



FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Academics, Responsibility, Respect, Growth, Honor

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Hello Parents,

With safety as a high priority, we will begin our next phase of A.L.I.C.E training.

A.L.I.C.E is a worldwide program used to help prepare people and institutions on how to respond to violent critical incidents. We have adopted this model and have started to implement this program throughout our schools and district. This program is used to help institutions get away from **traditional lockdown** (locking doors and hiding under a desk or in the corner). Our goal as a district is to increase the safety level and survivability level of all of our students if a violent critical incident arose.

A.L.I.C.E stands for:

- **Alert** – The initial alert that goes over the intercom or unusual noises that could indicate a violent critical incident.
- **Lockdown** – This is not the traditional lockdown. This is an *enhanced lockdown* (staff/students are barricading themselves in the classroom by putting as many objects as possible in front of the door to stop an intruder from entering. The goal of the enhanced lockdown is to take away time from the intruder.)
- **Inform** – This is an alert that informs people where the intruder is and a possible description of the person. Codes are no longer used, so this happens in plain speech.
- **Counter** – During a counter, students could throw objects at the intruder to help create a distraction to take more time away from the intruder if danger is inevitable. (We are not drilling this at elementary level)
- **Evacuate** – This step is the most important. If people are able to evacuate and avoid the situation this is the BEST option. We as a district will have rally points for students to get to so we can reunify with each other.

Starting the week of January 27th, our teachers will begin to discuss the elements of A.L.I.C.E and barricade. In spring months, teachers will begin training students on evacuation elements of A.L.I.C.E and use of rally point.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, contact Mrs. Meli or Mr. Patrick.

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