

12/6/18 News Letter RP

Dear Families,

Please note that Friday, December 7, students will be released at 1:15 p.m.
There will be no 4 year old kindergarten on December 7.

Active Intruder Drills to Take Place in December

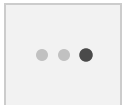
The safety and welfare of our staff and students are our highest priorities. Because of this importance, we practice drills in response to a variety of scenarios throughout the year. Based on experience and input from outside agencies, including law enforcement, the FBI, and the Office of Homeland Security, we make adjustments to our responses as deemed necessary. That is why the District has adopted a different strategy to respond to an active intruder on school grounds. We have adopted a response known as Avoid, Deny, Defend. Staff received training on this response last spring.

We are doing a number of things to train and prepare our students to implement this new strategy. A few weeks ago, our elementary teachers read a book called *I'M NOT SCARED...I'M PREPARED!* with their students and discussed plans of what to do if there is a "dangerous someone" in the building. Our 6-12 students are discussing the same concepts with designated building staff, and we will be completing announced drills at each school building beginning on December 13. As we continue to practice these drills throughout the year, staff may practice different strategies that lead to the safest outcome for their students. Therefore, it is very important for students to listen to the directions given by their teacher as the course of action during these drills will not always be the same.

We want our students and staff to feel safe at school. By practicing these types of drills, our students gain confidence in how to respond to a crisis. Our students benefit from reminders of safe practices in order for them to make good decisions regarding their personal safety. Parents can prepare their children by helping them understand the following objectives:

- While most people are good, there are people of all ages, color, and types that can be mean and may wish to harm them
- Self-confidence comes from trying things that are hard and getting better each time
- There are many solutions and options when faced with a problem
- When we are prepared for difficult situations, we can make informed decisions and will have more self-control
- Have your child explain the different safety drills we practice and how they respond to each drill
- Discuss the importance of following the teacher's directions without hesitation

Thank you for your help in making your child feel confident and safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal at your child's school.



Once again RP students and staff will be collecting pennies and non perishable food items starting Monday, December 3. Items will be donated to families in need. If your family would like to contribute, please get items to school by Monday, December 19. Thank you!

Mr. Teofilo, grade 2 - 8 counselor is stressing the theme of "generosity" this holiday season. Please read the attached letter asking students to perform acts of kindness.

Bridging Brighter Smiles dental clinic will be held at Rosendale Primary on December 17. Attached you will find information on how you can sign up online to enroll.

[RBSD attachments:](#)

[Grade 2 - 8 Counselor Letter](#)

[Bridging Brighter Smiles Dental Clinic](#)

Community Information:



Holiday Family Night tomorrow, December 7, at Laconia High School. Come join the fun from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Frosty's Bakery, Santa's Cinema, Santa's Gift Shoppe and much more. Enjoy a hot dog supper at Rudolph's Diner while you are there. See the attached flyer.

Rosendale/Eldorado Lions are looking for families in need. Deadline is December 10. Contact information is attached.

Beaver Dam Family Center is encouraging children to learn to skate from December 16 - February 24. Read the attached flyer for more information.

Community Attachments:

Holiday Family Fun Night - December 7

Rosendale/Eldorado Lions-contact numbers for families in need.

Learn to Skate at Beaver Dam Family Center

Have a great weekend.

Jean Marchant

Rosendale Primary Secretary