



# THE LIBERTY LANTERN

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## From the Main Office:

The winter season seems to have slowly but surely made its way into our rearview mirror and we should now be able to enjoy some nice spring weather. Spring is an exciting time and we have many important events and activities planned at Liberty. The track season has started and they are preparing for their first home meet on April 4. The Bowling Sectionals will be held on April 13 and we wish the students who qualified for that the best of luck. Last, but certainly not least, is the fact that all of our students will be taking the I.A.R. state standardized tests on April 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. In addition, our 8th graders will be taking the I.S.A. state science tests April 16 - 17. This will be done during students' science classes. A busy time around here for sure.

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## Graduation Date and Location:

Our Class of 2024 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20, at Lincoln-Way Central High School's indoor field house at 5:30pm. Tickets are not required for our graduation ceremony.



## Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

Wednesday, April 3, is Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. Please join us in giving a big "shout out" to Liberty's paraprofessionals that do such an awesome job of helping and supporting our students. Thank you Ms. Ashum, Mrs. Duda, Mr. Flatley, Ms. Furtek, Mrs. Haerr, Mrs. Kurczak, Mrs. Minnis, and Mr. Richardson for all that you do!!!

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## Next Year's 8th Grade Washington, DC Trip Info:

The 2024-2025 Washington, D.C. Trip is filling up quickly. Students interested in the WorldStrides trip on October 10-13 should register soon at [www.worldstrides.com](http://www.worldstrides.com) with Trip ID: 214565. Please contact Mrs. Zettergren, [rzettergren@nlsd122.org](mailto:rzettergren@nlsd122.org) with any questions.



## Spring Play:

Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's play, *The REAL Story of Alice in Wonderland*. The students put on two funny, exciting, and well-executed performances on March 14 and 15. Bravo to one and all who helped with this production.



## Artworks Event at Lincoln-Way East:

Congratulations to all Liberty Featured Artists. Artworks 2024 was a HUGE success thanks to your support! Art is thriving here at Liberty!

Featured Artists:

### 7th Graders:

Aaron Alvarado  
Zak Carlson  
Joanna Evans  
Bella Gerges  
Teddy Kaczmarczyk  
Ember Mudroch  
Carmen Smith  
Ryan Zeitler

Mackenzie Brach  
London Corcoran  
Gavin Flanigan  
Claire Hetfleisch  
Natalie Mestas  
Mason Pritchard  
Brooklynn Voss

### 8th Graders:

Mason Adair  
Wes Brendlinger  
Raelyn Ditmars  
Julian Lesak  
Nayelli Mercado  
Camryn Niemeyer  
Dean Rademacher  
Gavin Woodmaster

Chloe Bandza  
Lucas Carpenter  
Lily Dobbin  
Jasmine Lynn  
Lyla Mulvihill  
Molly Pacholski  
Mae Sladcik



## Don't Forget:

- There is no school on Friday, April 19, due to teachers' institute.

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## Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) Testing:

In the upcoming weeks, New Lenox School District 122 students will participate in online state testing. During the weeks of April 3-19, students in third to eighth grade will take the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test. The IAR assessment consists of ELA tests and math tests.

In addition to the IAR, students in fifth and eighth grade will take the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) during April 15-18. The ISA consists of three units and will be administered during your child's science class.

## Student Council Update:

Liberty Student Council is preparing many exciting spring activities! Student Council will be planning ways to honor and show gratitude for our staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. In conjunction with Earth Day, we will be having a spring clean-up around the grounds of Liberty. Student Council is also organizing a collection for Got Sneakers, a program that recycles gym shoes. Families can donate their gently used gym shoes and the proceeds of the recycled materials will support the Christmas Without Cancer Foundation. The collection dates for this are April 2 through April 18.



Many thanks to all students who have participated in Student Council this year! Please check our Google Classroom for more information. The next general Student Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30, after school until 3:45pm. Everyone is welcome, see you then!

## Bowling Club Update:

Sectional Bowlers have been selected and will be competing on Saturday, April 13. The tournament will be held at Strike and Spare Bowling Alley (811 Northern Dr., Lockport, IL). Congratulations to this year's Liberty Sectional Teams:



<b>Boys:</b> Patrick Berlin	Jayson Marzano	Ryan Richter	Preston Wyss
<b>Girls:</b> Eve Brkovic	Angelina Coon	Bella Dul	Michela Vinci

The State Bowling Tournament will be held on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20.

