

Parents and Patrons,

Welcome to another fantastic school year. The kids have begun to develop their routine as our redesign has launched. Our vision is for our students to own their learning and success. They are well on their way and we are just entering September.

Our focus has always been a safe and effective learning environment. So, along with the change in our approach to teaching students, we are also focusing on safety. The State has also mandated through statute we conduct several safety drills per year. It is different than the monthly fire drills and three tornado drills. The state now requires the following:

4 fire drills

3 Tornado drills

9 Emergency preparedness drills

The guidance from the state has been limited as to what a preparedness drill looks like. And quite honestly, some drills can be somewhat scary or uncomfortable. Our goal is to ease concerns while still being prepared should the need arise.

We will conduct a full evacuation scenario next spring with the assistance of Lane County law enforcement and emergency services. The other eight drills will include bus evacuations and responding to non-violent situations where remaining in the building or evacuating is necessary. An example may include sending kids in from recess because a snake has found its way to the playground, or we may need to evacuate because of a chemical spill.

Our goal is to safely and efficiently be able to evacuate the buildings or secure them if ever necessary. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts to provide the best educational opportunity for your students. If you ever have any questions, please call either of our school buildings and ask for an administrator. We would be happy to talk with you regarding all of our school programming.

Respectfully,
Dr. Arnberger