



District Safety Committee Meeting

June 4, 2025 1:30 pm



CARROLLTON-FARMERS BRANCH ISD

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Purpose

- The purpose of the Safety and Security Committee is to assist with the development and implementation of emergency planning recommendations consistent with the district multi-hazard emergency operations plan and to ensure accurate reporting of information requested by the Texas School Safety Center.
- Sentinel of Safety Award for campuses
- May at times review deficiencies reviewed by Region 10/TxSSC

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions/Sign In
- III. Quick Updates
 - A. PA system - HS complete, MS/ES in progress (Rachael)
 - B. TxSSC - Spotlight on School Safety Award (Rachael)
 - C. Drill Expectations for 25-26 (Rachael)
 - D. Region 10 - Intruder Audits (Adam)
 - 1. Central ES- finding on 5/12/25
- IV. Sentinel of Safety project - (All Security Staff)
- V. Open Forum
- VI. Adjournment

PA System Update

- High Schools
 - Ranchview/Creekview = 100% complete
 - Smith = 50% (will be completed with the ongoing summer construction projects)
 - Turner = will be completed with the ongoing summer construction projects
- Middle Schools
 - Polk/Perry/Field = June completion
 - Blalack = will be completed with the ongoing summer construction projects
 - Bush = will start in Fall '25
- Elementary Schools
 - Rosemeade = 100% complete (phone added)
 - Landry = will be completed with the ongoing summer construction projects
 - McLaughlin-Strickland = will start in Fall '25
 - Rainwater = phone & speakers added in office area

TxSSC - Spotlight on School Safety Award

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Carrollton PD, Dallas PD, Farmers Branch PD, and Irving PD SRO Units

Collaborative Community Partnerships

In response to numerous hoax social media threats made after September 11, 2024, which caused significant disruptions across its campuses, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (CFBISD) partnered with local municipalities to create an informative video aiming to reduce anxiety in the school community and educate students and parents about the legal consequences of hoax threats. The video features school resource officers (SROs), helping students associate the message with familiar faces and existing positive relationships.

The video was shared widely, including via email and push notifications to all parents, during school homeroom periods for students, and on the district's Facebook, YouTube, and X pages. The video conveyed that the district takes all threats seriously and that hoax threats are unacceptable and will be investigated, encouraging students, staff, and parents to feel confident in the safety and security of CFBISD campuses.



Drill Expectations & Changes

- 1 evacuation per month (10+ school days)
- 1st Semester - Secure, Shelter, Lockdown
 - **(complete within first 15 days of school)**
- 2nd Semester - Secure, Shelter-HazMat, Lockdown
 - **(complete by Spring Break)**
- SB 11/Local Fire Code/Tx SSC/TEA

Must be run through Raptor to count and drills may not be run back to back.

100%

Region 10 Intruder Audits

Intruder Detection Audit (IDA) Quick View				2024 - 2025 ▾	
CAMPUS LIST		FINDINGS/FLAGS		CORRECTIVE ACTIONS	
100%		3		0	
(37 of 37 visited)		(Excludes Any Flags)		(Outstanding CAs)	
<u>Campus Visits Breakdown</u>		<u>Findings Breakdown</u>		<u>Corrective Actions Breakdown</u>	
Elementary School	25 of 25	Intruder Detection Audit	1	Total CAs Required	3
Jr High/Middle School	6 of 6	Exterior Door Audit	2	Total CAs Submitted	3
High School	6 of 6	Weekly Door Log Audit	0	Total CAs Approved	3
		Classroom Door Audit*	0		
		* Not a finding			

754 Exterior Doors in CFB

3 findings is a 99.6%
success rate



Central Finding - 5/12/2025

- 7:27am - Security Specialist door sweep.
- 9:20am - Staff member exited the door (19).
- 10:13am - TEA auditor found the door unsecure, entered the building and self reported to the front office.
- Facility Services adjusted the door.
- Security checks doors multiple times per day.
- Security does a function check on all exterior doors weekly.
- 5/14/2025 - Campus Staff Meeting
- 6/4/2025 - District Safety and Security Meeting
- 6/5/2025 - School Board Closed Session
- *Plan of Action has already been submitted and approved by TEA.

