



Dassa McKinney Elementary School

Moniteau School District

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Next Wednesday, October 29, ***weather pending*** we will conduct an evacuation-on-foot drill with all Dassa McKinney Elementary School faculty, staff, and students. An evacuation-on-foot is one of several emergency response strategies that may be implemented in the event of a school intruder situation, and is represented by Run (for Evacuate) in the Run/Hide/Fight Active Shooter Response Training. In an evacuation-on-foot drill, participants leave the school as quickly as possible, and take various routes to a predetermined "rally point", safely away from the school building. The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all schools to conduct at least two intruder drills annually.

Moniteau School District employees receive extensive and ongoing training in the Run/Hide/Fight response technique. We will continue to be selective in how we engage students in conversation, training, and drills related to the Run/Hide/Fight program, with great care given to the social and emotional developmental levels of our students. Individual classroom teachers will prepare their students for next Wednesday's drill, stressing the importance of remaining quiet and listening for directions. Each classroom teacher will determine how in-depth they will discuss the topic of school intruders. This decision will be guided by integrating the knowledge that our teachers have gained through training and experience with their knowledge of the social and emotional development of their students.

Please take a moment this week to discuss the upcoming drill with your child. Also, please dress your child for outside activities on Wednesday, as he/she may be walking in the woods or on uneven terrain during the drill. With your support, and the cooperation of our students, this process will help ensure that our school remains a safe place for students to learn and grow. If you have any questions regarding school safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Dassa McKinney Elementary School Office.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Assistant Principal