

October 18, 2021

Dear Kasuun Parents/Guardians:

Kasuun Elementary School makes safety a priority. We conduct several safety drills throughout the year. Drills include: Stay Put, Lockdown, and Barricade as well as other safety drills such as Duck, Cover, Hold (Earthquake Drill), and monthly evacuation drills as well as school-wide evacuation drills to a rally point location.

The Anchorage School District continues to use the <u>ALICE safety program</u> to prepare staff and students for an active intruder situation. The philosophy of ALICE is based on current federal recommendations and provides options to staff and students. The procedures are taught to students in an age-appropriate manner and increases readiness and understanding of options to make informed decisions for safety and survival.

Kasuun Elementary will be conducting a school-wide evacuation drill on October 27, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. We will evacuate and gather at our rally point, Anchorage Bible Fellowship, 7348 Elmore Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507. Staff will prepare students for our ALICE drill and students will listen to their teacher for direction. Students are encouraged to do the following:

1. Listen carefully to the location and type of event.

2. Get to and /or remain in a secure area until it is safe to evacuate.

3. Should an armed intruder/active shooter evade their area, apply skills to distract, counter and gain control.

Upcoming ALICE drills: Q1 - School-Wide Evacuation Drill to Rally Point - Oct. 27, 2021 *Q2 - Barricade Drill - Nov. 2021 *Q3 - Scenario Drill - Feb. 2022 *Q4 - Scenario Drill - May 2022

*Exact dates will be determined well in advance and communicated with students and families.

Please take time to speak with your child at home about safety drills and encourage them to act safely, respectfully, and responsibly. Approximately one week prior to any ALICE drill, parents will be notified and students will be prepared well in advance.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joi Engstrom

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