

The Counselors Clipboard

Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons,

Help! I always tell my son Lyle that he should tell an adult if someone is bothering them. But since he started school he tells me that he is afraid of tattling! Can you help me understand the school's stance on being a 'tattle tail'?

-Baffled in Baldwin

Dear Baffled in Baldwin,

Absolutely! At school, children are taught many problem-solving techniques starting even in Pre-K! We like for children to try and solve their own conflicts as part of getting older. However, if your child has tried the suggested strategies and is still experiencing difficulty with another student, he needs to tell an adult. Likewise, the children are always encouraged to tell the teacher or supervising adult if someone is doing something dangerous! On the other hand, reporting someone else's wrongdoing just to get them in trouble is not considered to be appropriate. For example: "He didn't put away his pencil case!", or "She didn't hang her coat up!" could lead to trouble from the teacher, as well as other children who may begin to consider that 'tattling'. Good Luck!

-Mrs. Fitzsimmons



Many thanks to everyone who donated toiletries for the homeless last month! I would like to especially thank the Karner Family for the great idea, and for delivering all our donations to the shelter.



Coming up on April 28th...

**Save those pennies for the
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!**

**If you can help out by taking our pennies to the Jacksonville Kleins on 4/28,
please call Sarah Fitzsimmons!
410-887-3455**

Help Needed!

Please Help!