

*School Board Goal for 2004-2009: Increase academic achievement district-wide with a special emphasis on literacy and mathematics gains for each student. The intent is to give every student the skills to succeed in challenging courses, meet academic standards, graduate from high school and be fully prepared for a range of post-secondary education and vocational options.*

March 20, 2009

Dear Parents of Chehalem Students,

This is a letter to inform you that a student in the fourth grade brought a toy gun to school yesterday. The outside of the toy gun was an exact replica of the outside of a real gun. The gun did not have the capability to hold real bullets. Many students saw the gun but did not tell any adults. I learned of the situation this morning and acted on it immediately.

This is a very serious situation. The law clearly states that no real or pretend weapon that replicates a real weapon can be on school grounds. Two students were charged with a crime and will be dealt with appropriately by law enforcement officials and the school.

The school counselor and the classroom teachers talked to your students about the situation today. We are very concerned that no students told any adults of the situation. Please reinforce with your children the need to report any real or perceived threat. If your child should come home and report something of this nature to you, please call the school or the police.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ms. Kathleen Kaczke