

THE SAFETY SENTINEL

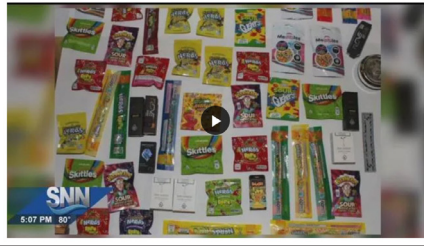
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SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

Marijuana edibles disguised as familiar snacks confiscated from Suncoast schools

By SNN Newsroom



SARASOTA - Edible marijuana disguised in Cheetos, Skittles and Nerds wrappings have Sarasota and Charlotte county officials on alert.

According to the Herald Tribune, law enforcement in both counties has confiscated marijuana edibles, packaged in counterfeit wrappings to look like their made by well known companies.

Marc Arnold, a school resource officer at Englewood Elementary, posted a picture online of a bag of “Flamin’ Hot Cheetos” that was confiscated at Sarasota Military Academy Prep.

The bag looked identical to an actual Cheetos package with the exception of a few warning labels that the product contained THC, the ingredient in marijuana that produces a high.

Last week, the Charlotte County Sheriff’s Office put out a similar image, showing an array of packaged candies that look like regular candy but contain THC.

Both Sarasota Police Department and Charlotte County Sheriff’s state they did not know the origin of the snack foods.

[As Reported by the SunCoast News Network](#)

MENTAL HEALTH

Recent legislation requires that schools practice de-escalation and call the Mobile Response Team before initiating a Baker Act unless it is determined by the Threat Assessment Team that an immediate Baker Act is necessary due to imminent danger to the student or others.

A Threat Assessment will be initiated by the person receiving or witnessing the threat. Once it is determined the threat is substantive or serious substantive, the following steps should be taken as prescribed by law.

- De-escalation techniques should be employed
- Parents should be contacted
- Mobile Response team should be contacted through 211 or their direct line 407-720-0281
- Student cannot be put under a Baker Act until the Mobile Response Team has been contacted unless it is determined by the Threat Assessment Team that an immediate Baker Act is necessary due to imminent danger to the student or others.

TECHNOLOGY

***Most Students Don’t Know When News Is Fake, Stanford Study Finds
Teens absorb social media news without considering the source; parents can teach research skills and skepticism.***

Preteens and teens may appear dazzlingly fluent, flitting among social-media sites, uploading selfies and texting friends. But they’re often clueless about evaluating the accuracy and trustworthiness of what they find.

[Click here for full article.](#)

SAFETY SHOUT-OUT

The quick thinking of Principal Secretary, Kelly Mott, and our SRO for the Day, Deputy Glogovac stopped a potential intruder from coming on to campus at Parkway Middle School.

As the uninvited guest entered the front office, he was addressed and asked to leave. After leaving campus he was monitored by staff as he walked down the sidewalk, and was seen heading into a gate on the back side of the property following a delivery truck.

The SRO quickly responded and greeted the intruder again, and he was removed from campus without issue.

DID YOU KNOW?

If an issue comes up after hours, you can call SSEM or the “On Call Emergency Maintenance Line.” Someone is available to assist 24 hours a day.

East Pager - 407-908-3506
West Pager - 407-908-9896

These numbers should be shared with your before & after school programs.