



Cherry Hill Public Schools
Joyce Kilmer Elementary School

"Rooted in Values... Growing in Knowledge"

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September 29, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, Thursday, September 29, 2016, a fire alarm sounded at Kilmer just after 9 am. All staff and students present were immediately evacuated.

This was an accidental alarm, triggered when a student's bag hit the alarm pull station's plastic cover as the student walked by. The loosening of the plastic cover set off a local alarm in the affected wing of the building only. Because I did not see this accident take place, I was concerned the alarm was malfunctioning, as it was sounding only in that specific wing. I activated the alarm from the main panel to evacuate the building.

The fire department arrived around 9:15am and inspected the building. They found the loosened plastic cover and, after speaking with me and other staff members, determined what had triggered the initial alarm. They deemed the building safe.

All students and staff re-entered the building around 9:20am, and our normal school day resumed.

Our Director of Security, Tony Saporito, will advise other administrators about the alarm system alert that occurs when a pull station's plastic cover is displaced.

I would like to thank the Cherry Hill Fire Department and the Cherry Hill Police Department for their quick response to this situation. I would also like to thank our teachers, staff and students for their quick and calm response during the incident.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Tiernan

Mrs. Rebecca J. Tiernan
Principal, Joyce Kilmer Elementary School

Mission Statement

The Staff of Joyce Kilmer Elementary School will promote academic excellence through high expectations and academic rigor while encouraging a love of learning through the use of a differentiated instructional approach that recognizes the uniqueness of each student.