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Dear Piscataway Township Schools K-5 Parents and Guardians,

Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for the expected weather conditions. Physical activity and time spent outdoors during recess is an important part of a child's school day. The exercise and fresh air a child is afforded during this time gives them a break from the structure of the classroom and helps them develop a variety of skills. When properly clothed, elementary and intermediate students can safely participate in outdoor play in most weather conditions.

All six of our elementary and intermediate schools participate in outdoor recess on a consistent and similar basis. Preschool standards adopted by the New Jersey Department of Education mandate outdoor recess on "most days unless there is active precipitation, public warnings of extreme hot or cold temperatures," or other public warnings that it is unsafe to be outside. Our K-5 buildings follow these same guidelines.

If there is a situation in which your child has medical needs that prohibit their participation in recess please contact the school nurse. If outdoor clothing is not available, please contact the school principal.

Sincerely,

Colleen B. Pongratz

