



Hello Families -

This is Principal Janet Kehoe from Durant Road Elem School.

I want to take a moment to thank those of you who have taken the time to talk with your children about events of the past two weeks. I recognize this has been a challenging time for many as we work to ensure the safety and security of our children.

I cannot emphasize enough the messages you have heard about the importance of student relationships with adults.

We use and practice various safety procedures from lockdown drills to constant camera surveillance. But students are often the first to know when a threat is made. If they see something, they must say something. Working together, we can quickly assess most situations and stop rumors from spreading.

Some of our children are also demanding a voice in this issue. We should not be surprised if some choose to engage in organized activities in response to national calls for action.

Our priority is to ensure student safety as we strive to create learning opportunities for your children regardless of their views. If your child elects to participate in an activity, please urge him or her to stay on campus. Students who leave campus without permission are subject to consequences at the principal's discretion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I have obviously spoken with many of you already and I am most grateful for your input. As challenging as it is to have these conversations, we can all learn from them and become a stronger community in the process.

Respectfully,

Principal Kehoe