

We would like to advise all parents that we will be practicing a “lockdown” exercise at École Van Belleghem on the morning of February 6.

Our staff will take the time to speak to all of the students before the “lockdown” exercise. Teachers will explain the procedures to emphasize the importance of such a drill. It is our hope that we will never have to use these procedures, however it is important to be prepared and to have a plan.

The instructions that teachers will share with students are outlined below:

- Stay calm, don't panic and listen to the teacher
Clear the hallways and go to the nearest classroom.
- Once all students are in the classrooms,
we will close and lock all doors, turn off lights.
- All students and staff will remain in classrooms,
sit quietly away from doors and windows and
remain calm. This will last for only one minute.
- A signal will be given over the intercom system
to advise staff and students that the “lockdown” is over.