



Oriole Lane Elementary School
12850 N. Oriole Lane
Mequon, WI 53092

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Mequon-Thiensville School District participates in a variety of safety and security drills in order to help our students and staff be prepared in the event that there is an emergency. In keeping with our ongoing efforts to maintain safe practices and a safe school, Oriole Lane participated in a Code Blue (lockdown) drill today. As you may know, a Code Blue drill is used in case an unauthorized person gains access to our school building.

You are encouraged to talk with your children about the importance of drills like the one completed today. Some talking points during your conversation could include:

- * Calmly explaining that a Code Blue is something that our school does to keep students safe when a danger is present, such as when someone enters the building that should not.
- * Assure your child that we hope a Code Blue is never needed but that practicing these drills will help to keep him or her safe.
- * Compare this drill with some of the other drills we do at our building to keep students safe (fire drills, tornado drills etc).
- * Remind your child that by practicing things like these drills we are better prepared to stay safe.

In some occasions, a student may have some difficulty in understanding what the drill is or its possible implications. Such a reaction is normal and understandable given how aware many are about recent events. In the case that your child is struggling with the code blue procedures, please visit the school district's website for materials developed by a child psychologist that can assist adults when speaking with children about things like an intruder in a school.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me (262) 238-4261 or mtye@mtsd.k12.wi.us

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Jo Tye', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Mary Jo Tye
Principal, Oriole Lane Elementary