## Wrestling:

Congratulations to all of the New Lenox Wrestlers on a very successful season. The IESA State Finals were held on Friday, 3/18, and Saturday, 3/19 at Northern Illinois University's Convocation Center. Alex Krzeczowski and Sean O'Connor were two of the teams State Qualifiers; and both are able to say they won a match at the IESA State Finals! Congratulations to both boys on a job well-done!



## 8th Grade Graduation Dance Scheduled For May 10:

We are excited to announce that there will be an 8th Grade Graduation Dance at the end of this school year. The dance will be for our 8th grade students and will be held on Friday, May 10, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We are partnering with the New Lenox P.T.O. in planning for this event, which will feature plenty of music, food, and fun... more details to come once we get closer to the end of the school year.



## Scholastic Bowl Gets Off To A Strong Start:

The Liberty Scholastic Bowl team scored some great wins over Martino, Manhattan, and Homer so far this season. They will finish the season in April with matches against Troy, Summit Hill, and Hilda Walker. Top scorers for Liberty are Sam Robinson and Cameron King. Liberty will also be hosting the Regional on Wednesday 4/24.





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## National Junior Honor Society Update:

The next meeting for current NJHS members is Friday, April 12, at 7:30am in the band room. We will be finalizing plans for our induction ceremony and various end of the year activities.



Thank you to everyone who applied for membership in the Liberty JHS chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Students who are selected for membership will be added to a special Google Classroom. Details about the induction ceremony will be in the Google Classroom. Please reach out to Mrs. Clark at [jlark@nlsd122.org](mailto:jlark@nlsd122.org) at the beginning of April if you have any questions.

## Track and Field Set To Start Their Season:

During the week of March 11, Liberty held the 23-24 track tryouts. While the weather was unseasonably warm, the athletes did their best to heat up the track in pursuit of a coveted spot on the team. The coaches would like to thank the over 100 students trying out for the four squads for coming out and giving it their all and hope that anyone who did not make the team will continue to be motivated to try again next season. With a few track practices under their belts, the teams will kick off the season on Thursday, April 4, in a home meet against Lockport Oak Prairie. Best of luck, Patriots!



### Girls' 7th Grade Team Members:

Keira Dempsey	Mia DiBenedetto	Brooklyn Fishback	Julia Howard
Lyla Lokanc	Maryn Lucas	Brooke Martenz	Neve McSherry
Sophia Olstza	Terryn Ostrowski	Paulina Pajerski	Penny Pinciak
Kacie Sheriff	Lucy Sheriff	Ruby Sheriff	Emily Smith
Haley Trench	Evelyn Walker	Madelyn Zack	

### Girls' 8th Grade Team Members:

Grace Castellaneta	Ellery Dalseth	Brynn Fyke	Riley Glover
Matelyn Jaral	Adriana Litro	Demi Lotus	Sophia Maldonado
Elena Mason	Caitlyn McCarthy	Lexi McDaniel	Beatrice McDermott
Katelyn Mrozowski	Olivia Olszta	Ella Palomo	Lyla Rains
Molly Saller			

### Boys' 7th Grade Team Members:

Ethan Brauch	Jack Casey	Nathan Davis	Kahne DeBella
Dominic Doveri	Warren Gerring	Julian Hernandez	Jimmy Hoff
Tyler Jastrzab	Billy Kolacek	Camden Mansker	Blake Mraz
Chase Mraz	Andy Nconi Zheng	Brenden Pritchard	Sawyer Pritchard
Patrick Schwerha	Owen Wills		

### Boys' 8th Grade Team Members:

Tommy Ball	Ben DeMaertelaere	Vincent Favela	Vinnie Getto
Andrew Heilman	Mason Lauricella	Braydon McNulty	Max Milosovic
Cameron Moskos	Brody Newman	Jon Osborne	Gabe Reyna
Sam Robinson	Jaden Smith	Colin Stack	Zack Szubryt
Caleb Terdic	Jack Tisch		



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## Voices Of Freedom:

Voices of Freedom will be putting together one last performance this school year. It will be a variety show in the style of classic shows like The Carol Burnett Show, The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour, and The Muppet Show. It will feature singing, dancing, skits, and more. Students interested in joining this production should see Mr. Jesse.



## Orchestra:

The Liberty Orchestra is ready for some spring weather as we gear up for the Spring String Fling on Wednesday, April 17! Allegro will be joined by our 5th and 6th grade orchestras at this fun performance at 6:30pm. Spring does bring its share of instrument issues however, as changing weather can lead to instrument damage. Make sure you are keeping instruments in a climate controlled area, and if something does go terribly wrong, just let Ms Darin know....it usually looks worse than it is! 8th Graders: As your attention starts turning towards high school, feel free to check in with Ms Darin, or your high school orchestra teacher if you have questions about next year!