Power Outage Discussion Follow-Up

- Power outage response procedure In progress.
- Being written considering input from Safety and Security Committee discussion, as well as department and district leadership input.
- Student Nutrition has emergency lighting available and has trained all campus admin on power outage procedures.
- Crisis training with SLT included a discussion about essential personnel.
- Safety and Security Committee discussion inspired Sentinel of Safety projects.



Sentinel of Safety

The Sentinel of Safety Award will be presented to one campus who actively and consistently promotes a culture of school safety.

- Projects should apply to the entire campus, and should affect more than a small group of students.
- **Project must demonstrate the campus going above and beyond the minimum safety standards.**



GOAL:

It is best practice to teach with locked classroom doors. Our goal was to shift habits and culture surrounding this philosophy while affecting teacher morale in a positive way.

ACTIONS:

In the fall of 2024, Security Specialist Wesley Guynes and Administrator Dorothy Ortiz wanted to implement a plan to have the teachers instruct students with their doors closed and locked. We understand how difficult it is to change habits and the teaching culture without hurting the morale of staff. We decided to change the culture of teaching, with an incentive. By requiring each teacher close their door and locked when instructing. They will have their students put either a blue or pink Lei on the outside of the door when a boy or girl goes to the restroom. When we walk the halls during a lockdown drill or an emergency, this will let us know if any students are out of the room. This way, the only thing the teacher has to do during a lockdown is cover the window on their door, have all students move to the corner, and be quiet. After each grading period, the teachers receive a chance at 2 drawings for a \$50. gift card. The teachers and students have done a fantastic job of buying into the Lei system.

OUTCOME:

Teachers are now instructing with doors closed and locked without affecting the morale. Students and staff are safer now with a closed and locked door policy.



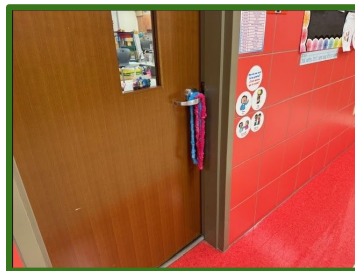
Lei System - UPDATE

Gators!! Follow these five easy steps:

Please take the following steps to properly implement the lei system.

- 1.) Please utilize whole group restroom breaks and whole group transitions most frequently. During this time students will always be with an adult. Students must always be with an adult when going to lunch and specials. Students in PreK - First grade must be with an adult when being checked out early, and when going to the nurse (please call the front office anytime assistance is needed) - as a last resort ONLY 1st Grade teachers may send students to the nurse or office with a very reliable student leader.
- 2.) Only allow one boy and one girl to be out of your room at a time.
- 3.) Tell students there should only be 3 students in the restroom at a time. They should wait outside the restroom in the hall or come back to your room as needed. Students will have to go in to identify how many people are inside since we will not be hanging a pass outside the restroom.
- 4.) Both the pink and the blue lei will hang on the door handle inside the classroom if no students are out. This is a great visual for you and the students inside the room when the door is closed or when your door is slightly ajar/almost closed - during these times of emergency restroom/individual instruction time transitions.
- 5.) Advise students to hang the lei on the outside handle if they are outside of the classroom. (This is a great visual for adults monitoring the halls outside the classroom). Adults monitoring the halls will be able to identify how many students are out of the room (boys and girls), and which class have students out of the room during any given time of the day.

IMPORTANT: Even if you are utilizing your own pass system...this system must be used as well.





Kathryn S. McWhorter Elementary

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

The I Choose Safety! Award recognizes teachers and staff members who adhere to our District SRP's and actively take proactive measures to prevent campus accidents, report hazards, and maintain a safe environment. This award serves as a powerful message to Coyotes, emphasizing the significance of a safe campus and the value that McWhorter Elementary and CFBISD place on a thriving and healthy learning environment.

