



# Norwood Park Elementary School

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Recently we have had some concerns expressed regarding an increase in sighting of coyotes near schools or on playgrounds.

With respect to wildlife in close proximity to school, the following process should be followed:

- Staff check the play areas prior to recess / lunch breaks
- Staff provide increased vigilance and supervision during recess breaks and outdoor activities
- If a coyote is observed in the school area, students remain inside for recess, or brought indoors
- Remind staff/students that if they are approached they should:
  - *Shout/clap their hands together loudly and firmly to scare coyotes away*
  - *Stand your ground and wait until the coyote moves on. Do not turn away or run as this may trigger a natural predator/prey instinct*
  - *If the coyote continues to approach, slowly back away and move towards the building or other human activity*
  - *Report this to your principal*

Students are reminded not to bring food outdoors during recess breaks and to stay away from strange animals