



Hello families,

We are already through two weeks of school! Though students were out of school for six months they have adjusted and are settling in quite well. This speaks to how great our students, families and staff are here at Three Lakes School. Thank-you for preparing your children each day. They are coming to school with great attitudes and are following our COVID protocols quite well. We continue to teach and remind students about these throughout each day.

Terry Fox Run/Walk will take place next Friday. This year we are unable to host our full Three Lakes School Walkathon fundraising event. Instead, we encourage students to bring a Toonie for Terry. Students/Families can donate more if they wish. We will host the walkathon at a later date if the opportunity arises.

Emergency Drills:

I added an appendix to today's message regarding our emergency drills to follow-up on the message I sent earlier this week. This information is from our [student handbook](#).

Please check out the "What's Up" for events taking place next week.

All for now. Have a safe and joyful weekend.

Mr. Burke

Appendix: EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

Fire Drill:

Six fire drills will be conducted randomly throughout the year. Students should refer to the posted fire exit routes and procedures in their classrooms.

Bus Evacuation Drill:

All K – 12 students will practice the evacuation of a school bus in case an emergency should arise while being transported to or from school, or on a school trip. This bus evacuation drill will occur near the beginning of each school year.

Lockdown Procedure: Notice to Parents – School Safety and Security (created in cooperation with local RCMP)

Three Lakes School practices lockdowns as part of our emergency planning/preparedness cycle. Staff and students are familiar with lockdowns, but we wish to increase your knowledge of our procedures. It is important to understand that school staff will implement a lockdown and call police if/and when there is any reason to believe that imminent danger to students and staff may exist. At this stage, everyone in the school will move to a secure location, safe from harm. Police will respond to the school and no one will enter or leave, until the situation is resolved.

The first instinct of parents/guardians is to either phone the school directly or your child, or to attend directly to the school. You are asked not to do any of these, but instead to understand and follow the procedures outlined below:

Experience has shown that roadways need to be kept clear for responding emergency vehicles, and parents and others attempting to drive to the school can slow police and other emergency responders from getting to and securing the area as quickly as possible. Therefore, if you hear that a lockdown is occurring at your child's school, do not attend to the school. Please be assured that every effort will be made to keep you informed as to what is happening during the event. Experience has shown that incorrect information often circulates during an event when it does not come directly from the police or school board. Please note that, for safety reasons, some situations may require that some information be withheld until the situation is resolved. (In lockdown situations you may also contact the school division by calling 306-682-2558). After the lockdown, you may be asked to go to the school or to wait where you are until your child is brought to your location.

We also ask that you not attempt to phone your child. In a lockdown, everyone must remain quiet, and a ringing cell phone may draw undue attention to the secure location where your child and his/her classmates are.

Aside from lockdown procedures, your child's school may also implement a precautionary "Hold & Secure" if there is an unrelated emergency situation occurring outside the building or in the neighborhood that could potentially present a danger to the school. In this situation all doors to the school are locked and monitored to allow any students from outside entry into the school. Classes will generally continue but no one will be allowed to enter or leave the building until the situation is resolved. We also ask that you do NOT attend to the school unless asked to do so by school board staff.

We encourage you to discuss school safety with your child and to address any concerns they may have and we welcome any questions you have about this or any other issue related to the safety and security of our school.