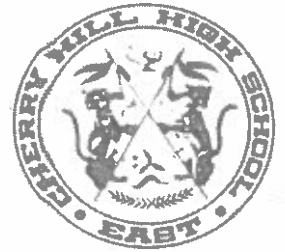


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East Community

Earlier today, East Administration discovered items of a concerning nature in the book bag of an East student. The items, taken separately, have legitimate and non-mischievous uses. However, regardless of the stated intentions for the items, East Administration will always maintain the safety of our students and staff as paramount. As a result, the Cherry Hill Police Department and the Camden County Bomb Squad were notified and arrived at the school. While these safety personnel were on site, we enacted a Shelter in Place, which enabled teaching and learning to continue while the police completed their work. During a Shelter in Place, the following procedures are followed:

1. All outside activities are suspended.
2. Exterior doors remain secured.
3. No one is permitted to exit or enter the building.
4. School staff remain in their classrooms and office areas.
5. Classroom doors and windows are secured and students do not change classes.
6. Teachers continue to provide classroom instructions.
7. Fire alarms are disregarded unless otherwise instructed.
8. School staff are notified when the shelter in place is no longer in effect.

The Shelter in Place lasted thirty-eight minutes beginning at 11:25 am and concluding at 12:03 pm.

The Cherry Hill Police Department and Camden County Bomb Squad concluded that no danger to students or staff existed. As the principal of East, I am thankful for the support that they provided to ensure that everyone was safe. I am also thankful for the cooperation of our students and staff during the time of our Shelter in Place.

Please speak with your children about the items that they may put into their book bags for use afterschool or on weekends. After school activities and weekend camping trips often involve items that are not appropriate for school.

Please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Perry", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis S. Perry, Ed. D.  
Principal