



# News & Updates

April 2026: It Takes a Village

## Teacher's Corner

As April begins, we celebrate the care and energy you bring to your K-2 classrooms. Big growth comes from small moments, and your steady support helps students feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.

With Earth Day approaching, it's a reminder that growth takes patience—the seeds you've planted are blooming in many ways.

As the year winds down, take time to care for yourselves, too. Even small pauses can make a difference. We're so grateful for all you do—it truly takes a village.

## Safety Tips for Students

### Trust Your Feelings!

If something feels wrong or makes you uncomfortable, tell a safe adult right away. Your feelings matter.

### Know Your "Safe Adults"!

Have at least three safe adults you can go to. If one can't help, keep telling until someone listens.

### Be Safe Online!

Don't share personal information, passwords, or pictures without asking a safe adult first. If something online makes you feel worried or confused, tell an adult.

### Speak Up!

If someone is being hurt or bullied — in person or online — tell a safe adult. We keep our village safe by looking out for one another.



### Remember!

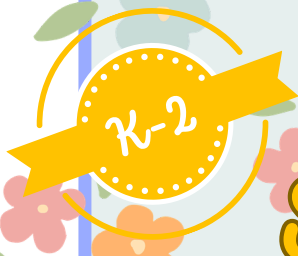
If a student discloses, **STOP** and **contact DCS** immediately at 800-800-5556

## Digital Safety Summit

Join us for the Lieberman Technologies Digital Safety Summit on **April 24th, 5:00-8:00 PM** at Central High School!

Open to all community members, this event focuses on keeping children safe online while connecting you with local service providers who support child safety. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and strengthen our community together.





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## Story & Activity

### Lawson the Parrot and the Village Garden

Lawson the Parrot loved flying over the school garden. He liked to watch the bright flowers and the children playing nearby.

One day, Lawson noticed something sad. Some plants were droopy, and one of his favorite flowers was gone. Lawson felt worried. "Oh no," he said. "What can we do?" Then he remembered something important: It takes a village to take care of each other.

Lawson flew down to the children. "Our garden needs help," he said. "When something is hurt or missing, we can work together." The children grabbed watering cans. They picked up leaves. They planted new seeds in the soil. Everyone helped in their own special way.

Slowly, the garden began to grow again. Tiny green sprouts popped up. Bright flowers bloomed. Lawson smiled. He learned that even when something feels sad or lost, caring friends can help make it better.

On Earth Day, Lawson shared a big reminder: When we take care of our world, our garden, and each other, we make our village strong and safe.

### Village Garden Helpers Game

**Objective:**

Help students understand that everyone plays an important part in keeping their "village" safe and cared for.

**How to Play:**

**Step 1:** Set the Scene (2–3 minutes)

Tell students:

"Just like in Lawson's garden, sometimes things need a little help. Today, we're going to be Village Garden Helpers!"

**Step 2:** What Would You Do?

Read short scenarios out loud. After each one, students turn and tell a partner what they would do — or raise their hand to share. Guide answers toward: tell a safe adult, help kindly, speak up, work together.

- 1. A plant in the classroom is drooping. What would you do?**
- 2. You see trash on the playground. What would you do?**
- 3. A friend looks sad during recess. What would you do?**
- 4. You see something online that makes you feel confused or worried. What would you do?**