

HYANNIS WEST & ECELC'S ALICE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

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WHAT IS ALICE?

Alert

Lockdown

Inform

Counter

Evacuate

ALICE is a training that helps prepare individuals to handle the threat of an active shooter. It also teaches individuals to participate in their own survival, while leading others to safety. These skills sets will empower our school community in making decisions that can assist in lessening a threat or averting disaster. ALICE is considered the new “Standard of Care” and is endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education, FEMA, Homeland Security, and Multiple Law Enforcement Agencies

WHY DO WE USE ALICE?

There is no “one size fits all” response to each disaster. All scenarios are unique and may require different or multiple responses in order to maintain safety. ALICE teaches several options to help prepare students for life inside and outside of the classroom. The ALICE concepts can be generalized across all settings and will be life-long safety skills the students will acquire.

PAST PROTOCOLS

- *Lock doors**
- *Cover hallway windows**
- *Lights out**
- *Hide out of sight**

WHAT THE EVIDENCE TELLS US

- Average Police Response to an event is 5-6 Minutes
- Our staff are the first responders and evidence shows their response will save lives
- Mass shooters are there with one purpose - to cause as many casualties as is possible
- Traditional lockdowns result in more casualties
- Empowering teachers to make the best on the spot decisions saves lives

EMPOWERING STAFF SAVES LIVES

A – Alert

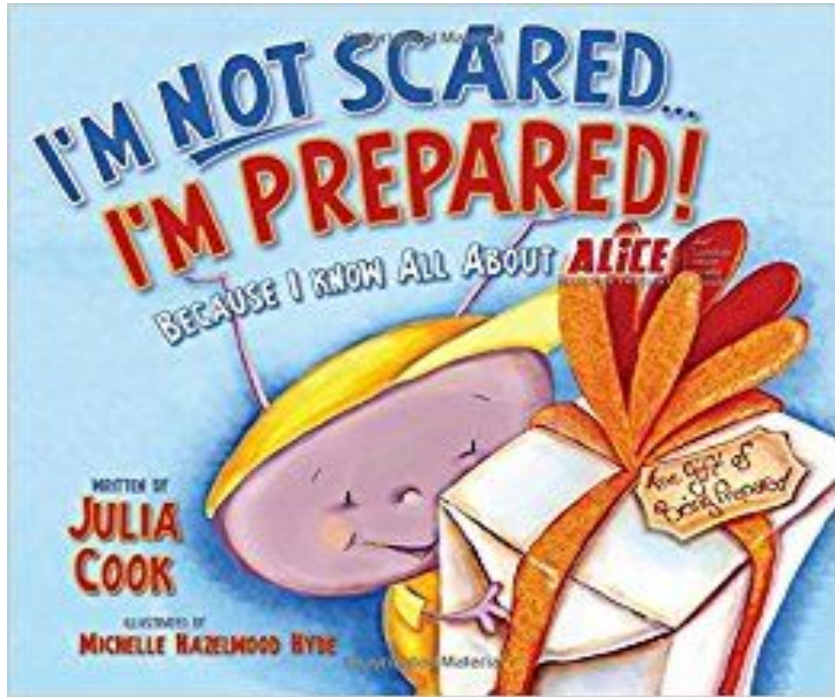
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HOW WILL ALICE BE INTRODUCED TO STUDENTS?



Students will be introduced to the ALICE method using age and developmentally appropriate terms. The school will use the book “I’m Not Scared, I’m Prepared Because I Know All About ALICE” for each classroom teacher. Grade appropriate supplementary activities and resources will also be provided to the teachers.

10 IMPORTANT ALICE CONCEPTS

- ★ Students will be taught to follow directions the first time they are given in an emergency. The goal is to not have students standing around asking “why?” when an evacuation or lockdown is called.
- ★ Students will be trained to Stop, Look, and Listen to announcements at the time they are given. Since the PA system is the main information source within our school, it is important to Stop, Look, and Listen every time it comes on.
- ★ In a lockdown the students will be instructed to be quiet, listen to directions, and stay out of the line of sight from the door. Students and staff need to be ready to move or evacuate if the intruder comes into the room.
- ★ When the secured location has been breached by an intruder and evacuation is not possible, the best line of defense is to counter by having students up and moving in a zig zag, making noise, and gaining distance
- ★ Evacuation is ALWAYS the best defense, if it is safe to do so. The reunification point will be determined as a situation unfolds and this information will be disseminated to parents when deemed appropriate. Please do not go to the school! It’s important to keep the roads open to emergency personnel and first responders.

"I'M NOT SCARED, I'M PREPARED..."

This book is about a teacher at the Ant Hill School who wants to keep her students safe and help them prepare for any danger they may face. She teaches her students what to do if they encounter a "dangerous someone" by introducing them to the "Sheep, Shepherd, Wolf" drill. She explains that her students are the sheep, she is the shepherd, and the wolf is the dangerous someone. When they practice the drill, the students must immediately Stop, Look, and Listen to their teacher for instructions on what to do next.

Class, we need to learn a new drill

The Sheep



The Shepherd

The Wolf



10 IMPORTANT ALICE CONCEPTS

- ★ Upper elementary students have more developed critical thinking and problem solving skill, and should take a much more active role in ALICE than children in the lower elementary grades.
- ★ Students will be taught all aspects of ALICE EXCEPT the “swarm technique” (grabbing onto the appendages of an intruder and using your body weight to immobilize him/her).
- ★ Special needs students are planned for ahead of time, given their individual situations. We can not give a “one size fits all” answer to the situations involving a student with special needs. The staff will plan for situations on an individual basis.
- ★ Education and empowerment are the keys to preparation and relieving fear.
- ★ Students are taught in realistic terms what to do in case of danger. ALICE is similar to a fire drill, in that its purpose is to prepare students for life inside and outside of the classroom. The ALICE concepts are the same across a variety of settings. We are teaching a life-long safety skill.

HOW ARE WE PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE DRILL?

In addition to reading “I’m Not Scared, I’m Prepared” and completing related activities, we will be supported by the Barnstable Police and our Adopt a School Officer Brian Morrison, along with School Support Staff, will visit each classroom to further discuss ALICE and answer any and all questions students may have before the drill. The ALICE Training Institute leaves the implementation at each grade level up to the school district. ALICE drills will be take place in January.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFE!

“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing. The next best thing is the wrong thing. The worst thing you can do is nothing!”

-Theodore Roosevelt