

MCA Learning Community:

We are notifying you of a program we have scheduled next week for our students in 3rd through 6th grade at Mt Carmel Area Elementary School. The program is being led by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General and their Education Outreach Department. *(We are looking for similar programs in the lower grades in the near future.)*

The program will discuss the seriousness of making inappropriate comments both online and in person (including threatening statements) and student social media awareness.

Unfortunately, threats of violence in our schools (both locally and nationally) are not new but this remains unacceptable. Please understand that steps that schools must take to ensure the safety of our buildings is much different in 2023 than may be remembered in the past. Our district takes student and staff safety very seriously and we try to educate our students as much as possible but we are looking for your help as well.

Please review with your children these expectations:

- If your child gets angry or feels there is an issue at school, they must report that issue to a teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, or our school resource officer so we can fix the issue. ***We will never accept inappropriate threatening language as a result of any situation.***
- Students may never make a threat against another student or our school in general.
- Students must understand that making these comments could result in removal from school, suspension, expulsion, and arrest.
- Remind your child of our metal detector process and our ability to bring students through the metal detector each morning. All students will be responsible for any items they may have on their possession. Having your child's bookbag and belongings as organized as possible will help with this process.

We appreciate your help in this regard. Please reach out to me or our elementary administration if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Pete Cheddar
Superintendent