




On October 2 we talked about bullying. And there's quite a bit to say. We'd like to continue the conversation.

What do you think? What can we, as parents, do to help our kids? What do we need to do? Does PBIS work at preventing bullying? Is it supposed to? Do you know how your school handles bullying?

We are getting ready to send out The Post and want to include your thoughts and opinions.


Two ways to share a comment or question (by a Friday, Oct 18 at 9pm):

1. Comment or question here
2. Email us at communications@scottsdaleparentcouncil.org

 Our kids need to be taught how to cope and respond to bullying. Something other than just finding and telling an adult because that doesn't always help


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 Coping skills are also good skills. Empathy, work ethic, and coping — but mostly Lead By Example. We will get there.


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 I disagree. After one month of being spit on, having projectiles thrown at him, being punched in the arm my child did tell someone. I don't think you understand the level of bullying that happens. How about kick a ginger day when my child was kicked, hit, and slammed into lockers? He should tell someone but he didn't because snitches get stitches now he dyes his hair brown.

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 if you see something say something there is no reason any child who is being tortured and bullied on a daily basis should not tell an adult

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 my son was bullied and he went to several adults a day and nothing happened. Absolutely the adults should be involved but that doesn't always do anything either. Which is why I said they need more skills than just going to the adult. They need skills on how to react in the moment

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[redacted] and if they respond they are disciplined and told that they are the perpetrators. I think the administration needs better rules and response to students. I think there should be higher penalties and parental responsibility when the parents child is the bully.

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[redacted] I do have a thought... There are many of us, who in business heard about people climbing the ladder and not letting anyone or anything get in the way. They became successful, many times at the expense of others. Folks outside looked at this and admired... [See More](#)

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[redacted] I am just trying figure out when enough is enough? I don't understand how a child can be bullied for a year now and it still continues to happen?

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[redacted] this should not be happening. Is the principal working with you?

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[redacted] yes we have met with her, put in reports, etc. we are being told that things are in place to help the situation, but when it keeps happening from time to time after these things are place then what?

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[redacted] What about the bully targeting other students? There is obviously a pattern here. I don't understand why administration continually makes excuses. Yes, we need to educate the children on how to deal with bullying, but there is zero consequences. The... [See More](#)

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[redacted] Exactly [redacted] This is an almost every day occurrence!!

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[redacted] about rules and consequences. I agree. I'm not sure the kids know what the consequences will be and exactly what it is that is against the rules. We hear about respect, kindness, responsibility etc but it's really abstract. When the... [See More](#)

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[redacted] agreed. It is very abstract. They don't know the consequences. It needs to be clear..

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[redacted] Where attention is that's where energy goes. We focus so much about bullying and punishment and consequences but why not focus on preventing bullying and positive behavior reinforcement. It's like in medicine, focus on healing not disease. Why district... [See More](#)

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[redacted] grew up in LA and our 6th grade teacher was amazing because she used every Friday for "open circle" which is when any kid could discuss why another kid upset them. They would be put on the spot and the whole class would always empathize with the unde... [See More](#)

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[redacted] they actually do this through Sanford Harmony in the elementary schools. The bigger problem is there aren't enough counselors.

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[redacted] since 2013 the district has been doing this. It's called PBIS. It's a framework that is supposed to promote the culture of positive behavior. Every school in SUSD does this. However, there isn't enough funding to really pay for the training and the elements necessary to make it work. Each school implements a PBIS program differently.

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[redacted] I did think learning about the PBIS system at Mohave was awesome and inspiring!

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Subject: Bullying

I think it's important for parents to know that not everything starts and ends with the public school system solving all of their problems.

I also think it's the parent/guardian's duty to make sure they're meeting and conversing with other parents and helping build and maintain a network that will carry the family unit from elementary thru high school. This isn't only helpful when it comes to bullying, but to other things as well (eyes and ears when it comes to grades and projects, where kids say they're going, things they notice or hear with kids, help with half-days... even if they see a kid walking by themselves or not being picked up after school). Hell, our network has even become a huge part of who we hang out with and who we lean on.

If anyone has had an issue with the way a child was behaving, and I knew their parents (it's rare, but this has happened), I've simply let the parent know (and I told them to do the same with me) and it's cleared it up without even involving anyone at the school. If I don't know a parent, chances are one of the other parents I know do, and they can put me in contact with them...

We've been very fortunate to have this ability at Sequoya, and we want to continue it (and help grow this circle as our children go from Middle to High School). Because of it's size (and perhaps the make-up of Sequoya - I don't know...) elementary school was very easy to do this, but perhaps we can think of ways the SPC can help facilitate this as well (being the link between the parent, the APT/PTA/the school, and other parents).



Bryn K. DeFusco

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Take note of the last paragraph. This is leadership & an actual commitment to anti-bullying. Spare me the BS that "schools can't really get involved with cyber bullying." This is how it should be done!



COCOPAH MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Cocopah Families,

First quarter, literally, flew by. It is hard to believe we are almost into November. I want to thank all of our families for your support and commitment to your students. Our staff and students have accomplished so much this past quarter.

Our Fall Benchmark scores, just one set of data used to measure success was quite good. These initial scores leads us to believe that our end of the year state testing results will be good as well. Bravo to our students and staff!

We had almost two hundred students participate in our Fall Sports Season and many more are participating currently in our Winter I Sports Season. We have students participating in after school clubs every day. Your tax credit dollars help pay for these activities and I would like to offer my sincere gratitude. We have a Robotics club and Cocopah will be fielding numerous teams to participate in upcoming Robotics tournaments. I would like to thank our APT for providing the necessary resources to secure the equipment to be able to create a Robotics team. You guys rock! It is so critical for students to feel a connection to their school. By participating in extracurricular activities, students are engaging many parts of their minds and bodies, which is so critical in adolescent development.

I do need to make you aware of a growing trend in the world of social media. This past week I learned of two Instagram accounts that were devoted to posting pics and videos of Cocopah students for the purpose of teasing and humiliating them. We were able to discover who created the two accounts and those students were disciplined appropriately. I bring this to your attention because many of our students were following those pages and making comments. It was disheartening to see so many students acting as bystanders while their fellow classmates were feeling so much sadness and humiliation. I ask you to talk to your students about the dangers of cyber bullying and its consequences. I highly recommend looking at their social media activity. Not every middle school student is responsible enough to use technology in appropriate ways. I thank you in advance for any help you are able to provide.

Please let me know if I can clarify anything for you. I continue to feel honored to be part of the Cocopah Community.

Regards,