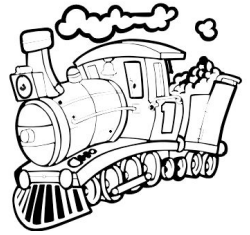


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Dear Parents,

Michigan law currently requires all K-12 schools in the state to complete six fire drills, two lockdown drills and two tornado drills a year. As part of our continuous improvement with safety procedures, we have and will be conducting safety drills over the course of the next two weeks. It is important to us that all staff and students know the safety procedures for fire, tornado and lockdown. Continuous practice throughout the year will help establish those procedures.

We like to keep the anxiety level low to allow for a successful practice. Before all drills teachers explain to the students, in a way that can be understood by a 3-7 year old, the importance of these drills prior to practicing them.

As parents you can assist our practice drills by talking with your child when they come home and reiterating the importance of safety.

Times may also make it necessary throughout the year when we have situations that are non-threatening in nature but require us to be more discreet for the sake of a student, staff member or visitor; we do not consider those times as drills. We will notify you however, if it is of a situation that is threatening, so you may be equipped to be prepared to talk with your student afterward. You will either receive a note from school, phone call or email from myself using our alert system. Please make sure that your phone and email are up to date.

I want to thank you in advance for helping us with this important drill. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Hanycz

Ms. Hanycz, Principal