## Band:

In April, the Liberty Band will be busy preparing for their Spring Concert and the New Lenox Loyalty Day Parade. The Loyalty Day Parade is Sunday, May 5, and begins at 2:00pm. The route runs from the Lion's Den on Cedar Rd. to Haven and ends in the Commons. We hope to see many people along the route cheering us on! In addition, the Liberty Spring Band and Orchestra Concert will be on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30pm in the Liberty Gym. The band will be playing some incredibly fun music called *Encanto*, *Endless Rainbows*, and music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*! We hope to see you there!



The Jazz Band capped off March with a great performance at the West Fest Craft Fair. Our jazz musicians are working on new music to perform at the Jazz Cafe on May 11 at Lincoln-Way West. More details to come soon about the Jazz Cafe!

## Homework Club:

Do you need help on Homework? Are you behind in your classes? Do you just need time to work in a quiet environment? Join your peers after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays in room C220 at Homework Club. Permission slip is required, please see the main office or Mrs. Zettergren to obtain a form. This is a drop in as needed club.



## Mathletes:

Liberty's 8th Grade Mathletes' Team is solving their way towards the end of the season. Jack Schmidt had a perfect score on the most recent ICTM Individual Contest. The season's award party is planned for April 17. Way to go team!

The Mathletes team continues to impress in competition. The 7th grade team performed tremendously well in the national Math League contest, placing in the top 15% out of middle schools across the nation. Juliet Soley contributed an all-time Liberty record scoring 28 out of 35 in a challenging 30 minutes contest. We are super proud of her and the rest of the team for another big accomplishment. Going into the final month of the season, the Mathletes are looking to close out with another great performance in the ICTM contest. Good luck Mathletes; keep up the incredible work!



# CALENDAR / NEWS



## Morning Math:

Morning Math has started. This is an additional resource specifically for math help. It will run from 7:30am to 8:15am before school every day. Students will be able to drop-in during that time to request assistance from the math teacher running the help room that day. The teacher schedule for Morning Math will be: Monday = Mrs. Byrnes (room 202), Tuesday = Ms. Lavin (room 100), Wednesday = Mrs. Bethman (room 102), Thursday = Mrs. Bergeron (room 200), and Friday = Mr. Bahret (room 118). Students are able to visit any Morning Math session regardless of who their actual math teacher is. Prior notification to the teacher is also not necessary as it is a drop-in format.



## What Do I Do When My Child Is Absent From School:

It is very important that your child be in attendance each and every day, but at the same time, we do realize that there will be times when they are sick and need to stay home. If your child is going to be absent, please be sure to call the main office at 815-462-7951 by 8:30am on the day of the absence. **Please be sure to call even if you send a note or email your child's teacher.** School personnel will call parents/guardians and emergency contact numbers if we do not receive a call by 8:30am.

## Trimester Information:

There will be three twelve-week trimesters this year. Here are the important dates to be aware of:

### Mid-Terms:

- 3rd Trimester = April 12

### End of Term:

- 3rd Trimester = May 31



## Calendar of Events:

### April:

- 2 School Resumes
- 3 Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
- 4 Home Track Meet (4:00pm)
- 5 Evacuation Drill
- 8-12 I.A.R. Standardized Testing
- 9 Home Track Meet (4:00pm)
- 12 Mid-Term Day
- 13 ILMEA Music Festival (8:00am)
- 16-18 Illinois State Science Standardized Test
  - 8th Graders Only
- 16 School Board Meeting
  - At Haven Administration Center (6:00pm)
- 17 Allegro Concert (6:30pm)
- 18 Home Track Meet (4:30pm)
- 19 No School ~ Teachers' Institute
- 23 NJHS Induction Ceremony (6:00pm)
- 24 Administrative Assistant Appreciation Day
- 25 Home Track Meet (4:00pm)
- 28 Band/Orchestra/Chorus Field Trip
- 29 Home Track Meet (4:15pm)

### May:

- 5 Band Performance @ Loyalty Day Parade
- 6 Start Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Early Dismissal at 11:25 am
- 8th Grade Graduation Dance (6:00pm)
- 12 Nurse Appreciation Day
- 14/15 Graduation Practice for 8th Graders
- 14 Choir and Voice of Freedom Concert (6:30pm)
- 15 Band & Orchestra Concert (6:30pm)
- 16 8th Grade Great America Trip
- 17 Last Day of 8th Grade Attendance
- 20 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony (5:30pm)
  - At Lincoln-Way Central High School
- 21 School Board Meeting
  - At Haven Administration Center (6:00pm)
- 27 No School ~ Memorial Day
- 31 Last Day of School for 7th Graders
  - Early Dismissal @ 11:25 am

## Standard Response Protocol:


As a reminder, our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol. Please see the attached flyer on page 13 and 14 of this newsletter for more details.



