



## ***Perth Amboy Public Schools***

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2nd grade Water Safety Program is a program that will introduce your children to the world of swimming. The program will focus on building basic swimming skills, safety awareness and confidence around the water. The Perth Amboy Public Schools is partnering with the Raritan Bay YMCA to provide this program to all 2nd grade students. The Flynn School grade 2 students will attend in May 2024. As the time comes near, the exact date will be provided for your child's class.

Assembly presentations will be conducted in each of our elementary school buildings to provide instruction on pool safety. These presentations will be 90-minute sessions. Following the presentation in-pool sessions will be conducted on site at the Raritan Bay YMCA, located in Perth Amboy. During the in-pool session only one class will be scheduled per session, these sessions will be 2 ½ hours in duration. Every 2nd grade class in the school district will be scheduled for one in-pool session. On the day of your child's scheduled in-pool session, it is expected that they will arrive at school with their swimsuits already on and underneath outerwear clothing. At the conclusion of the in-pool session, students will be provided access to the locker rooms at the YMCA to change out of their swimsuits and into their school clothes prior to returning to their home school building.

The following procedures have been established and must be adhered to in order for your child to participate:

1. Students must be accompanied by their classroom teachers **at all times.**
2. Students will spend the entire time during their YMCA visit in the pool.
3. Students must be in a bathing suit to enter the pool. **No cotton clothing is allowed.**
4. Swim caps and goggles are recommended, towel and plastic bag needed for wet items.
5. Students will engage in small group instruction while in the pool.
6. Students will remain in the training pool which begins at 3 ft and progresses to 4 ft 11 in.
7. Students will wear life jackets and/or a swimming belt to stay afloat and remain safe.
8. Classroom teachers will always remain with their students as well as a YMCA instructor.

Transportation will be provided to and from the Raritan Bay YMCA, this will be provided by the Perth Amboy School District. A signed permission slip will be required for your child to participate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Regina M. Postogna

***Perth Amboy Public Schools.....THE BEST FOR ALL!!***

*The James J. Flynn School staff, parents and the community will nurture in each child the ability to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world. We will enhance a child's natural curiosity and foster their love of learning through the use of meaningful and multi-sensory experiences. Our integrated curriculum will promote academic success and encourage children to attain their highest potential. We expect each child to develop into self-respecting, well-rounded, sensitive, and civic-minded individuals.*

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