November 2026 Newsletter

[Bound Link for Athletic Schedules]

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Savings Time Begins	2	3	4	5	6 End of 1st Quarter Gym Reserved 3:00 - 8:00 PM	7 Holiday Bazaar 9:00 - 2:00
8	9 2nd Quarter Begins Marching Band Indoor Concert In Adrian - 7:00 PM	10	11 Veterans Day Program 8:30	12 Early Dismissal 12:30 Parent/Teacher Conf. 1:30 - 6:30	13 Play Matinee 1:00 Fall Play - 6:30 PM	14
15	16	17	18 Pastries with Parents - 8:00 am Scholastics Book Fair - 8:00 am School Board Mtg. 6:00	19 ECFE 5:30	20	21 Gym Reserved 10:00 - 7:00
22	23 Elem. Music Concert 6:30	24	25 No School	26 **No School Thanksgiving Day**	27 No School	28
29	30					

Breakfast and Lunch MENU

November 2026 School Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Omelet Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Garlic Bread Fruit	3 Stuffed Waffles Corn Dog Wax Beans Fruit	4 Mini Bagels Open-Face Pork Sand. Mashed Potatoes Veggie and Fruit	5 Donuts Hamb Mac'n Cheese Hotdish Roll Frut	6 Cereal BBQ Shredded Chicken Green Beans Fruit	7
8	9 Muffins Hot Dogs Chips Corn and Fruit	10 Breakfast Sandwich Chicken/Bacon Sand Diced Carrots Fruit	11 Danish Cheeseburger Hashbrown Fruit	12 Coffee Cake Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit	13 Cereal Pizza Chuckwagon Corn Fruit	14
15	16 Mini Donuts Meatloaf Potato Peas and Fruit	17 Pancake on Stick Chicken Strips Sweet Potato Fries Fruit	18 Breakfast Pizza Burrito Refried Beans Fruit	19 French Toast Sticks Baked Potato Bar Fruit	20 Cereal Crispitos Spanish Rice Fruit	21
22	23 Mini Pancakes Brats with Bun Chips Fruit	24 Strudel Stick Sliced Turkey Potatoes, Roll, Glazed Carrots Fruit	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 Omelet Chicken Patty with Bun Fries Fruit					

For Questions, comments, compliments, please contact Marge Trupe (marge.trupe@isd514.org) Menu is subject to change without notice.

Fueling Happy Learners!

The menu is subject to change without notice. Daily sandwich options: Sunflower Butter of Meat and Cheese. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Marge Trupe (marge.trupe@isd514.org) with any question, concerns, lunch suggestions, or complaints

ADRIAN ELLSWORTH DRAGONS

Activity Schedules can be found on the BOUND app

1. DOWNLOAD THE BOUND APP

Search "Bound" in your app store. Download and install it on your mobile device.

2. SIGN IN & CONNECT

Log in with your existing account OR create a new Make sure to connect with Adrian Ellsworth activities.

3. BROWSE & SCHEDULE ACTIVITIES

Explore the schedule. View available activities, dates, and times. Tap to select an event.

4. MANAGE YOUR BOOKINGS

Keep track of your scheduled activities. Receive notifications and manage your bookings effortlessly.

ADRIAN ELLSWORTH ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY

FOR KIDS!

Saturday, October 31
4-6 PM
@ the Ellsworth School Gym

GAMES

PRIZES

COSTUME PARADE

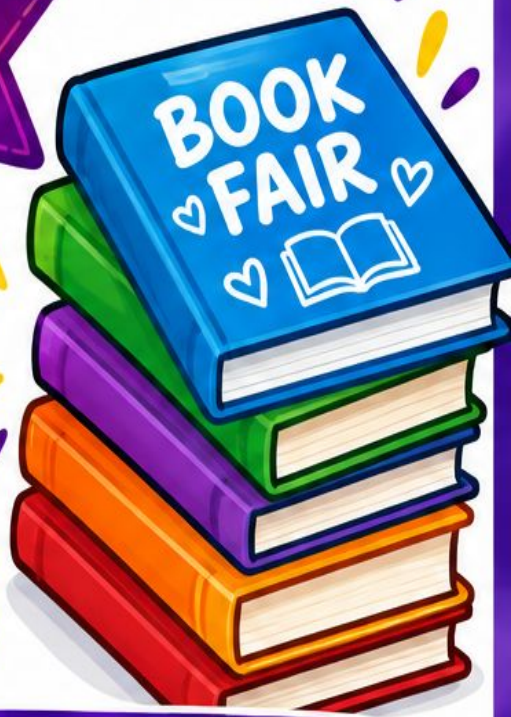
SPOOK HOUSE

Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday, November 12
1:30-6:30 pm
Sign up on JMC

