

Notice to all LFCS Parents:

December 11, 2008

On Monday, December 8th around 1:30 p.m. an incident occurred at the Junior Academy which required our campus to be put on lock down. The details of this situation have not been completely forthcoming for a variety of reasons. Be assured there has been no attempt to withhold or hide information.

This is the situation as it pertains to you the parent with a student at LFCS: A student reported seeing a man in the bathroom with a gun. Upon the report of this incident, staff at the Junior Academy proceeded exactly as protocol would dictate and called the El Cajon Police Department who in turn contacted the Sheriff's Department. After a thorough search of the property and the neighborhood on foot and air, the conclusion was there was no threat or danger to our students. The student that made the allegation recanted the story. This entire process took less than 45 minutes.

As administration at LFCS it is important to understand that our goal was neither to sensationalize nor withhold information. For that reason this situation was difficult. There were multiple people to consider as information was going out.

For the safety of our students, we practice a variety of precautionary drills, including fire drills, duck and cover, earthquake and being in a lock-down situation. This was not a new experience and as we would have hoped it worked; our students and staff behaved exactly as they should have. For that we are grateful.

As we live and learn, and this being a new experience for us at LFCS (for which we are thankful), we anticipate the following measures to take place differently should this type of situation ever occur again: 1) a phone tree call going out quickly with basic information regarding a "lock down" taking place, 2) A place on our website that would have basic information regarding our "safety" policy and procedures, 3) A specific "incident" report on our website regarding the specifics of any activity that would involve student safety information. All of this information should be available within hours, if not minutes of the "Incident".

Also, note that getting information is just a phone call away. Please contact Mr. Keough or I should you have any questions regarding whatever the situation might be. We realize that you entrust your most precious charges to us and we do not take that responsibility lightly. We are continually working to ensure the safety as well as the success of each of our students.

Serving you,



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