

# Focused on Safety

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## Hiram ES Heroes

Coaches Tommy Rogers, Paula Jackson and Nurse Daria Floyd do a tremendous job serving the students at Hiram Elementary. On November 13, 2014 Coach Rogers, Coach Jackson and Nurse Floyd displayed exceptional poise and focus in saving the life of one of their students. Sienna Stewart is student at Hiram Elementary, and on November 13th, Sienna went to Coach Jackson telling her that she felt dizzy. Before Coach Jackson had a chance to respond, Sienna lost consciousness, and was on the floor. Coach Jackson and Coach Rogers sprang into action and notified Nurse Floyd. Sienna was breathing but unresponsive. Coach Rogers gave her two breaths and the AED machine was placed on her. The instructions were followed and the AED gave her heart a shock. The reading on the machine afterwards showed that her heart had stopped prior to the shock. Once EMT's arrived on scene they took over her care. Sienna was transported to the hospital and placed under doctors care. She has since returned to school. Coach Rogers, Coach Jackson and Nurse Floyd ask that you review your role in emergency situations and be prepared. All were recognized at the December 9, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

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L-r: Nurse Daria Floyd, Coach Paula Jackson, Sienna Stewart, Saveon Chum, mother, Coach Tommy Rogers

## Active Shooter Drill at North Paulding HS

On September 15, 2014, during Fall Break, North Paulding High School was the site of an active shooter drill that was conducted in conjunction with local and state public service agencies. These included the Paulding County Sheriffs Department, Fire Department, Emergency Management, Metro Ambulance, WellStar Paulding and the Dallas Police Dept. The purpose of the drill was to practice coordination and response to an active shooter situation at a school. The drill allowed the school district to evaluate plans and procedures in place and to improve upon those. The drill was planned and coordinated over a 9 month period and was a successful drill. Thank you to Dr. Mark Crowe, Principal, at NPHS as well as Diana Long, teacher at NPHS, for organizing student volunteers and helping to communicate all necessary information to them. Their assistance at NPHS was invaluable.





## Slips, Trips and Falls

The leading cause of injury reported in the Paulding County School District continues to be slips, trips, and falls. The majority of these are preventable with a few basic guiding principles.

- 1-Maintain clear walkways for foot traffic
- 2-If you spill something, clean it up
- 3-If you see a spill, clean it up or immediately report it to the office for clean up
- 4-Be aware of the possible slip and fall areas in the school such as entryways, cafeteria entrances, restrooms, water fountains, sinks, stairways and sidewalks
- 5-Utilize wet floor signage responsibly
- 6-Wear proper footwear
- 7-Use mats at entryways and under water fountains
- 8-Know who to report areas of concern to (administration, safety coordinator)
- 9-Pay attention when walking around the school, both inside and outside
- 10-Be aware of your surroundings and become part of the solution in creating a safe work environment





## Safest Schools

The following schools had the fewest work related accident or injuries reported for the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. Thank you for your efforts in District Employee Safety.

1-Hershel Jones MS

2-Moses MS

3-Hiram ES and Panter ES

This year to date, over 250 employee accidents have been reported in our District. Please do your part to help us reduce the number of accidents. The average cost per claim to date is \$223.38. This is very good progress from the same time last year. **Slow down, pay attention and help reduce our accidents.** We are averaging over 50 injury reports a month and it is our goal to lower this number by 10% each month for the remainder of this school year. Please do your part to help us achieve this goal and do your part in creating a culture of safety. Do your part and think safety!



## PCSD Anonymous Tip Line

The District has established a way for employees to anonymously report any safety violation or concern. The link can be found on the staff *intranet*, under the SAFETY RESOURCES link. The safety resources password is “safetyfirst”. The submitter will not be asked for their name. They will be asked to answer the following questions: Date, location (school or facility) of the violation or concern, explanation of the concern or violation, and if the concern has been reported to the school or site administration. Listed below is the link.

[http://intranet.paulding.k12.ga.us/safety\\_violations.php](http://intranet.paulding.k12.ga.us/safety_violations.php)

## Safety Moment

It is 7:45 a.m. and students and staff are filing into the building. It is very dark and the wind is beginning to pick up as you look out. Students are going to assigned holding areas and not yet in their classes to begin the day. The area is under a tornado watch as you arrive. Your grade level has a field trip planned leaving at 9:00. At 7:55 the principal comes over the intercom and announces that the county is now under a tornado warning. What steps should you take?

Items to think about:

Where is your designated sheltering area?

All your students are not with you yet, should you take those you have?

What about other students not yet in assigned areas?

Which is more severe, a watch or warning?

Will you still leave for your field trip? Why or why not?

What to do with busses arriving?

What to do with bus drivers? Parents?