



BELLMAWR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Bellmawr Parents,

As we learn more about the recent events in the Parkland School tragedy, our hearts go out to the victims, parents, and their entire school community. We offer our condolences and prayers as they grieve and heal from this unspeakable act of violence.

We understand that this is an emotional issue, and that you may have concerns about your child's safety in our Bellmawr Schools. We will continue to practice and review our school safety procedures to ensure that every child in each of our buildings is safe.

Children process intense news events in different ways, depending on their age, stage of development and even their personality. It is important for personal and academic success that students feel safe at school, and our curriculum incorporates these concepts year-round. However, when a traumatic news event occurs, our teachers and guidance counselor are sensitive to any concerns and questions students may have, and are ready to provide support if necessary.

We've posted some tips for talking with children about tragedies and grief on our school website that parents may find helpful and they are listed below as well.

http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/talking_to_children_about_the_shooting.pdf

http://www.pbs.org/parents/talkingwithkids/news/agebyage_3.html Ages 6-8)

<http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/mass-shooting.aspx>

https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/collections/teaching-content/resources-responding-violence-and-tragedy/?ET_CID=20180215_SN_Emergency_22150&ET_RID=685589494

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If you have any questions or concerns moving forward, please do not hesitate to call any one of our offices.

Sincerely,

Bellmawr Administrative Team