



Parents –

I am sending out some reminders to help our basketball season get underway safely. If you have questions, please let me know!

- 1) **Fire lanes:** Please do not park in the fire lanes. I know that parking can be a hassle, but keeping those lanes clear will ensure that emergency vehicles can access the schools quickly and safely. We have had to call for emergency services at games and the vehicles could not park in the fire lanes due to cars parked there.
At Harborview, you can park in the paved lot next to the school. At Riverbend, you can park in the dirt lot next to the school. At Marie Drake, you can share the lot at Harborview.
 - 2) **Coaching from the sidelines:** Parents should refrain from coaching from the sidelines. Coaches should be the only voice giving direction to the players on the court. Parents should yell positive encouragement and cheer loudly for both teams.
 - 3) **Wet weather and the gym floors:** We have officially entered winter, which means lots of snow. As you come in to the school, please make sure you wipe off your feet. If your child wears boots, ask them to change into their gym shoes before you enter the gym. This will help prevent puddling on the gym floor and accidental slips.
 - 4) **Commons Area and Halls:** Please don't practice or run in the halls or the commons area. We have been asked by Community schools to respect this rule. The community school supervisors will remind kids to stop when this happens.
 - 5) **Seating at the schools:** There are a few schools that the community schools monitors will pull out the bleachers, but the majority of schools do not allow us to use the bleachers. Harborview does not have bleachers, but can supply chairs for the gym. Please help to put them away after the last game! For the schools that do pull out bleachers for seating, if you are attending the last game, please stick around and help push them back in! For DHMS and Floyd Dryden, we cannot pull out the bleachers so please bring chairs.
 - 6) **Food in the Gym:** Community schools has asked that all snacks be given and eaten outside the gyms, preferably in the commons area.
 - 7) **Fingernails:** Please make sure your child's nails are cut short and blunt. Basketball is a very hands focused game and long sharp nails can lead to scratches on the arms of players from reaching and trying to steal the ball.
 - **Code of Conduct:** There is a standard of conduct expected from every person associated with the Juneau Parks & Recreation youth sports program. Game and league rules control participant conduct on the field during league play. Participants must also be responsible for their conduct during practices and when not actively participating in a game. Appropriate conduct also relates to coaches, parents, referees, and P&R staff. Inappropriate conduct can be any of the following but is not limited to: hitting, pushing verbal abuse, intimidation, alcohol or drug use prior to/during games and practices and poor sports conduct.
- I will not yell at officials, coaches, other adults or my child while they are playing
 - I will not ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event

- I will not curse or use abusive language
- I will not coach from the sidelines
- I will not use any form of electronic media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) to harass, verbally assault or bully any member of the Parks & Recreation program
- I will not disrupt coaches during meetings, games or practices
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship by being supportive of all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or youth sport event.
- I will remember that this program and game is for kids, not ADULTS

8) **Pickup and drop off:** Please make sure a coach is in the gym when you drop off your child. Occasionally, coaches run late and there may not be an adult waiting in the gym at practice or game time. Please make sure you are able to pick your child up within 5 minutes of the end of practice or games.

9) **Facility Rules:** Occasionally, the community schools monitor is late or does not show up. The coach has procedures they will follow when this happens. Please do not enter the facility if it is locked.

10) **Helping with the team:** families will be asked to help keep score, run the scoreboard or snack schedule. Thank you in advance for doing this!

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