



"Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings." C. A. Danielson

From the Office of
Denise L. Clemons
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you all may be aware there is an issue regarding scary clowns across the Nation. Please be assured that we take the safety of our students very seriously. As such, I am in regular contact with Officer Lawrence of the Gardner Police Department and can confirm that there have been no confirmed clown "sightings", "threats" or other incidences that could potentially compromise student safety during school hours in Gardner. Anything you might hear to the contrary is simply rumor; or, yet, another hoax. All Administrators are cognizant of this issue and we are being extra careful with our students.

We are not sure where or how these things come about or how they spread so quickly; but, we certainly hope that this issue soon passes and we can continue to keep our focus where it belongs - on teaching and learning in safe and supportive schools.

As always, if you have concerns, please feel free to contact your child's school or me.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Clemons,
Superintendent

"The mission of the Gardner Public School System is to prepare, in collaboration with parents, students who are ready upon graduation for the challenges of college and career without remediation. This will be done in a safe, caring, just and equitable environment. Our Core Values are Academic Excellence, Creativity, Respect and Responsibility."