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## Let's Read a Story!

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This year Mrs. Richardson's drama class has been hard at work developing and perfecting their speaking skills, and the most recent challenge has come in the form of something that appears not so challenging: a children's book. Each student has to choose a children's book and memorize the entire story. They then have to perfect their hand gestures and body movement to successfully tell the story in full dramatic effect. On October 5, 2018, the students will bring their story time activity to our elementary, performing each tale in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I asked Payton Hill how she thinks the younger students will react, and she replied, "I think they'll really like it, and maybe once they see how much fun we're having, they'll be excited about speech classes in the future." The following is a list of Mrs. Richardson's drama students and their chosen stories:

- Payton Hill - *The Tale of the Three Brothers* by JK Rowling
- Haley Grant - *Meow Said the Cow* by Emma Dodd
- