



November 22, 2021

Dear Parents:

Battle River School Division has an emphasis on safe and caring schools. Part of providing a safe learning environment is helping students and staff be prepared for an emergency.

Our school holds six fire drills each year and we will also be holding two lockdown drills – one in November and another in the spring.

A lockdown is when all the students and staff are secured into their classrooms (or another safe, lockable area of the school) to avoid an intruder inside the building. This is not a situation we expect our schools to encounter but, just like a fire drill, practicing will help us all be better prepared if such an incident does occur.

When we hold our lockdown drill, discussions will also take place with students in a calm, sensitive, age-appropriate way, so as not to generate anxiety or fear. If you'd like to speak to your children ahead of time, to provide additional reassurance that they are safe at school and drills are what we do so we are prepared 'just in case', we would welcome your support.

Due to COVID-19 measures, students will not be required to huddle in close proximity. They will stay distanced, but classroom lights will be turned off, the blinds will be closed and the doors will be locked. Teachers will explain that in the event of a real lockdown, students would need to gather closely together to stay hidden.

Our School Resource Office, Constable John Fernhout, will be present for the drill. His role is to help us evaluate our preparedness and suggest any changes we might make in future drills.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us at 780 672 0880.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Zenovia Lazaruik / Mr. Todd Sikorski
Principal / Vice Principal