ACTIONS: Officer Durham created this campus based award, and made monthly selections of staff who showed a great awareness of safety.

The I Choose Safety! Award will be presented monthly based on the following criteria:

- Raptor accountability at 100%
- Classroom attendance completed daily by 9:40 am
- Knowledge and application of SRP's
- Knowledge and application of Raptor App and S.O.P's

OUTCOME: The award has incentivized participation in our district safety initiatives and our targeted campus opportunities. It improved our campus safety awareness, participation, and accountability. Safety is a choice and "I Choose Safety!" reflects that choice.





GOAL:

Our campus wanted to focus on digital awareness and cybersecurity with students in Grades 3-5.

ACTIONS:

We did our project with our 3rd-5th grade classes during their January Library and Guidance time. We gave a lesson the first week on staying safe online and being a good digital citizen. Once the lesson was over they played Interland (a game by google that teaches cyber security and safety). The second week, with a partner, they created a superhero with powers to help keep others safe online. Officer Prutz followed up after all the presentations were completed by reading a story to 2nd - 5th grade students reinforcing the important lessons they learned.

OUTCOME:

The students are much more aware of how to stay safe and interact online. We have over heard them having conversations about what is safe and kind to do online and actively not sharing their passwords.

[LINK to presentation](#)



OUTCOME: This system will improve accountability, reduce confusion, and ensure all students are accounted for promptly upon reaching the safe zone for each drill.

GOAL: To enhance student safety and streamline our evacuation drills, I would like to propose implementing a simple hall pass program. During the day, teachers will issue pre-printed hall passes to students, clearly indicating the name of the teacher, and the grade that the student is in. The English and Spanish versions of the hall pass could be useful in case a student gets lost in the hallway during the day or is lost during a campus drill after coming out of the bathroom. We can quickly identify the student, get them to the right place, and change their location and status on the Raptor App.

ACTIONS: Security Specialist Tisdell created a hall pass that students can wear around their neck.



Pase de Pasillo	Hall Pass
Hall Pass Grade: Teacher: Location:	Pase de Pasillo Grado Del Aula: El Profesor/ La Profesora : La Posicion : (Location)



GOAL:

