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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The teachers and staff at Verne W. Critz Elementary School consider it a privilege to work with your children. As such, it is vitally important to us that our school is safe and all security procedures are in place in our school.

In order to ensure that all procedures are performing at the highest level, we will be conducting the mandated drills (Lockout, LockDown, Fire Drills, Evacuation). Having these drills throughout the year will assure us that both students and staff clearly understand the security procedures in the event of an emergency. We feel these practice drills will benefit our students as they will automatically follow the procedures set in place.

When preparing for a lockdown drill, we will explain to the students that this is a practice drill similar to our fire safety drills, which they routinely participate in throughout the school year. We will emphasize to the students that above everything else, we want our students to be safe, happy and feel protected while attending school.

Please be advised that we will not make any notifications to your home when conducting these practice drills, however, immediate notifications will be made in the event of a true emergency. If you should have any further questions, please feel free to call the main office at (631) 730-1675.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy D. Mazziotti". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mandy Mazziotti