



**HEATHER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL DISTRICT No.57 (PRINCE GEORGE)**

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It was reported to us that a bear was spotted near the school this afternoon.

(http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bear_hm.htm):

Garbage/ Compost/ Barbecues

- Keep garbage containers indoors - inside a locked shed, garage, or basement until pick-up day.
- Dispose of garbage regularly - don't stockpile it or it will begin to smell and attract bears.
- Never leave fish parts, meat bones, or other meat by-products where a bear's sensitive nose can find them - keep them in your freezer until you can dispose of them properly. Do not put meat by-products, fish, or fruit into your compost.
- Sprinkle your compost with lime. Lime aids the composting process, and also reduces the smell, discouraging bears.
- Be watchful at barbecues. The smell from cooking meat attracts bears.
- Store barbecues inside.
- Wash grills immediately after use. The smell of a grill can attract bears even if it is stored.

Fruit trees

- Pick fruit daily as it ripens; don't allow it to fall.
- Pick the fruit before it ripens if you don't intend to use it right away.

If You Spot a Bear in a Residential Area or in a Tree with People Nearby

- Remain calm. Often, the bear is just passing through and, if it finds no food source, will simply move on.
- Keep away from the bear. Warn others to keep away as well, and bring your children and pets into the house.
- If the bear appears to be threatening, persistent, or aggressive, call the Conservation Officer in your area. If there is no Conservation Officer in your area, phone local police or the RCMP.
- If conflict should occur, do not attempt to resolve it yourself. The Conservation Officer is a professional and has been trained to deal with wildlife.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions, and thank you for helping to keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

Parrish Child
Principal