



# NIBLEY ELEMENTARY

## February Newsletter



### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Kindergarten Registration is now available for all children who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024.**

Register online at [www.ccsdut.org/Page/7633](http://www.ccsdut.org/Page/7633) then deliver required documents to the school during school hours through March 31st, or until 8:00 p.m. on February 29th.

### HATS OFF AWARD

**Is there a special teacher who has made a difference in your child's life? Nominate that teacher for the CEF Hats off Award. Go to <https://www.ccsdut.org/hats> off**

**by March 1st at 5:00 p.m. to nominate a teacher!**

### DOORS LOCKED

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE DOORS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:35 EVERY MORNING. PLEASE DON'T HAVE YOUR STUDENTS HERE EARLIER THAN THAT UNLESS THEY ARE SIGNED UP FOR MORNING LEARNING LABS!**

### PRINCIPAL MINUTE

AS WE STEP INTO FEBRUARY, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE VITAL CONNECTION BETWEEN REGULAR ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS. EVERY DAY OF LEARNING INSTRUCTION COUNTS, AND YOUR CHILD'S PRESENCE IN THE CLASSROOM GREATLY IMPACTS THEIR GROWTH AND LEARNING. I ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO PRIORITIZE ATTENDANCE, AS IT PLAYS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF EACH STUDENT. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE THIS MONTH A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb 9: 1:45 BRAVE Assembly  
Feb 12: 3:45 SCC**

**Feb 14: Valentine's Day**

**Feb 16: Professional Development  
No School**

**Feb 19: Presidents Day  
No School**

**Feb 26: Teacher Prep Day**

**Feb 29: Early Out at 1:00  
PTC 1:30-7:00  
No Kindergarten or PreK**

**March 1: PTC 8:00-12:00**

### COUNSELOR CORNER

THIS MONTH, DURING CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS, I PLAN TO FOCUS ON BEING "POSITIVE PEOPLE"...THE "V" IN BRAVE! WE WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT. I HAVE INCLUDED A VIDEO BELOW WITH SUGGESTIONS ON HELPING YOUR STUDENT/S BE SUCCESSFUL. THE LESSON WILL INCLUDE TIPS ON CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR, TIME MANAGEMENT, STUDY SKILLS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING SCHOOL. CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM, MEANING 10% (18) OR MORE ABSENCES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS INCREASED HERE AT NIBLEY FROM 5.6% IN 2020 TO 28.5% IN 2022. NIBLEY HAS PUT TOGETHER A TEAM TO ADDRESS ABSENTEEISM GOING FORWARD. AS ALWAYS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING YOUR STUDENT/S.

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DEAR NIBLEY ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY,

OUR JAN. SAFETY DRILL ON JAN. 8TH WAS A FIRE AND EVACUATION DRILL. WE ARE GETTING BETTER AT BEING MORE EFFICIENT IN OUR DRILLS AND EVACUATIONS. A RECENT CHANGE IS THAT WE WAIT TO EVACUATE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ALARM WAS NOT PULLED BY SOMEONE WITH ILL INTENT. WE HAVE A DOUBLE VERIFICATION SYSTEM IN PLACE TO HELP US KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE.

OUR NEXT SCHEDULED DRILL WILL BE FEBRUARY 15TH AT 9:30 A.M. WE WILL DO A LOCKDOWN DRILL. THIS IS USUALLY THE MOST SERIOUS AND DIFFICULT OF THE ALERTS THAT IS CALLED WHEN THERE IS A THREAT OR HAZARD INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING. WE WANT TO BE READY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, WITHOUT MAKING CHILDREN FEEL CONFUSED AND SCARED WHEN WE PRACTICE. THE "TAKE ACTION" RESPONSE TO THIS ALERT IS "LOCKDOWN, LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT". IT IS ALSO GIVEN TWICE TO TEACHERS, ONCE ON THE PA SYSTEM, AS WELL AS OUR DIGITAL APP SYSTEM CALLED DIRS.