# NURSE'S NOTES



## Important Health Information From the Nurse For Parents to Know

- **Measles** cases are on the rise globally and in Illinois. Unvaccinated adults and children are at risk of developing an infection. Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus and typically include high fever, cough, runny nose, and watery eyes. Measles rash appears 3 to 5 days after the first symptoms. Please stay home and notify the school nurse if diagnosed with a Measles infection.
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- Doctor's appts-Please turn in doctors notes for any absences related to doctors appointments
  - Stay home if sick with fever over 100 degrees until fever free for 24 hours; without fever-reducing medications.
  - Please update your emergency contacts!
  - Doctors orders must be turned in to the school for ANY medication to be taken or given by the school nurse during school hours. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Advil, Tylenol, etc as well as prescription medications such as Epipen, inhalers.
  - PE excuses: Any excusals lasting longer than 2 days must turn in a doctor's note with length of excusal listed.
  - Please contact the school nurse at 815-462-7806 for prolonged illness lasting longer than 3 consecutive school days, injuries, and concussions. The nurse can assist in planning for return to school.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns. I am in the office M-F 7:55 – 3:10pm. You can reach me by email at any time at [jkerzman@nlsd122.org](mailto:jkerzman@nlsd122.org)

Jeana Kerzman, BSN, RN, PEL-CSN



# HOLOCAUST ASSEMBLY



Eighth grade students enjoyed a presentation from Steve Elster, the son of child Holocaust survivor, Aaron Elster, on Tuesday, March 5. Aaron was a longtime presenter of his experiences to Liberty 8<sup>th</sup> graders since 2010, but passed away in April 2018. Steve has since taken on the role of presenter about his dad's experiences surviving the Holocaust as a child. Mr. Elster's presentation ties into the curriculum the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are currently studying in both language arts and history classes.

Aaron was born in 1933 in a small village in Poland. In 1942, he survived the liquidation of a Polish ghetto and hid in various surrounding farms on his own. Eventually, Mr. Elster found refuge in the attic of a Polish family, where he hid for two years until the war's end. After the war, Aaron lived in several orphanages throughout Poland, then eventually was smuggled out of Poland to various deportation camps in West Germany. He came to the United States with his sister in 1947 and grew up in Chicago. He co-authored "I Still See Her Haunting Eyes," which tells of his Holocaust experiences.

Many thanks to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and the New Lenox School District PTO for making Steve Elster's visit possible.





Liberty Junior High's 2023-2024  
VIP hardcover and colored  
yearbooks are on sale now!

The 2023-2024 yearbook has two options:  
Standard Yearbook ONLY - for \$30

Here is the direct link to the store:

<https://www.vipis.com/group/db0e9aa9/liberty-junior-high-school>

**YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH.**

Questions?

Email Ms. Alvarez at [aalvarez@nlsd122.org](mailto:aalvarez@nlsd122.org) or Mrs. Rauen at [krauen@nlsd122.org](mailto:krauen@nlsd122.org)

**GOT**



Christmas  
Without Cancer

**SNEAKERS?**

DONATE YOUR  
SNEAKERS TO HELP  
THE ENVIRONMENT  
& LOCAL FAMILIES  
BATTLING THE  
DEVASTATION OF  
CANCER



**\*COLLECTION DATES:  
NOW THROUGH APRIL 26TH**

**\*ONLY GYM SHOES(!)**

**\*GENTLY WORN, USED OR NEW GYM SHOES**

**\*KIDS - SIZE 4 & UP**

**\*ADULTS - ANY SIZE**

**\*ALL DONATIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO GOTSNEAKERS, A  
COMPANY WHO KEEPS GYM SHOES OUT OF LANDFILLS &  
RECYCLES THE MATERIALS**

**\*CWC WILL RECEIVE A DONATION PER PAIR SUBMITTED**

**\*QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL [CWCsNEAKERDRIVE@gmail.com](mailto:CWCsNEAKERDRIVE@gmail.com)**





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### Gifted & Academically Talented Education (GATE)

New Lenox School District 122 believes that each child is unique and has special talents. Teachers provide experiences in an atmosphere in which these talents will be nurtured and new talents will be acquired and encouraged. Teachers provide options in classroom assignments and learning experiences that will encompass a variety of intelligences, modalities, or learning styles. In addition to these experiences, our district offers gifted/accelerated classes.