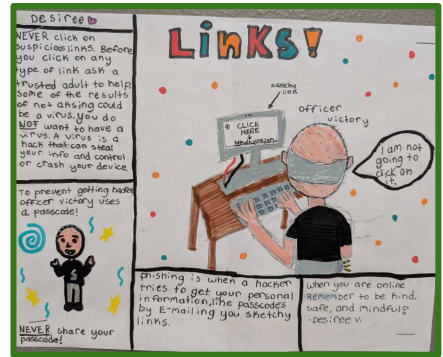
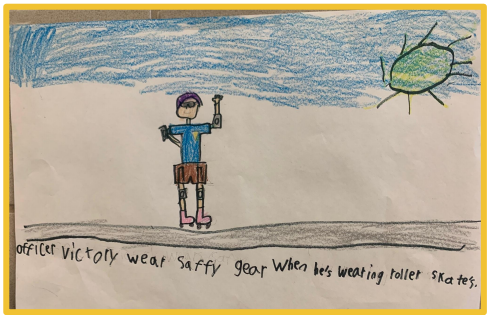
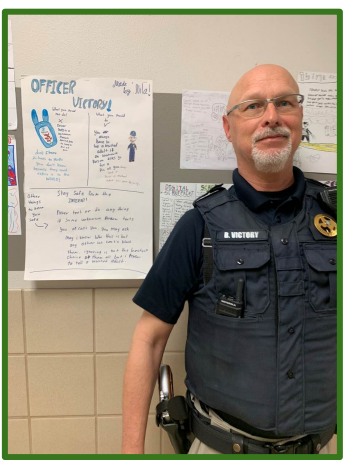
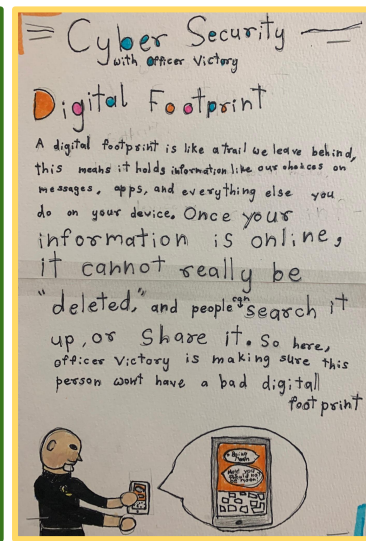
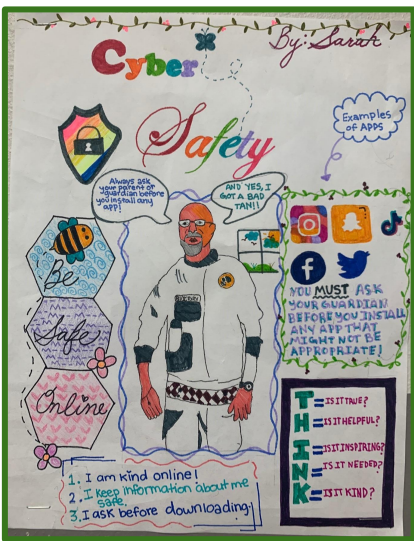
To create awareness about summer safety. This project was designed to be completed by students with minimal supervision. AP Fields came up with a theme “Keep Officer Victory safe this summer.”

ACTIONS:

We ran a school-wide summer safety poster contest. Students created posters of our campus security specialist staying safe this summer. K-1st created posters of Officer Victory being safe in the car. 2nd-3rd created posters of Officer Victory being safe outside (swimming, bicycling, skateboarding...) 4th-5th created posters of Officer Victory being safe online.

OUTCOME:

The safety posters helped remind students of basic summer safety principles, so they return to us in one piece next fall. They also supported their connection to Officer Victory, which ultimately keeps our campus more safe and more secure.



GOAL: The campus did not have a way of communicating efficiently via radio, and the campus was still using a paper/pen sign in sheet for tardy students.

ACTIONS: Security Specialist Jones and ALL admins agreed with the safety changes. The first change was using and creating code for radio communications, and the second change was that the campus started using RAPTOR in March for parents to check in late students.

OUTCOME: This system will improve accountability, reduce confusion, and ensure all students are accounted for promptly upon reaching the safe zone for each drill.

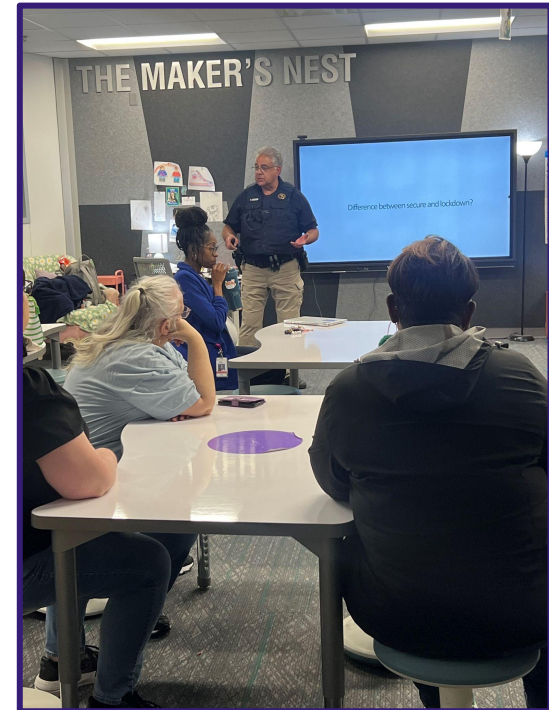




GOAL: After the last two drills Specialist Castro and Mrs. Anthony (Asst. Principal) were still getting questions that we both felt the staff should be well aware of, especially this far into the school year.

