



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hold and Secure November 27, 2019

Today, November 27, 2019, as an overabundance of caution, the RCMP placed our school into a Hold and Secure due to an incident in the neighbourhood east of the school. Given that the Hold and Secure was called right at dismissal time, we needed to adjust our regular dismissal procedures. We had all parents/guardians who were standing outside come inside the school and we kept the students in the classrooms. The RCMP School Response Officers were at the school within minutes. There was no risk to students, parents or staff during this time.

At approximately 3:00 the Hold and Secure was lifted and we were able to dismiss the students using a staggered dismissal. We appreciate the patience and amenable response of parents and students during this time. Thank you for your continued support as we work in conjunction with the RCMP during these events to ensure everyone in our community is safe.

We will continue to talk with students and practice emergency procedures frequently. This practice helps students and staff remain calm during unexpected situations and today was an example of this.

Thank you,
Amber Flanagan
Principal
Coast Meridian Elementary