

SAFETY SNIPPITS

After School Transportation Changes: If you would like to change your child's end of the day transportation plan, we ask that you phone or email (wadsworths@gladstone.k12.or.us) the school no later than 2:00pm. This will ensure that we have time to inform the student and classroom teacher.

Building Safety: As you know our district has been working to put in place added strategies to keep students safe. We launched our new buzz-in entry system last May with a measurable amount of success. We continue to invite your feedback with this system in hopes of ensuring safety for our students, as well as, an efficient and effective way for you to enter our building.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we continue to increase our safety measures at JWE. Your children's safety continues to be a priority to us.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures: Beginning this fall, we changed our process for students who are picked up by an adult at the end of the day. For those who drive through the Exeter parking lot, your child will be waiting in the "yellow box" area. We ask that you pull forward to the one of the designated pick-up spots (#1, #2, #3). If you are walking up to the school to pick-up your child, they will be waiting for you in the designated "blue box" with a staff member supervising them. Students that walk will be directed to walk directly to their afterschool destination and not stay on school grounds unless accompanied by an adult.

School Safety Zones: Please remember to drive slow in school safety zones and watch for students crossing the street. School Zone Safety is a shared responsibility. Not only should you drive responsibly in the school zones we would also like to remind everyone to be mindful when crossing our roads.

SAFETY DRILLS AT JWE

Keeping your children safe while at JWE is our school's top priority. In accordance with Oregon law (ORS336.071), we practice our emergency and crisis response plans routinely. Throughout the year teachers will be teaching and practicing with their students how to best respond in the event of an emergency or crisis at school.

On October 2nd, staff and students will be practicing our scheduled lockdown practice. All students will know in advance that this is a drill. Our goal is to educate and prepare students in the event that an emergency occurs in a calm predictable manner. We will be reviewing our expectations that include: to run with the adult if possible, or quickly and quietly hide and wait for adult directions. This will be brief simple information that is balanced with reassurance. Our intent is never to frighten or alarm children.

Below is a brief description of the drills that we practice throughout the school year.

Evacuation - **How to exit the building in a quick and orderly manner.** This is most typically used for a fire drill. Each class follows an exit route and is accounted for while waiting quietly with teachers outside of the building. We practice fire drills one time per month. No one can enter the school during a fire drill.

Earthquake- **How to duck, cover and hold on if inside the building until shaking stops.** Each class practices this drill often preceding a fire drill.

Lockout- **How students are kept safe inside the school when there is a potential threat outside of the school.** Students that are outside are taught the signal to stop what they are doing, enter the school through the closest door and proceed to the closest safe area within the school. We make certain that all students are inside the building behind secured perimeter doors. Business as usual continues within the school. No one is allowed to enter the building during a lock out.

Lockdown-**How students are kept safe when there is a potential threat within the school.** Our district has adopted the "Run, Hide, Fight" procedure that staff are trained to use. If possible, staff will exit with students through the safest doors or windows and run away from the building. If this is not possible, students will hide in the nearest room with a locking door. Staff are trained to barricade their door and fight if an intruder enters.

It is our practice to be sensitive to the emotional needs of our students. If at any time, your child becomes distraught due to the events here at school or in our world, we will notify you. We want to partner with you to provide a safe learning environment for your child.

In our school, your children come first. Thank you for entrusting them to our care. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Principal.