Dear Third Grade Parent,

This letter is to give you information about the NES Safety Patrol program and how we will handle patrol applications this year. As with most things, we are doing the process a little differently this year. Our team discussed the available options and we feel it would be best to select patrols in the fall (beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> grade). Here is how the process will work for the coming year. Please keep in mind this is a tentative plan and may change.

Fourth grade students will have the opportunity to complete a patrol application. This will be available from Mrs. Short and the fourth grade team by August 31, 2021. The application will be due on Friday, September 10, 2021. I recommend always turning them in early! Below is a list of the NES Selection Criteria that the committee will used for patrol selection. The patrols are sponsored by AAA and these are the guidelines.

Leadership, Maturity, Reliability, Ability to follow rules (patrols will model exemplary behavior at all times), Punctuality (Tardies/absences – must have good attendance), Health (ability to perform patrol duties), Interest in safety, Sound judgment, Courtesy, Respect for classmates and others, Desire to help others, Trustworthy, Grades (C or above in all subject areas), Citizenship (S in all subject areas).

It is an honor to be a patrol but it also carries responsibilities.

Once applications are in the Patrol Selection Committee (a group of NES faculty and staff members that interact with your child will review each application based on the listed criteria) will meet to select patrols. A letter will be sent home with your child regarding patrol status. If your child is not selected, we will talk with your child about the areas that need improvement and another opportunity to apply will occur at the end of the first nine weeks.

We will also be looking for parents that are interested in serving in an officer position on our Patrol Parent Committee. I will send home applications for those positions with more information in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:nespatrols@gm.sbac.edu">nespatrols@gm.sbac.edu</a> or 352-472-1100 ext. 3242.

Sincerely,

Annette Short

**NES Patrol Sponsor**