

Play Nice! Newsletter

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Replenish Your Equipment Pack

A quick review of the 5 principles of the Peaceful Playgrounds Program.

Remember that all 5 components must be in place to insure a "peaceful" environment in which kids are active (Hogan 2003). These five principles form the Peaceful Playgrounds "CREED".

C= Conflict Resolution

R= Rules

E= Equipment

E= Expectations

D= Designs

If children are to be active and engaged in game play then consumable (balls, jump ropes, scoops, hoops, etc.) equipment is necessary and should be readily available. Peaceful Playgrounds has established the "1-10 rule". For each 10 children on the playgrounds you need a minimum of one piece of equipment. So if you send 200 children to the playground 20 pieces of equipment or more should be available.

To reorder your equipment pack:

www.peacefulplaygrounds.com/equipment.htm



Physical Education for Progress (PEP) Grant deadline
March 22, 2004

Check out our webpage for grants assistance

www.peacefulplaygrounds.com

Playground Safety & National Playground Safety Month

The National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) is a great resource for all playground safety related issues. This non-profit national organization is devoted to keeping children safe on America's playgrounds. Did you know that National Playground Safety Week is April 26-30?

Second National Playground Safety Survey to Be Released

Watch for the release of the Second National Playground Survey. The National Survey rates states on an A-F scale based a number of factors related to playgrounds safety. You can acquire your state's results by visiting their website at www.uni.edu/playground

Kid Playground Checker Activity

In recognition of National Playground Safety Week April 26-30, 2004, how about downloading the Kid Checker Activity from their website and send students out to evaluate your playground? Kid Checker is a fun and educational activity that increases the level of awareness regarding playground hazards and playground safety. The Kids Checker is free and can be downloaded at

www.uni.edu/playground/be_a_kid_checker.htm



School Talk

Each Year
on
America's
Playgrounds

200,000
Children
Receive
Injuries

Serious
Enough to
Require
Emergency
Room
Treatment

NPPS