



Dassa McKinney Elementary School

Moniteau School District

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, we will conduct several emergency drills with all Dassa McKinney Elementary School faculty, staff, and students. In addition to monthly fire drills and an annual weather emergency drill, the Pennsylvania Department of Education requires all schools to conduct at least two intruder drills annually. These drills will provide opportunities for our Dassa Team to prepare, practice, and reflect upon our established procedures for responding to various emergency situations that may arise at school.

Moniteau School District employees receive extensive and ongoing training for fire and weather emergency response, as well as school intruder training rooted in the Run/Hide/Fight Active Shooter Response Training program. We will continue to be selective in how we engage students in conversation and drills related to the Run/Hide/Fight program, with great care given to the social and emotional developmental levels of our students. Individual classroom teachers will prepare their students for drills, stressing the importance of remaining quiet and listening for directions. Each classroom teacher will determine how in-depth they will discuss the topic of school intruders. This decision will be guided by integrating the knowledge that our teachers have gained through training and experience with their knowledge of the social and emotional development of their students.

As parents, you should expect to receive communication from the school prior to major emergency drills, such as interior lockdown (hide) drills, evacuation-on-foot drills (run), and evacuation-on-bus drills. We value the importance of families having an opportunity to discuss these drills in advance. Such drills will never occur unannounced.

With your support, and the cooperation of our students, these processes will help ensure that our school remains a safe place for students to learn and grow. If you have any questions regarding school safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Dassa McKinney Elementary School Office.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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Assistant Principal