PASTRIES with PARENTS And Book Fair

Orange Juice & Treats!

Grab a pastry & say hello!



Wednesday, November 18

8:00am

Grades: Junior Panthers through 5th Grade

Hosted by: Ellsworth National Honor Society Students

SCHOLASTIC

BOOK FAIR

Great Books ♥ Bright Minds ♥ A Stronger Community

Books + Pastries for Parents! ♥

November 18th

Join us for the Scholastic Book Fair
and pastries for parents!

Browse a great selection of books, find the perfect read, and enjoy a sweet treat!

8:00am

We will be accepting Credit Cards this year!

New Library Books

These New Books are for Grades K-3

Easy Chapter Books

Ellsworth
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
A festive day of shopping, handmade treasures, and holiday cheer!
Local Vendors
Unique Gifts
Seasonal Treats
SATURDAY
November 7, 2026
Ellsworth High School Gym
513 S. Broadway St,
Ellsworth, MN 56129
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
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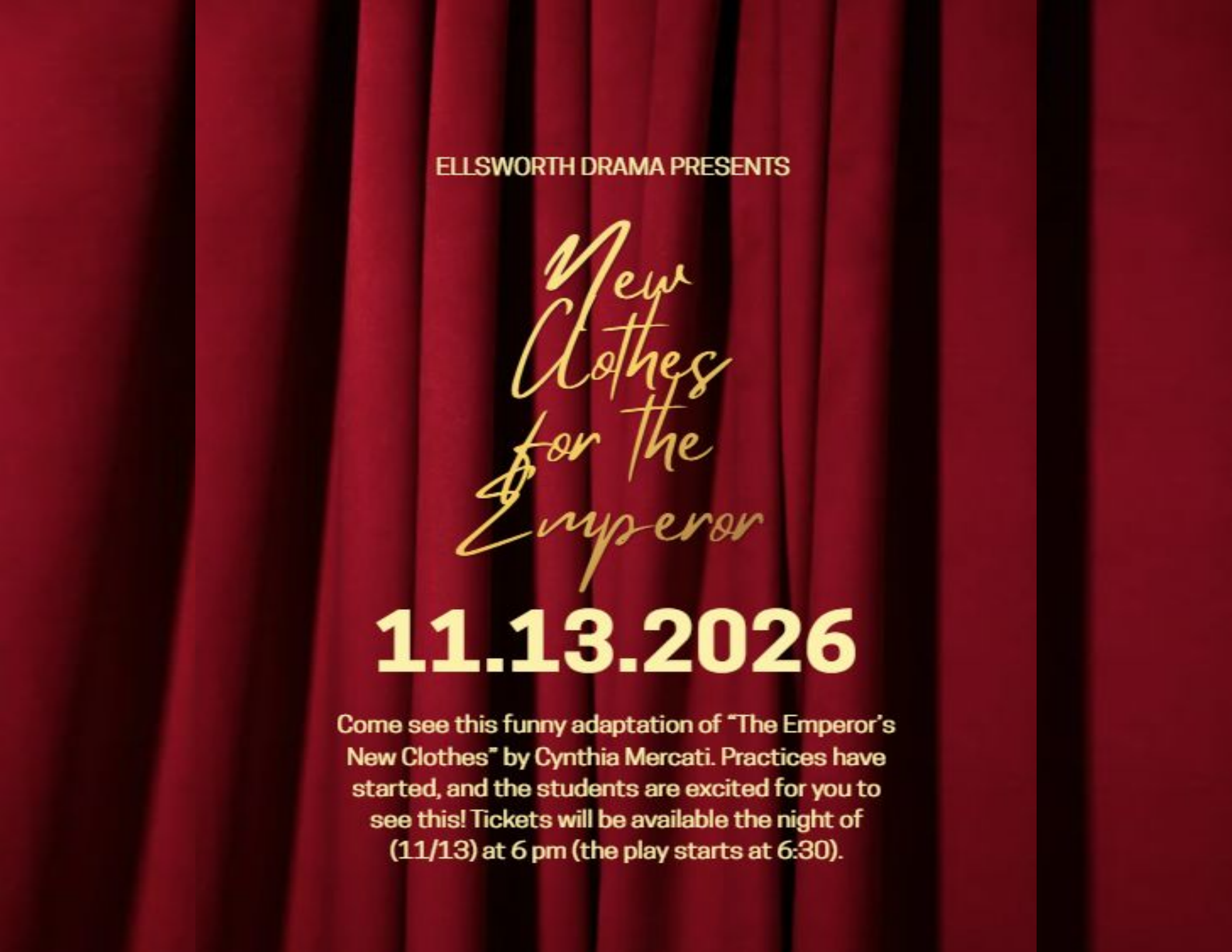
ELLSWORTH DRAMA PRESENTS
New Clothes for the Emperor
11.13.2026
Come see this funny adaptation of "The Emperor's New Clothes" by Cynthia Mercati. Practices have started, and the students are excited for you to see this! Tickets will be available the night of (11/13) at 6 pm (the play starts at 6:30).

