

# SENATOR GIBSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Students have been told on several occasions that dangerous play, such as snowballing, snow kicking, face washing with snow, etc., is not allowed at school for safety reasons.

We have reviewed with students the consequences related to unsafe, dangerous snow play. Students at Senator Gibson School are not allowed to throw snow while out on the school yard. Cold, frozen snow presents a threat to student safety. Parents/Guardians are asked to please review this policy at home and we will continue to remind students at school. We have asked staff to review the expectations during morning announcements and we have posted our "Expectations on Snowy Days" in classrooms and hallways throughout the school. We will continue to have class discussions with all our students focusing on respecting Senator Gibson's policy on snow and the possible consequence(s). Consequences for dangerous and unsafe play with snow are as follows:

1st time:	Verbal Warning
2nd time:	Warning with a note, time-out at the wall during recess (i.e. this letter)
3rd time:	Note home with community service (15 minutes)
4th time:	Note home - Withdrawal/loss of privileges (walk with staff at break)
5th time:	In School time out (call home)
6 <sup>th</sup> time:	At home time out (call home)
7 <sup>th</sup> Time:	Formal suspension (call home)

Please review our snow expectations with your child and the possible consequences for this dangerous and unsafe play.

Respectfully, *Ms. Spero & Mrs. Phillips*

## Expectations on Snowy Days

What's Expected From Students		Not Doing What's Expected?
<b>THROWING SNOW</b>	<p><b>NO...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Kicking/throwing snow</li> <li>▶ Putting snow in people's faces</li> </ul> <p><b>Leave the snow ON THE GROUND!</b></p>	<p>Consequences can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reminder</li> <li>▶ Coaching</li> <li>▶ Think Sheet</li> <li>▶ Time Out</li> <li>▶ Removal of privileges</li> <li>▶ Parent Contact - Classroom Teacher/P/VP</li> <li>▶ Removal from Classes (In School Time-Out)</li> <li>▶ At Home Time-Out</li> <li>▶ Suspension</li> </ul>
<b>SNOW CREATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Enjoy the process of building creations and forts</li> <li>▶ Expect your creation to not be intact for your next break or the next day</li> <li>▶ Nobody owns the snow!</li> </ul> <p><b>RESPECT other people's creations/efforts</b></p>	
<b>PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Stay OFF equipment due to ice and snow when announced</li> </ul>	