

BIG TREE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

National School of Excellence

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JULIA S. BERMINGHAM
Principal

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Dear Parent(s),

At approximately 11:30 a.m. today, an office staff member called a “lockdown” at Big Tree Elementary in response to a child who ran and hid in a bathroom. This should have been called a “hold in place”, however, our building reacted to it as a “lockdown”. As we recognized this should have been a “hold in place”, we immediately began our drill procedures for unlocking classroom doors.

This event was resolved in less than 20 minutes. Officer Horrigan, our SRO, then followed up at our school and met with our CIRT Team Leader to discuss the event and required protocols.

Our children and teachers are trained for these events, as we have drills regularly. We are very proud of the way our students responded. Classrooms followed all of our procedures and remained in place until their doors were opened by our CIRT Team.

Following the incident, our building quickly returned to normal operations. After events like this, we always meet to discuss what went well, and the areas we can improve on as a building. I am extremely pleased at how our students and teachers quickly reacted to minimally impact our students’ day. Our priority is always the safety and well-being of our students and staff members.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Bermingham".

Julia Bermingham
Principal – Big Tree Elementary

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