ACTIONS: Specialist Castro re-educated the entire staff on the difference between a Lockdown and a Secure. It is of the utmost importance that the staff react correctly to each of these drills efficiently and effectively, should a real threat arise.

OUTCOME: This resulted in greater confidence amongst staff, and allowed us to achieve 100% accountability on all remaining drills.





GOAL: Many times, while working the drop-off and pick-up lines, I've noticed students being transported without appropriate car seats or booster seats. When I spoke with their parents, several of them shared that they did not have or could not afford a safety seat for their child. This was extremely concerning. I wanted to do whatever I could to help protect our students, but I wasn't sure exactly what steps to take.

Things came to a head last year during the pickup line. A parent pulled up to the front of the line, and when a teacher opened the car door for the student to get in, an unrestrained infant fell out of the car and hit the pavement. It was a terrifying moment for everyone. Thankfully, the child was not seriously injured, but that incident convinced me that I needed to act to prevent future dangerous situations.

ACTIONS:

Security Specialist Guzman reached out to Safe Kids Greater Dallas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing childhood injuries. Together, we formed a partnership with the goal of educating families and protecting as many students as we could. We shared a sign up sheet allowing parents to sign up for a free car/booster seat, donated by Safe Kids Greater Dallas.

OUTCOME: The result was amazing. Several families in our community were able to sign up for an on-campus event where they received free car seats and hands-on safety training. Certified technicians from Safe Kids installed each car seat, ensured they were properly registered, and educated parents on how to use them correctly. Parents also received important safety information, including expiration dates and model numbers. Carrollton Elementary staff members were on hand to provide translation services, ensuring every parent felt comfortable and confident with their child's new car seat.

This event was about empowering Carrollton families with knowledge and promoting a culture of safety awareness throughout our community. By understanding our community's needs and focusing on student safety, we helped ensure our students are as safe as possible both on and off campus.



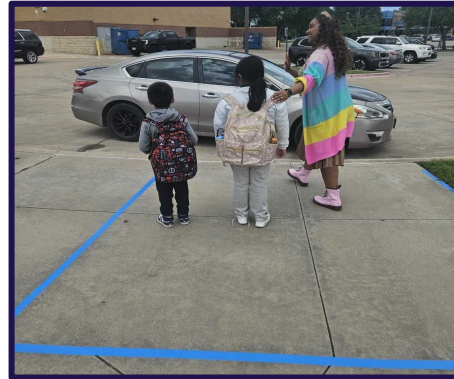
GOAL:

The aim of the project was to reinforce student safety during dismissal.

ACTIONS:

Our project consist of creating a safer way for our student by implementing the square. This square is meant for the student to stand in while waiting for their parents to pick them up. As we know student like to just run out the door but we here at Blair have come up with the square. Students come out and go to their square the would be 3rd 4th and 5th grades which is dismissed on the northside of the campus. On the southside of the campus we have our Kinder, 1st, 2nd, these students are called by staff to a certain color square to wait for their parents rather than running to the vehicle while its still moving.

OUTCOME: It has made dismissal more safe and it has improved the way our students come out the building during this time because they now know they have a specific location to go to.





E. L. Kent Elementary

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

The aim of the project was to reinforce student knowledge of SRP while further engaging with safety/security positivity.

ACTIONS:

Security Specialist Lee) collaborated with our counselor (Mrs. Fox), librarian (Mrs. Hodge), and 4th grade student council teacher (Mrs. Slay) to produce a morning announcement segment reviewing SRP topics. Security took lead on the basic format of the video as well as the script to filter and help with age appropriate content. The school counselor and 4th teacher assisted in filming and guiding of our student council actors while our librarian handled the editing and airing of the morning segment. Security also made an appearance "live" during the morning announcements to briefly talk about SRP before the video aired while donning the school's mascot.

