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### COUGAR SIGHTING:

- The School has received word from the Sidney RCMP that there has been a confirmed cougar sighting in our area (East Saanich Road.)
- We are providing the following suggestions from the B.C. Environment Safety Guide re: Cougars for your consideration and encourage you to discuss these with your children.

*As an effort to ensure there is no conflict between people and cougars the following facts and safety tips are being sent out as a reminder:*

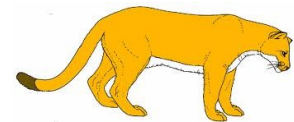
- *Cougars are most active at dawn and dusk. However, they will roam and hunt at any time of the day or night in all seasons.*
- *Encourage children to play outdoors in groups and maintain supervision.*
- *Bring pets in at night. If they must be left outside ensure they are kenneled.*
- *Hike in groups of two or more and keep children close-at-hand.*

*If you meet a Cougar:*

- *Never approach.*
- *Stay calm.*
- *Take all children off the ground immediately.*
- *Do not run.*
- *Do not turn your back on the cougar.*
- *Do all you can to enlarge yourself...pick up sticks and wave them about.*

*If a cougar behaves aggressively:*

- *Wave a large stick, throw rocks, speak loudly.*
- *Should the cougar attack, FIGHT BACK!*



*If you should see a cougar contact your local police immediately.*

Sincerely,

Grant Franceschini