Focus on Safety

Season’s greetings to all of the Southwest Washington Maxillofacial Review Board families! The Review Board hopes you have a safe and wonderful time off from school or work spending time together. MultiCare Health System and Mary Bridge Hospital and Health Center encourage safety during all seasons. Are you aware that unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death for children 14 and under? These accidents may appear to be random, and outside our control, but they tend to follow predictable patterns, and are often preventable. The Center for Childhood Safety at Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital is committed to preventing serious and fatal injuries by providing education and resources both to the hospital and the community. Educational materials and resources on childhood injury prevention can be obtained by contacting their office at 253-403-1234. Their center also offers child safety services in Pierce and South King Counties. For other listings and downloadable information, visit: http://www.multicare.org/marybridge/center-childhood-safety

Safety at Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital and Health Center

MultiCare Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital & Health Center has been named one of the country’s Top Hospitals by the Leapfrog Group for providing the safest and highest quality care to pediatric patients. Mary Bridge is the only pediatric hospital in the Pacific Northwest and one of only 12 children’s hospitals in the country to receive this recognition. This award honors hospitals that focus on keeping patients safe. “Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital is committed to providing the kids in our community with high quality care, and we focus each day on doing the best for our patients,” said Mady Murrey, RN, Chief Operating Officer of Mary Bridge. “This award honors the hard work of our doctors, nurses and health care providers who are dedicated to our young patients and work diligently to make sure they get great care when they are staying with us.” Tacoma-based Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital, with clinics in nine communities in the South Sound, was selected as a Top Hospital out of nearly 1,200 hospitals participating in The Leapfrog Group’s annual survey. This national, public comparison of hospitals focuses on key issues including mortality rates, infection rates, safety practices, and measures of efficiency.
Safety in the Community

Unfortunately tragic, random events do occur in the community. MultiCare Health System expressed their heartfelt sympathy to the Newton, CT community after the tragic shootings. On the MultiCare Health System Vitals Blog Site, [http://www.multicare.org/home/news](http://www.multicare.org/home/news), Bob Bielke, PhD, a pediatric and clinical child psychologist at Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital and Health Center, offers valuable advice for families on dealing with the shooting. Additional informational links can be accessed at this site.

The Cleft Palate Foundation dedicated October as Anti-bullying month. To access valuable resources, visit: [http://www.cleftline.org/parents-individuals/anti-bullying-resources](http://www.cleftline.org/parents-individuals/anti-bullying-resources). In addition, The PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Educational Rights) Center has a National Center for Bullying prevention that teaches students and adults how to put a stop to bullying with a special focus on children with disabilities. Please visit: [http://www.PACERkidsagainstbullying.org](http://www.PACERkidsagainstbullying.org) for educational materials. The PACER Center created the campaign in 2006 with a one-week event which has now evolved into a month-long effort in October that encourages everyone across the nation to take an active role in the bullying prevention movement. According to PACER, bullying can end but it is up to students, educators, parents and the community to take action. In addition, these sites are also very informative: [http://www.PacerKidsAgainstBullying.org](http://www.PacerKidsAgainstBullying.org) and [http://www.TeensAgainstBullying.org](http://www.TeensAgainstBullying.org). These sites were created by kids and teenagers, to raise awareness of bullying prevention.

**MFRB NOTES**

**High School Seniors:** The Cleft Palate Foundation awards a minimum of three $500.00 scholarships to full-time college students with craniofacial differences attending accredited postsecondary institutions and programs. Deadline for applications for the 2013-2014 school year is February 1, 2013. For additional information please visit: [http://www.cleftline.org/what-we-do/awards-scholarships/college-scholarships/](http://www.cleftline.org/what-we-do/awards-scholarships/college-scholarships/)

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Do you have experience in producing Camtasia webinars? MFRB could use your service to produce a webinar on the MultiCare MFRB website.
- Volunteers needed to create a monthly Parent Support group.
- Please contact Margie Reemts 253-403-1559, for volunteer information.

**Happy Holidays!!**