OUTCOME: Improved Standard Response Protocol (SRP) understanding and clarified student expectations during emergency situations. Additionally, provided a refresher for teachers on the specific purposes of each SRP function. Plans for ongoing morning announcements to sustain engagement and reinforce knowledge.

Kent Student Council Presents

**GOAL:**

For the 2024-2025 Sentinel of Safety initiative, Davis Elementary embarked on multiple projects aimed at fostering a culture of safety among students, staff, and parents. While only one project is necessary for the Sentinel of Safety nomination, we recognized the significance of our ideas and chose to implement several initiatives to alleviate concerns about violence on campus. These efforts are designed to enhance student confidence and equip them with the knowledge needed to respond effectively in emergencies.

ACTIONS:

The actions undertaken for the Sentinel of Safety presentation include integrating strategic goals into the Campus Improvement Plan, applying for an Impact Now Grant to support safety initiatives, establishing a Junior Safety Patrol, providing ongoing safety presentations for students, and hosting a Parent Safety Informational Night.

OUTCOME: Davis Elementary has been incredibly proactive in fostering a culture of safety this school year! Implementing several initiatives demonstrates a real commitment to the well-being of our students, staff, and parents.

[Link to Sentinel of Safety project](#)





Bernice Chatman Freeman Elementary
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

To educate students about fire prevention and safety.

ACTIONS:

Security Specialist Varnado created a presentation about fire prevention and safety and presented to every grade level. Custodial set up the cafeteria, and Admin scheduled the date, time, and place. I put together the presentation and presented it on 05/09/25 at 9:00-9:30 AM to PK through 1st grade. Specialist Varnado presented a more in-depth presentation to 2nd through 5th grade on 05/09/25 at 9:45-10:20.

OUTCOME: It taught the kids about fire safety. They have the knowledge, which hopefully gets them back to school every day without fire-related injuries. For grades 2nd-5th, they were also taught how to use a fire extinguisher.





McLaughlin - Strickland Elementary School

Carrollton - Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

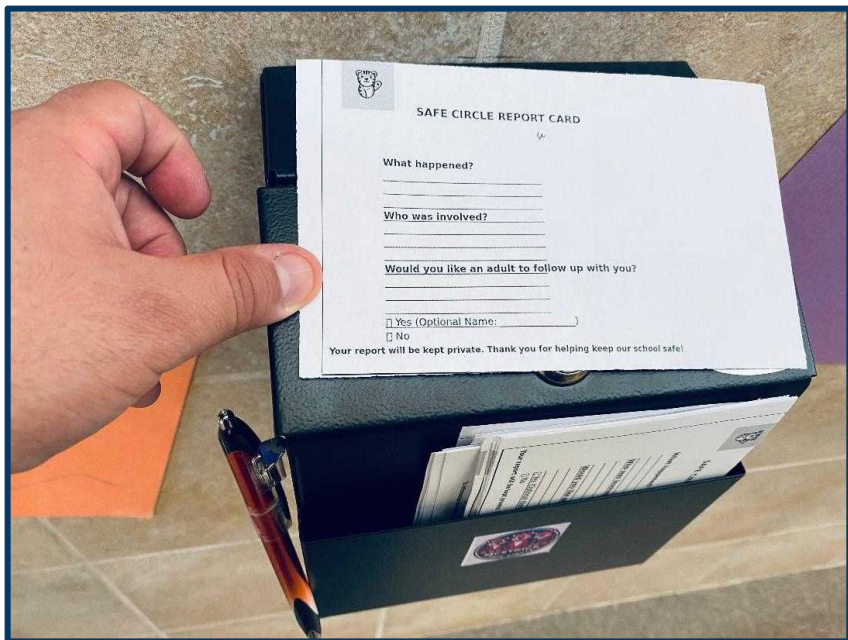
The cornerstone of the project is the Safe Circle suggestion box system, placed in key areas around the school. Students can fill out a simple form asking what happened, who was involved, and whether they would like a trusted adult to follow up. All submissions are reviewed confidentially by staff or counselors, allowing for early intervention and support.

