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Dear Parents,

Sometimes our generosity clouds clarity. I have observed a number of parents bringing their pet dog on campus, or actually into the school building. I must admit I cringe a little when I see this. I know the intentions of the parents are to allow the children to enjoy their dog. Most children do.

My concern comes in three parts: First I worry about allergies. Many of our children have allergies to various igniters and forget to avoid them, especially when it is a cute puppy/dog. This can cause a significant health issue for some individuals; Secondly, I am concerned about the 'what if. . .' factor. What if the pet becomes excited with all of the attention it receives and accidentally scratches, nips, or otherwise harms a child. If that were to ever happen ("God forbid") everyone involved would feel guilty, in addition to someone being injured; Third, who is going to clean-up and sanitize the school property if the pet's excitement causes it to have an 'accident'?

Therefore, I am asking all families to please leave your pets at home, or in the car, and not bring them onto school property.

Sincerely,

Rick Erickson, PhD
Principal/Administrator

"Here I am Lord; I've come to do your will." (M.P. Ward)