school grounds without permission. Neighbours in the Oakridge area and Plaza store owners have called to complain about inappropriate behaviour of Oakridge students. We have also had a problem with students eating the food/candy that they have purchased at the Plaza and throwing the garbage on the school yard.

It is the recommendation of the administration that students refrain from visiting the Glenridge Plaza at lunch time.

In order to ensure the safety of our students at lunch time, if you would like your son/daughter to leave the Oakridge school grounds, **you will need to provide written, signed permission indicating the reason, the date and where he/she will be going. As you can appreciate, we will not be able to accept verbal permission over the phone.** These arrangements need to be made ahead of time so that the teachers can track where the students will be.

As always, students will still be able to go home daily for lunch. You can indicate this on the attached form.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Klassen
Principal

Mr. R. Game
Vice-Principal



Please check the appropriate spot, sign and return to the school by Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Student Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

- My child will be going home for lunch on a daily basis.

- My child will be staying at school for lunch on a regular basis. I will provide a written note when he/she will be leaving school property and I will indicate where he/she will be going. I assume full responsibility for his/her behaviour during the lunch hour. It is the recommendation of the administration that students refrain from visiting the Glenridge Plaza at this time.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____