

EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL

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October 11, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

In compliance with New York State Education Department recommendations, the Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School will be conducting emergency **drills throughout the school year and will be conducting a Lockdown drill next week.** The Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School, in conjunction with the Seventh Precinct of the Suffolk County Police Department, Manorville Community Ambulance and the Manorville Fire Department, is working to ensure that this school is safe and employees are ready to respond to emergencies. The building's Lockdown Committee has developed comprehensive emergency preparedness plans with input from the police and volunteer fire department. These plans have been reviewed with the students.

Realizing that written plans and guides are not enough, we are teaming with the police, ambulance and fire department for trainings and drills. The faculty and staff have been required to have instruction on how to respond in critical situations and what steps to take to keep students and employees safe. Students must also be prepared for any emergency to keep themselves safe. We conduct these trainings and drills to continue an important conversation to keep our community safe.

We do not expect principals or teachers to pull these plans off the shelves and begin reading when an emergency happens. Rather, the plans and trainings are learning tools. By reviewing the plans on a regular basis and taking part in these trainings and drills, administrators, staff and students will have the knowledge and confidence to respond quickly and correctly in the event of an emergency.

Communication is a vital tool in emergency situations. As such, we ask that in the event of a *real* emergency, you do not call the school and "jam" our lines of communication. It is important that they remain open for emergency use. Instead, we ask that you wait as patiently as you can for updates from our *Parent Square* message system.

We are grateful to the Suffolk County Police Department, Manorville Community Ambulance and the Manorville Fire Department for their willingness to help make our school safer. As we have worked together to improve our security plans, we have established a positive relationship that I believe will last well into the future and will be a great benefit to the community, its citizens, and children.

During the drills, visitors will not be able to enter the building. If you arrive to locked doors and see flashing blue strobes, we ask that you go back to your car and wait to enter the building at the conclusion of a drill.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the building administration at 801-3253. We will be happy to be of assistance.

Cordially,

Sal Alaimo
Principal

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11 de Octubre de 2024

Estimados padres/tutores y estudiantes:

En cumplimiento con las recomendaciones del Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva York, la escuela secundaria Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School llevará a cabo simulacros de emergencia durante todo el año escolar y realizará un simulacro de cierre la próxima semana. La escuela secundaria Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School, junto con el Séptimo Recinto del Departamento de Policía del Condado de Suffolk, la ambulancia comunitaria de Manorville y el Departamento de Bomberos de Manorville, está trabajando para garantizar que esta escuela sea segura y que los empleados estén listos para responder a las emergencias. El Comité de Cierre del edificio ha desarrollado planes integrales de preparación para emergencias con aportes de la policía y el departamento de bomberos voluntarios. Estos planes han sido revisados con los estudiantes.

Al darnos cuenta de que los planes y guías escritos no son suficientes, estamos trabajando en equipo con la policía, la ambulancia y el departamento de bomberos para realizar capacitaciones y simulacros. Se ha requerido que el cuerpo docente y el personal reciban instrucciones sobre cómo responder en situaciones críticas y qué pasos tomar para mantener seguros a los estudiantes y empleados. Los estudiantes también deben estar preparados para cualquier emergencia para mantenerse a salvo. Realizamos estas capacitaciones y simulacros para continuar una conversación importante para mantener segura a nuestra comunidad.

No esperamos que los directores o maestros saquen estos planes de los estantes y comiencen a leerlos cuando ocurre una emergencia. Más bien, los planes y las capacitaciones son herramientas de aprendizaje. Al revisar los planes de manera regular y participar en estas capacitaciones y simulacros, los administradores, el personal y los estudiantes tendrán el conocimiento y la confianza para responder de manera rápida y correcta en caso de una emergencia. La comunicación es una herramienta vital en situaciones de emergencia. Como tal, le pedimos que en caso de una emergencia real, no llame a la escuela y "bloquee" nuestras líneas de comunicación. Es importante que permanezcan abiertas para uso de emergencia. En cambio, le pedimos que espere con la mayor paciencia posible las actualizaciones de nuestro sistema telefónico Blackboard Connect. Estamos agradecidos.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sal Alaimo".

Sal Alaimo
Principal

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