



School District of Bayfield

Dear Families,

As part of our commitment to student safety, I want to inform you about the safety drills scheduled for the rest of the school year. In compliance with requirements set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, we conduct regular evacuation drills, fire drills, tornado drills, and shelter-in-place drills to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

The Wisconsin Department of Justice emphasizes the importance of "ensuring all students and staff know how to respond in the event of an emergency." To align with this directive, these drills are designed to familiarize students and staff with procedures for evacuations, sheltering in place, and other necessary safety responses, helping everyone respond quickly and confidently in the event of an actual emergency.

Types of Drills We Have or Will Practice

Evacuation Drills: These help ensure that students and staff know how to exit the building safely and quickly if an evacuation is necessary.

Fire Drills: Regular fire drills prepare students for safe, quick exits in case of a fire or similar emergency.

Tornado Drills: Tornado drills help prepare everyone to move to safe, sheltered locations within the building in the event of severe weather.

Shelter-in-Place Drills: These drills prepare students and staff to remain indoors, safely protected from outside hazards, until it is safe to resume regular activities.

During these drills, teachers and staff will guide and reassure students, and time will be set aside to answer any questions students may have. These exercises are a crucial part of our safety planning and allow students to practice responding calmly, improving preparedness for all possible situations.

Thank you for your support as we work together to keep our school community safe. If you have any questions about these drills, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's school principal or me directly.

Sincerely,

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