Our current Gifted And Talented Education program known as GATE will acknowledge the abilities and talents of not only gifted students but high achievers. The intermediate GATE classes will be structured similar to the junior high Accelerated classes in order to provide more opportunities for our students. Students will still need to meet the program requirements in order to participate.

Beginning in fourth grade, a set criteria will be used to determine students' eligibility into the program. A matrix measuring multiple components including student's class performance, cognitive ability, achievement and aptitude will be used. We have included more criteria to determine placement including aims scores and the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR).

Below is the complete list of assessments that will be used to qualify students.

	ELA	Math
Grades 4-8	Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) TerraNova Reading & Language aimswebPlus Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) GPA <i>Local Placement Test (6-8 only)</i>	Cognitive Skills Index (CSI) TerraNova Math aimswebPlus Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) GPA <i>Local Placement Test (6-8 only)</i>

In the GATE/Accelerated class, the curriculum will be presented at an accelerated pace, instruction will involve a deeper level of application and students will be required to work independently on many tasks. Students in GATE are expected to continually meet and exceed the following criteria to remain in the program. Below are work habits and skills expected of GATE students.

- Independently complete class work.
- Read and comprehend textbooks and material independently.
- Consistently complete homework on time.
- Manage time in order to successfully participate in other activities in addition to academics.
- Attend school regularly.
- Display a high level of focus while in class.
- Demonstrate problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Participate in additional enrichment beyond required curriculum.
- Produce work at a higher level of mastery.
- Understand working at a higher level may mean limited re-dos and grades that are not all A's.
- Demonstrate a deeper level of application of skills and concepts.
- Enjoy the challenge of the advanced program.
- Demonstrate kindness, patience, and support for one another's unique displays of giftedness.

If your child qualifies for the program, you will receive a letter in May. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's teacher or principal. For more information, visit our website for the complete GATE document.



# FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS



Foods that most often cause an allergic reaction:

PEANUTS  
TREE NUTS  
WHEAT  
SOY

MILK  
EGGS  
FISH  
SHELLFISH

However, other, less common foods can also cause allergic reactions. Reactions can range from mild to deadly.



**Anaphylaxis** is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death. The most common causes of anaphylaxis are food, medication, insect stings, and latex.

Common warning signs and symptoms of an anaphylactic reaction:



- Complaint of a tingling, itchiness, or metallic taste in the mouth
- Hives
- Difficulty breathing
- Swelling and/or itching of the mouth and throat area
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Cramps and stomach pain
- Paleness (due to a drop in blood pressure)
- Loss of consciousness

If you see someone showing any of these symptoms, **ACT FAST! Call 911**, mention anaphylaxis, and say you need someone who can administer epinephrine.



The Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network  
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Fairfax, VA 22033-3309  
(800) 929-4040  
Fax: (703) 691-2713  
faan@foodallergy.org  
www.foodallergy.org



# NLSD 122 IS HIRING!

**INTERESTED IN WORKING IN THE  
BUILDING YOUR CHILD  
ATTENDS? DO YOU NEED TO  
WORK THE HOURS YOUR CHILD  
IS IN SCHOOL? IF SO, APPLY  
NOW TO BE A  
PARAPROFESSIONAL!**

With a short-term approval,  
paraprofessionals need only to be  
19 years of age with a high  
school diploma (or equivalent), or  
higher. This approval is available  
now until June 30, 2025.

Interested applicants can apply  
on our website linked [HERE](#).



**PLEASE CONTACT MANDY NOVOTNY AT [MNOVOTNY@NLSD122.ORG](mailto:MNOVOTNY@NLSD122.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



# STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

## COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

## HOLD

### "In Your Classroom or Area"

**Students** are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



## SECURE

### "Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

**Students** are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



## LOCKDOWN

### "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

**Students** are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



## EVACUATE

### "To a Location"

**Students** are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

**Adults and staff** are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



## SHELTER

### "State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

**Hazards** might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

**Safety Strategies** might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

**Students** are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

**Adults and staff** are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.







# STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

## PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

## SECURE

**"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"**



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

### SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

### WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.



### WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

## LOCKDOWN

**"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"**



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

### SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

### SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

### WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