IN AN ACTUAL LOCKDOWN EVENT, (NOT A DRILL) PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGES WHEN THE ALERT STARTS AND WHEN IT IS LIFTED. IT DEMANDS THAT INTERIOR DOORS ARE TO BE LOCKED. WE KEEP OUR DOORS AT NIBLEY LOCKED AT ALL TIMES, THIS HELPS US QUICKLY PULL A DOOR CLAMP AWAY AND SECURE THE ALREADY LOCKED DOOR. WE ALSO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS IN A ROOM WITH A WINDOW, MOVE CHILDREN OUT OF SIGHT OF THE CORRIDOR WINDOWS, AND THEN MAINTAIN SILENCE TO MAKE THE ROOM SEEM UNOCCUPIED. THESE ARE ALL MOVEMENTS THAT WE PRACTICE IN A DRILL, AND HOPE TO CREATE MUSCLE MEMORY FOR AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE, FEEL FREE TO VISIT THE WEBSITE THAT WE GET OUR STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOLS (SRPS) FROM, [YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT](#) THIS ALSO HAS MORE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

AS ALWAYS, THESE DRILLS ARE COORDINATED WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE DIVISIONS AS WELL AS OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT SAFETY OFFICIALS TO HELP US BE READY IN THE CASE OF AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY.



# LOCKDOWN PROTOCOL

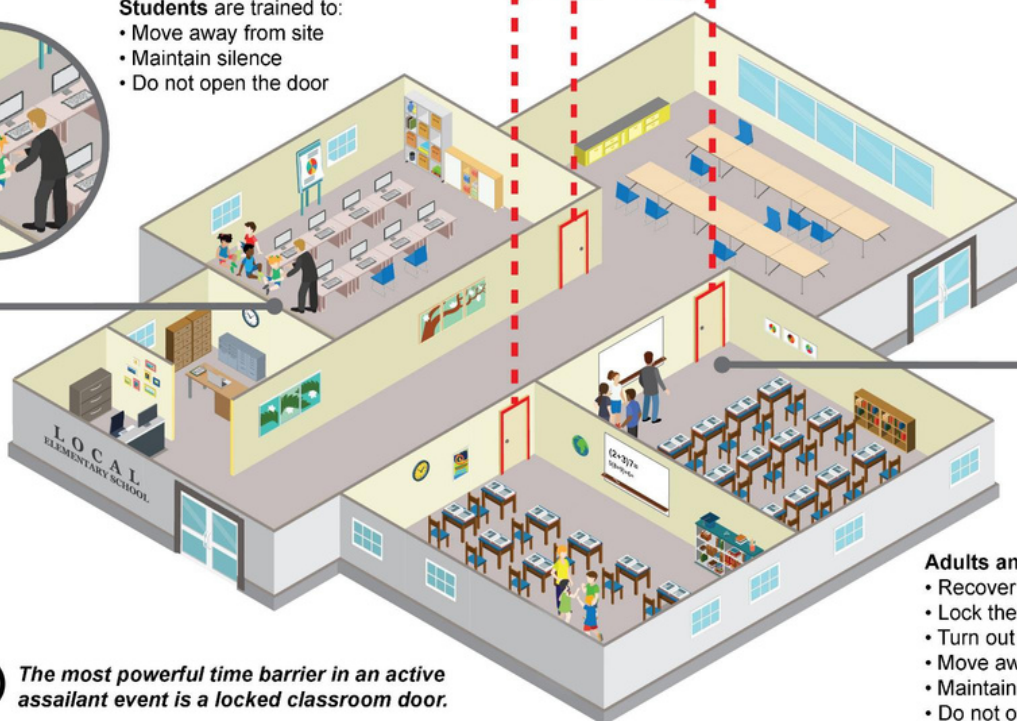
**LOCKS, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT.**



**Students are trained to:**

- Move away from site
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Doors will not be opened for anyone.



**Adults and staff are trained to:**

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



**The most powerful time barrier in an active assailant event is a locked classroom door.**

