

December 17, 2012

Dear Parents,

It is with a heavy heart that we address you today regarding the tragedy on Friday. We know the importance of maintaining communication at this time, but quite frankly, the words just won't come. What happened in Sandy Hook is unimaginable, and along with the rest of the world we send them our love and prayers. What before seemed unreal, is now their reality- and it makes each one of us wonder how we can be safe in our world.

To begin with, please know that The Clubhouse has never accepted solicitations from any strangers trying to peddle something, nor do we allow anyone to enter for any other reason than the children. As some of you have experienced, we have even upset some extended family members by asking for their identification multiple times, even when the child clearly knows who they are. Protecting the children has always been our number one priority- that will never change. We will, however, be revisiting our current "open door policy" regarding prospective families, as well as our security system.

Our existing security system sounds an alarm in the office whenever the front door opens, alerting us to someone entering or exiting. We have an appointment tomorrow with a security company to reevaluate that system and perhaps move to a code- entry or key fob system. Together with the professionals, we will devise the most secure system possible to ensure the highest level of safety for our children.

The Clubhouse has always prided itself on welcoming in the community, and we will continue to do so, just differently. The world is changing, and we will always adapt- and we will always maintain the highest quality of care possible.

We will be in touch again after we consult with the security professionals.

Sincerely,

The Clubhouse Crew