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A rumor about clowns making threats against students and staff has been circulating around the nation. This is a social media generated rumor about individuals dressed as clowns coming to local schools to harm students. This rumor has surfaced across the country, mostly due to people reposting or sharing previous posts.

Gresham Police have received multiple reports, most of which were urban-legend type instances. A juvenile from the Centennial School District was charged charged with disorderly conduct for making a threat online using social media. Gresham Police have asked that they be notified of public safety concerns. The non-emergency number is (503) 823-3333. As Halloween nears, the police expect more people to be wearing costumes amd/or masks.

If you see or hear of any criminal activity or actual threats, please report them to 9-1-1.  The school will communicate directly with parents via autodialer if any emergencies occur. Written communication from the school will be sent home with students and/or posted on our website: [www.reynolds.k12.or.us](http://www.reynolds.k12.or.us) or official facebook page: www.facebook.com/ReynoldsSD7

How to help your child:

* Reinforce that adults will do everything possible to keep them safe.
* Encourage your child to report their concerns to an adult. If they see suspicious behavior, report it.
* Listen to their concerns and ease their fears with facts and empathy.
* Look to trusted, reliable and official sources for information.
* Teach your children to report threats to an adult or the authorities.