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations

to the newest members of the

ELLSWORTH

National Honor Society!

Service
Leadership
Character

Welcome to NHS!

- Maliya Nave
- Brekkyn Dreesen
- Kendra Leuthold
- Addison Wallenberg
- Jolee Jenniges

Ellsworth Community Education

The Wildflower Den, LLC.

is offering something fun for everyone this Christmas season from ages Kindergarten - Adult on

Friday, November 20!

DIY WOODEN GINGERBREAD HOUSES

Ages: Kindergarten - 4th grade
Cost: $10
Time: After school - 4:00pm
Location: Cafeteria

Registration deadline: November 17

CHRISTMAS SEA GLASS TREES

Ages: 5th grade - Adult
Cost: $25
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: Cafeteria

Registration deadline: November 17

DIY DOOR MATS

Ages: Adult
Cost: $40
Time: 6:30pm
Location: Cafeteria

Registration deadline: November 6

To register for any of these events,
call/text Lisa Lynn at 507-360-2747
or email lisa.lynn@isd514.org
- please note the specific registration deadline for each event. -

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION

🎈 ECFE Classes • 2026–2027 School Year 🎨

✨ **FREE for families with children preschool age & younger in Ellsworth District!** ✨

Come play, create, and grow together! 🧸

Join us for fun-filled evenings packed with hands-on activities for little ones and a welcoming space to connect with other local parents!

🗓️ Class Schedule

🍲 **Light Supper Served at 5:30 PM**
⏰ **Class & Play Time: 5:45 – 6:45 PM**

- 🎃 **October 29**
- 🦃 **November 19**
- ❄️ **December 17**
- ⛄ **January 21**
- 💖 **February 25**
- 🌱 **March 18**
- 🌸 **April 22**
- ☀️ **May 20**

🌟 What's in Store?

- **Parent Connection:** Chat, swap stories, and bond with fellow parents!
- **Hands-On Fun:** Variety of age-appropriate sensory play, crafts, and games at each session.
- **Family Time:** Quality 1-on-1 discovery time with your child(ren).

📲 Join Our Facebook Community!

@ Ellsworth ECFE

How to RSVP: It's super easy! Just leave a comment on our monthly Facebook post to let us know you're coming!

Have Questions or Want to Say Hello? 👋

Reach out to Teacher **Anne Shelton** anytime at anne.shelton@isd518.org

🐾 **Proud Home of the Ellsworth Panthers!** 🐾

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRE-KINDERGARTEN INVITES YOU!

CHRISTMAS SONGS & HANDBELLS

A LITTLE MUSIC, A LITTLE PLAY, AND LOTS OF HOLIDAY JOY

Come cheer on our Pre-Kindergarten students as they share some favorite Christmas songs and play handbells for the holiday!