ACTIONS:

At McStrick Elementary, we launched the Safe Circle Project, a student-led initiative designed to increase campus safety by empowering students to report unsafe situations anonymously. The project was created and led by David Almanza in collaboration with school staff, 5th grade student leaders, and our campus counselor. To help students understand how and when to use the boxes, we created an original student-acted educational video featuring real-life scenarios like bullying, stranger danger, and restroom violations. Nine 5th-grade students participated in the video, with staff appearing in the opening and closing scenes. Each student had an equal role and voice in demonstrating how Safe Circle works in everyday situations.

OUTCOME: The project promotes not only safety, but also student advocacy, responsibility, and trust. We believe it lays the foundation for a stronger, more connected school culture where students feel seen, heard, and protected.







Country Place Elementary

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL: We received a complaint regarding the locations of where students are held while waiting for dismissal.

ACTIONS: Security Specialist Kelly created safe waiting areas outside our cafeteria. This helps with students remaining close to the building and not around moving vehicles during dismissal.

OUTCOME: Overall, we have no students playing around close to moving vehicles during dismissal.

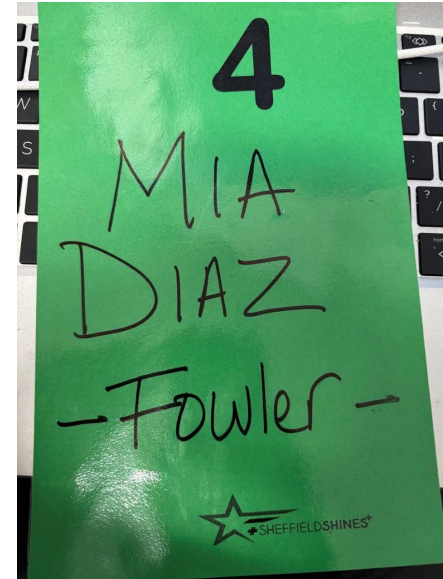
GOAL:

To ensure the safe and emotionally reassuring arrival and dismissal of all students through a car tag identification system, while nurturing trust and consistency for families.

ACTIONS:

Students were issued car tags which contained essential information (name, grade, ID#, Homeroom teacher's name)

OUTCOME: It improved all safety measures ensuring students are reunited with authorized parents/guardian.





June R. Thompson Elementary

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

On 3/4/25, Thompson ES, along with many other campuses in the District, suffered a major power outage. As a result, the campus found themselves with a lack of lighting for emergency situations. The goal of this SOS was to ensure that all campuses have adequate emergency lighting should another power failure occur.

ACTIONS:

Off. Eluid Alfaro worked with a retailer, Northern Tools, to get flashlights donated for every classroom in the campus.

OUTCOME:

Each classroom has emergency lighting available should the need arise. These flashlights will serve as essential tools in ensuring the safety and security of students and staff during potential power outage emergencies.





OUTCOME:

GOAL:

To increase safety awareness amongst students, specifically hallway expectations, situational awareness, and students opening exterior doors for strangers.

ACTIONS:

Rosemeade's Music Teacher and Security Specialist collaborated to create a safety song as an interactive means to engage students while teaching about the following safety topics: hallway expectations, situational awareness/reporting, keeping doors secure, as well as denying entry at doorways. Students learned the song, then recorded a music video to go along with the message. The song features voices of Music Teacher-Heath Farr, Security Specialist-Jerrold Hooper, all students of Rosemeade.

This project improved campus safety by providing a fun way to cover campus safety concerns. Since project completion, Rosemeade has had zero occurrences of students opening doors/letting people into the school, safer movement in the hallways and a large increase in student reports/interactions with security specialist.

