

OCTOBER SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Dear Families,

Happy Fall!

Once again, we have posted a PowerPoint presentation on the district website titled "Parent Guide to Safety and Security." The presentation includes some basic information about the safety and security protocols in our schools. The information is intended to provide a general understanding of why we have some of our protocols in place. Regulations about confidentiality and best practice for school safety mean that we won't be able to share some of the information that parents often request to have. We will work as a district to improve communication about our safety and security procedures as best we can – keeping in mind that we will not release information that would violate confidentiality or jeopardize our security.

We will continue to have our mandated drills throughout the school year using a variety of formats, including evacuation, lock-in, lock-down, and shelter-in-place.

Parents are asked to check the portal for information about upcoming lessons related to our Social Emotional Learning. The information can be found on the portals and in the monthly parent newsletters for your child's school.

Finally, a very important request... We need every family to make sure you have updated the contact information for your child(ren). At this point, we have a large number of families who have not yet verified information. School administrators, nurses, or other staff are not able to contact families in emergency situations or to share other important information if we do not have correct phone numbers or email addresses. Thank you in advance for your assistance. If you need assistance completing the information or have not received the form, please contact Colleen Mayberry at cmayberry@ewt.org.

Enjoy October!!

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