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026

6:30 PM

Ellsworth Public School Gym

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE PRESENT

THE GRUMPS OF
RING-A-DING TOWN

A MUSICAL TO RING IN THE HOLIDAYS

THE STORY

The bells of Ring-A-Ding Town have stopped! A winter storm brings the grumpy neighbors together. As they share, help, and care for one another, the town's holiday spirit returns - and so does the joyful sound of the bells.

SAVE THE DATE

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6:30 PM

Ellsworth Public School Gym

BRING FAMILY & FRIENDS - ALL ARE WELCOME!

ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

2ND & 3RD GRADE PRESENT

COOKIES!

THE MUSICAL

A SWEET TREAT MUSICAL FOR YOUNG VOICES

THE STORY

Join a batch of cookie characters at a festive bake sale! The cookies learn to depend on one another as they celebrate friendship, teamwork, and their differences - while two eager puppies try to sneak a taste. A joyful musical for the whole family!

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ELLSWORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

4TH & 5TH GRADE PRESENT

PAINT THE TOWN

DECEMBER

A MULTICULTURAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

THE STORY

Young artists turn Graysville's Main Street into a watercolor wonderland. Their songs and painted windows celebrate December traditions around the world - from Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to Las Posadas. Our 4th and 5th graders bring the story to life!

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Ellsworth PARENT ORGANIZATION

Show Your School Spirit!

Shop the ONLINE STORE at

https://stores.inksoft.com/ellsworth2026/shop/home

Scan the QR code to shop now!

Proceeds will go towards the

Hudl camera

that will be installed in the Ellsworth gym to livestream games and other events!

ORDERS END NOVEMBER 18!

Winter Weather will soon be here!

Keep JMC Contact Info Updated

School Closing Procedures at a Glance

How We Notify You

JMC Direct Messaging: Primary alerts via phone call, text, and email.

Call Hours: Standard calls made before 10:00 PM or after 6:00 AM.

Early Dismissal: Announced at least 1 hour in advance.

Media Broadcasts: Check radio KQAD (K101.1 FM), or KELO & KSFY TV by 6:30 AM.

Schedules & Events

2-Hour Late Start: School starts 2 hours late. Preschool runs 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM.

Full Closure Decision: Final update on late start days by 8:45 AM.

E-Learning Days: Announced night before whenever possible.

Activities Cancelled: No practices, games, or Open Gyms on closed days.

Parental Discretion

Your child's safety is ultimate priority. If you feel road, weather, or wind chill conditions are unsafe, it is your choice to keep them home.

Absences Are Excused

Simply notify the school main office of your decision to keep your student home.

Have questions or need to update your phone/email? Contact the School Office

❄️ Winter Weather Safety Guide for Families

1. BEFORE THE STORM (Preparation) 🎒

- **At Home & Work:** Keep emergency kits stocked with food, water, flashlights, and extra batteries in case of power or heat loss.
- **In Vehicles:** Call 511 for road conditions. Winterize your car and pack a **Car Emergency Survival Kit** (charger, blanket, extra winter clothes).
- **Pets & Animals:** Bring pets indoors! Ensure animals have sheltered areas, plenty of food, and unfrozen water.

2. DURING THE STORM (Staying Safe) 🌨️

- **At Home:** Use space heaters and fireplaces safely with proper ventilation. Keep exterior gas furnace Vents clear of snowdrifts.
- **If Driving & Get Stuck:**
  - **Stay inside your vehicle!** Run the engine for ~10 minutes per hour for heat.
  - Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow to prevent gas poisoning, and crack a window slightly for fresh air.
  - Turn on the dome light at night to signal for help.
- **Outside:** If caught outdoors without shelter, build a windbreak shelter and **melt snow before drinking** (eating raw snow drops your core temperature).

3. AFTER THE STORM (Lingering Dangers) ⚠️

- **Road Hazards:** Avoid flooded or icy roads and heed signs. Drive slow!
- **Downed Lines & Leaks:** Watch out for fallen power lines and potential gas leaks after heavy snow.
- **Check Neighbors:** Ensure isolated neighbors and family members are safe.

For more information, visit weather.gov/safety/winter

Standard Response Protocol

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.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.

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