



October 2021

Dear Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District Families:

We continue to appreciate the very strong, supportive relationship between our school and law enforcement communities here in Oak Creek. Together we are able to provide the safest possible environment in which our students and staff can learn, work, and live.

For the past three years we have hosted safety week in our district, this year we are changing things up and making October Safety MONTH. All students will learn and/or review valuable lessons useful both in school and in the community. Students in grades PK-3 will again participate in a series of lessons, designed in collaboration between a team of school psychologists, school social workers, early childhood teachers, special education teachers, and local law enforcement. Students in grades 4-12, in addition to the lesson (adapted for level), will see a public service announcement-style video, created by our pupil services team, Knight Vision Productions (our student TV organization), local law enforcement, and the Peaceful Warrior Training Group (a local business). The video is available on our website.

Safety Month or Week is conducted yearly, to continue the training arm of the Oak Creek Police Department, and share a motto from the Peaceful Warrior Training Group, "We want to prepare, not scare." We want our students to have a sense of empowerment with safety tools for school, or in any situation. We want to make sure all students understand our standard response protocol language of our drills: "Secure the Perimeter," "Lockdown," "Evacuate," "Shelter," and "Hold," taken from the I Love You Guys Foundation--a national organization endorsed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

In addition to these empowering lessons, students will also learn about Speak Up, Speak Out Wisconsin, the state's confidential e-reporting system that was launched in 2020. Your elementary students will also see a presentation from the Oak Creek Fire Department on fire prevention and a video from the Oak Creek Police Department on the role of police in our community and the uniforms they wear. Our school, law enforcement, and fire teams are committed to serving our community, together. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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Dan Unertl
Superintendent

Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District

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Steven Anderson
Chief of Police

Oak Creek Police Department