



Dr. James Craik Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Today, a student reported to a teacher that they reportedly saw a “Death List” written by another student that contained a list of faculty members and students. The teacher immediately told school administrators about the report and an investigation ensued.

Administrators, assisted by our School Resource Officer (SRO), investigated and learned that the student who reportedly made the written list was frustrated and angry about an incident that occurred before school. The student faces disciplinary actions outlined in the Charles County Public Schools (CCPS) *Code of Student Conduct* and could face possible charges by police.

School safety is a top priority at Dr. James Craik Elementary School. Any alleged threat, including an alleged death list, will be investigated by administrators and our SRO. Please speak with your child about making comments or writing things that might be perceived as a threat. We understand our students are young, but if they make comments as a joke or out of frustration, they may still face consequences. We also have staff available to speak with any student or parent who may need additional support.

Please continue to encourage your children to say something to a staff member or other trusted adult if they hear or see something they believe is a safety concern. We also have an anonymous, online reporting tool at <https://www.ccboe.com/community/see-something-say-something>. Working together is the best way to keep Dr. James Craik safe for students and staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Deihl". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Jason Deihl
Principal



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