S.A.F.E. 2.0



1. See something, say something.
2. Be aware of your surroundings.
3. Never open a door for anyone;
have an adult do it.
4. Everyone is responsible
for school safety.



From, Officer Hooper



Annie Heads Rainwater Elementary
Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD

GOAL:

To create awareness about general safety on a campus, and how students should respond to questionable situations.

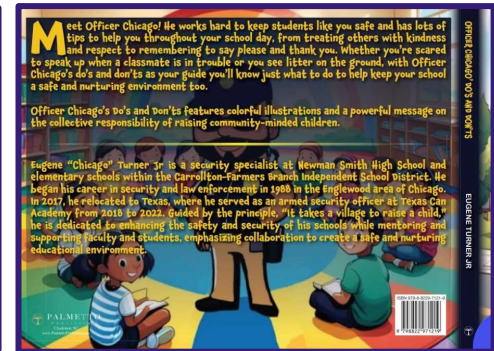
ACTIONS:

Security Specialist Eugene Turner, or “Chicago” as we call him, fully funded and wrote a book called “Officer Chicago’s Do’s and Don’ts. His son illustrated the book, and it is available for purchase online and various retailers. It took the full school year to get the book written, approved by an editor, and published. Next year, Specialist Turner will begin reading this book to classrooms, and having conversations about specific safety related topics.

OUTCOME:

The book will help foster a deeper relationship with the campus security specialist, as well as provide awareness to safety related topics.

Branch Herald article

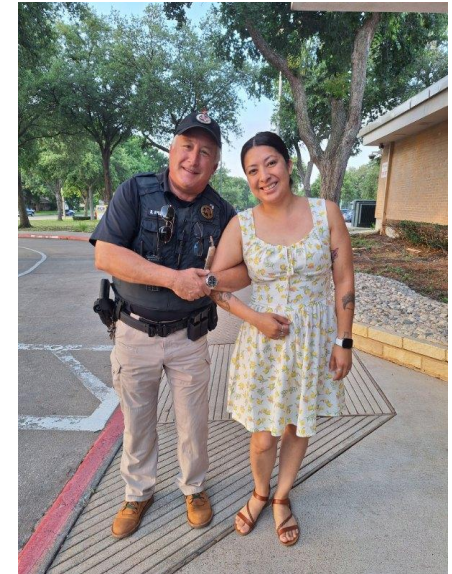
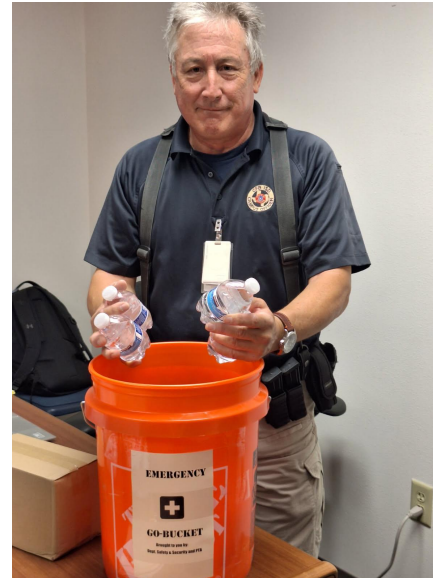


GOAL:

To ensure that students had essential equipment during emergency situations.

ACTIONS: Security Specialist Kauffman worked with PTA to obtain 50 Emergency Go-Buckets that were deployed to each classroom. The buckets contain:

- Water
- Flashlights & batteries
- First aid kits & supplies



OUTCOME: It ensures that during an emergency, each classroom will be better prepared for situations that could arise during a lengthy shelter in place/lockdown situation.



Open Forum

- As a reminder, questions for open forum should apply to broad topics relevant to safety and security, and not specific questions or concerns about your campus (i.e. work tickets or projects in progress)

Adjournment

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO
KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE!

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

