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Dear Parents/Guardians:

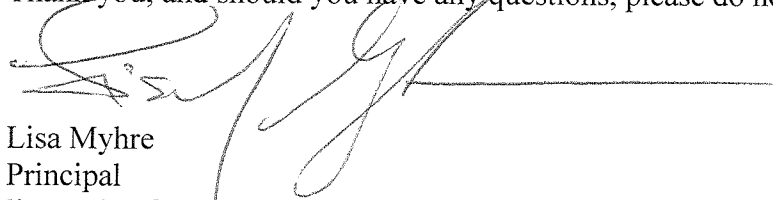
We believe in providing the safest environment possible for our students, families, and staff. Therefore, we have arranged to have two professionals from Poms and Associates visit our school all day on **Wednesday, September 5th**, to provide training and answer questions regarding what to do if an intruder were to be in the building.

These professionals have a wealth of experience and have provided this type of training to schools throughout the state of New Mexico. They will bring particular awareness to the possibility that an intruder could be armed so that staff and students can be prepared, in case they ever find themselves in a dangerous situation, at school or elsewhere. Studies have shown that having this type of basic training has been incredibly beneficial, and it helps students and staff feel more confident and safe in public spaces.

They will spend approximately 25 minutes working with each teacher and his/her students in the classroom. Your child may very well hear the information more than once, but it is important they understand that their responses may be different depending on where they are located in the building.

September 5th is a short Wednesday, and students will be released at 2:12 p.m. as usual. They will be required to leave the building immediately after school is out for the day, since the faculty will undergo additional training starting at 2:15. We want you to know that this faculty training will include loud noise drills. As a result, if you hear loud sounds inside/around the building that afternoon, they are not in response to any threat; and you do not need to be alarmed.

Thank you, and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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