McGruff Talks to Students about Gun Safety

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Today at school your child learned about gun safety from **McGruff the Crime Dog**®, a safety expert whom you probably remember from your own days in the classroom.

McGruff and his nephew Scruff® are the stars of two new gun safety videos designed to teach students in grades K-6 how to stay safe if they find a gun at home or see a student with a gun at school. The lesson is simple:

- 1. Stop.
- 2. Don't touch.
- 3. Get away.
- 4. Tell an adult.

Your child has learned to follow these four steps and why they are important for safety. We hope you will reinforce this lesson by viewing McGruff's gun safety videos with your child.



Molly's Mischief (for grades K-2) Molly learns what to do when she finds a gun in her parents' bedroom.



Not Cool, Kyle (for grades 2-6) Kyle learns why it is never cool to bring a gun to school.

Both videos are available free of charge on the **McGruff's 4 Steps of Gun Safety** page at the National Crime Prevention Council website: ncpc.org/McGruffGunSafety.

On this webpage you will also find a link to **Project ChildSafe**® (projectchildsafe.org), the National Shooting Sports Foundation®'s comprehensive firearm safety education program. We encourage you to visit Project ChildSafe for additional gun safety resources, including a free safety kit that comes with a cable-style gun lock and detailed instructions for storing guns safely. In addition, you may wish to view the Project ChildSafe video "Talking with Kids about Gun Safety" (projectchildsafe.org/understanding-gun-safety), which offers clear and simple tips to help keep kids safe when there are guns in the home. The McGruff videos also may be viewed at projectchildsafe.org.

Gun safety is an important topic for all Americans, gun owners and non-gun owners alike. We hope that you will join us in helping today's children learn and live by **McGruff's 4 Steps of Gun Safety**, so that together we can set them on the path to a safer future.

Sincerely,



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