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Dear Flint Hill Family,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you this week in light of recent events in the news. I imagine that many of you share similar concerns about the safety and security of our schools. As your Principal, I want you to know that Flint Hill has clear and consistent protocols in place to keep our students and staff safe. As a school, we implement the following:

- Physical Security (Locked doors, intrusion alarms, electronic door access)
- Visitor Management System and Procedures (Deployed system wide)
- Emergency planning coordination with police, fire, and emergency management offices
- Comprehensive division-wide crisis management plan
- Individual school crisis plans-updated annually (includes evacuation, and parent reunification plans)
- Lockdown, Fire, Tornado, and Bus Drills
- A Table Top exercise, which includes training regarding terminology and crisis procedures (Lockdown, Secure the Building, Shelter in Place, Stay Put Stay Tuned)
- Threat assessment process
- Access to School Resource Officers (SROs)
- Uniformed school security patrols (24x7)

Our school, and each and every staff member at Flint Hill, is committed to ensuring all students learn in a safe and comfortable environment. Our primary responsibility is to work as a team, including parents, staff, students, and administration, to prioritize the social, emotional, and academic well-being of every child in this school. This collaboration will always be central to the work we do as educators and caregivers.

As this week comes to a close, please hug your children a little tighter, and possibly a little more often over this extended weekend. Our students are the most precious resource in our school, and we treasure working with them each and every day.

With Much Appreciation and Love for Our Flint Hill Family,
Jen

Updates from Administration Kiss and Ride Updates

We have made some changes with staffing regarding our Kiss and Ride and are happy to report a decline in students arriving to school tardy!

Thank you to everyone for continuing to adhere to the Kiss and Ride rules. This is helpful in ensuring a safe and quick drop-off for all students. Please remember that adults must remain in the car during drop-off and pick-up. Also, families that use Kiss and Ride need to be sure that their children are able to buckle and unbuckle their own seatbelt, open and close the car door independently, and exit the vehicle on the passenger side. We ask, kindly, that all cars remain in a single line, and not attempt to pass one another.

Thank you for your support in keeping our students and staff safe!

Don't Be Chicken...Read, and Our School Will Earn a Commission!



Well, you shouldn't be chicken, but our Flint Hill administration is soon looking forward to dressing like chickens if our students read for **200,000 minutes** total! It may appear to be a lot of minutes, but the last time the read-a-thon was held at Flint Hill, only about 50% of the students participated, and 189,000 minutes were read! We know we can beat that number easily, and want nothing more than to dance to the "Chicken Dance", on command, every time the chicken dance song is played over the loudspeaker by our lovely office ladies/farmers. This is an opportunity to cozy up to a favorite book and encourage a love of reading with your child. Thank you, in advance, for supporting this fundraiser and our school. We will be checking-in, periodically, with updates!

Other Important Information

A Tiny Request...

Administration would like to encourage every Flint Hill parent to create their SIS account before the end of the year. Please visit this link for more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/zxzkfaq>.

Share Your Love of Reading...Discover a New Book!

This week, we have created a Flipgrid that will be ongoing throughout the entirety of our Read-a-thon. We hope that everyone in our Flint Hill family will participate! Parents, students, and staff are encouraged to click on the following link and record a brief video about their favorite book. Who knows? Maybe your video will encourage another reader!

<https://flipgrid.com/3bdcfc>

