



LESLIE THOMAS JUNIOR HIGH

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February Lockdown Drill

Emergency Drills

The safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for Leslie Thomas Junior High School and the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. We have been implementing a number of measures as part of a comprehensive plan aimed at ensuring our school remains a safe place for our students to learn.

Two of the procedures our school has practiced are a Hold & Secure and a Lockdown drill. During Hold and Secure external doors are locked (secured) and no one leaves or enters the school. During a lockdown drill, classroom doors are secured and the students remain inside the room until instructed by the teacher to resume their activities. All exterior doors are locked and no one is permitted to enter or leave the building.

In both situations, students are kept inside the school and classrooms when circumstances make it safer to stay in the classroom rather than evacuate. Just as we prepare our students to properly respond to a fire drill, they also need to be aware of the proper response during a lockdown drill or Hold and Secure. These drills should be treated with the same level of importance as fire drills.

Please be assured that staff at our school will spend time discussing the importance of this procedure with students prior to running a drill. We will also take time after the drill to remind them that it was only a practice and there was no danger. When possible, our School Liaison Officer may assist us in conducting the drills just as the Fire Department assists with evacuation drills.

Our second and final Lockdown Drill is scheduled for next week.

Please take the time to speak with your child about this procedure and reinforce its importance. We practice these drills to ensure our school remains a safe place for teaching and learning. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Calendar of Events

February is Registration Month – More information to follow in future memos.

February 7 – Grade 7 French Immersion Parent Information Session 6:00

February 19 – Heritage Day (No Classes)

February 22 – School Dance 6:30 – 8:00

March 11 – 15 – March Break

March 18 – Assessment and Evaluation Day (No Classes)

March 29 – Good Friday (No Classes)

April 1 – Easter Monday (No Classes)

April 3 – Report Cards Sent home.

April 4 – No Classes
AM – Professional Learning
PM – Parent / Teacher Meetings 1 – 3 PM and

