

Safety First

Parents,

Many of you were able to visit the booth where Officer Robinson our School Resource Officer shared information regarding how to prepare for an emergency. This year our school like all Lake County schools will participate in a drill to practice how to respond if a person comes to our campus to cause harm. We know this is a hard subject to discuss with our young students but know that we must give them the best information on how to be prepared. So, I have included the three responses we want our students to remember. At school we will begin discussing in greater detail how each classroom will be addressing these responses, so we are encouraging you to have a discussion using this information and fielding any of their questions. Though we cannot predict time, place or day, helping our students to feel prepared not scared is always our priority. If you should have further questions, please contact the school.



Are you prepared?

How should you respond in an Emergency?

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember, during an active shooter situation people are likely to follow the lead of others.

Run

If an escape route is accessible, attempt to evacuate:

- Have an escape plan ahead of time
- If safe to do so, evacuate even if others won't
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others if you can but don't move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering unsafe areas
- Keep your hands visible and don't move in straight lines
- Follow the instructions of Law Enforcement
- Call 911 when you are safe

Hide

If escape is not possible, find a place to hide. Your hiding place should:

- Be out of shooter's line of sight
- Provide some protection if shots are fired
- Not trap you or restrict options for movement
- Lock and barricade the door to secure room
- Silence your phone (disable vibrations as well)
- Eliminate any source of noise and remain silent
- Hide behind large items
- Call 911 only when you are safe

If evisc and hiding are not possible remain calm and dial 911 immediately to alert them to shooter's location.

Fight

As a last resort and only if your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt/incapacitate the shooter by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against them
- Throwing items and improvised weapons
- Yelling and attempting to distract them
- Committing to your actions to disable them

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