Saddle Mountain Unified School District
Desert Sunset Elementary School
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"Educating and empowering the whole child for lifelong success."

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Dear Parent or Guardians,

The safety and well being of our students is our top priority at Desert Sunset and conducting periodic lockdown drills is an essential part of our commitment to maintain a secure environment for all. These drills help students, staff, and faculty practice the necessary procedures in the event of an actual emergency situation, such as a threat on campus. We conducted one such drill today.

During the lockdown drill, our students and staff followed the established procedures with a great sense of responsibility and attentiveness. It is reassuring to see how seriously our school community takes these exercises, and we are confident that this preparation contributes to a safer and more secure learning environment.

We understand that these drills can sometimes be unsettling for students and we want to emphasize that our primary goal is to ensure their safety. We make every effort to conduct these drills in a manner that minimizes anxiety while maintaining their effectiveness.

If your child has any concerns or questions related to the lockdown drill from today, please encourage them to discuss it with their teacher or our counselor. Our staff is here to provide the necessary support and guidance to help students process their feelings and understand the importance of these safety measures.

Your understanding and support of our commitment to safety are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your child. We look forward to your continued support in our efforts to maintain a safe and secure learning environment.

Sincerely,

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