

WALLENPAUPACK AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Safe, caring, and orderly schools are a few of the top priorities of our school district. Throughout the school year, we practice various safety drills to ensure that our students, faculty, and staff are well-prepared to respond to emergency situations.

All our schools hold fire drills monthly and weather drills in collaboration with the county emergency management offices. We take all school safety drills, or any crisis or threat to our school, very seriously.

In addition to lockdown drills, our schools initiate drills that allow buildings to control hallway traffic during a potential emergency. This type of drill does not at all disrupt the education going on within classrooms, and it is most often used in the case of managing a medical emergency and working with emergency personnel to provide necessary support or services during a crisis.

On February 21, the Middle School and North Intermediate School will conduct the security drill described above. Classroom teachers will discuss the simulation with students before the drill begins, to let them know that it is only a drill. Aside from an announcement that begins and ends the drill, your child's instruction will not be disrupted in any other way. The drill should last no more than 10 minutes.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school district and contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Kane Principal