

## Sample Editorial

### Cell Phones in Our Schools

When you were a kid did you ever have to call your mother and the school wouldn't let you? Kids today still have to call their mothers sometimes! But they school won't let them! Schools have become much more strict about the phones even when its an emergency sometimes. So that's why it would be a great thing if schools would let us have cell phones in school

Cell phones have been an issue in schools ever since they became a bug thing amongst teenagers. Sixth grader Amber H. says, "There could be an emergency that no one knows about and there might not be time to reach a phone!" In a lot of schools teachers take it to far. They take students cell phones even when they aren't using them and they are turned off and hidden so that they don't disturb anybody. Teachers shouldn't be allowed to take cell phones when they aren't even bothering anyone they are put on silent and they are hidden from other classmates! Just two years ago in October a girl took the case to the Supreme Court! She had had her cell phone taken away. It was in her backpack turned off not disturbing anyone when the teacher saw it and took it away and she never had it returned to her!

"I wasn't even using it and the teacher saw it in my backpack and confiscated it!" I tried to explain that I had to have it for later that day when my practice was over but she wouldn't listen!" So many students bring their cell phones to school for reasons like that! Only to have there teacher confiscate it!

Imagine this..... You live in lower Manhattan and your child goes to school nearby. It's September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. You are working quietly and suddenly you hear a loud bang and look out your window to see the North Tower of the twin towers in flames! At your child's school they have been alerted. Suddenly the intercom comes and the principal's voice blares over the speaker, "Students, get out your cell phones and call your parents immediately!" They could use the school phones but not only is there a line to use the phones the first person finds out the lines are dead. Sure they could use the cell phones that the very few students brought to school but so many students using five or six cell phones wouldn't you think that the battery would die out?! How would a child reach their parents to tell them that they are ok? They can't!

In emergencies like it is very important to have a way for a child to reach their parents! Sixth grader Mimi W. says, "We need them in school because if there was an emergency and we couldn't use the school phones for one reason or another we could pull out our cell phones!"

Anything can happen in our world today and having a cell phone with your child at all times could save their life!

Cell phones should be allowed in schools but they're not! They keep a child in touch with their parents and are easy to keep up with! They can even save lives! Please let cell phones be allowed in schools!