

February 23, 2010

Dear Parents,

Sunday evening, February 21st, we had a person(s) enter our school and break into some classrooms. The locks on the doors of 3 classrooms were broken and the items taken were 2 laptops, 1 camera, and a small amount of change from one of the teacher's desks. We had a large activity taking place in the gym, some outside doors were open and possibly the hallway doors but, all of the classroom doors were locked. We have been very lucky in the past as this is the first event like this that I can remember in 31 years here. Some of it of course is not luck as we have done a fairly good job of securing the building. This incident taught us we can do better. I know it is inconvenient but we do need to lock all our doors especially the hallway one outside the school office. Please do not be offended if you are questioned sometimes in the school hallways as not everyone knows everyone and would you question people who you do not know in the hallways. Again, I say we are lucky that the items taken can be replaced and are not of a huge monetary value. We could have had a great amount of destruction to our property. My view is to use this as a learning tool in that we can do a better job of security and we will do so in the future.

Thanks for all you help in the past and by all of us working together we can hopefully avoid this in the future.

Sincerely,

Thomas Zellmer
Principal
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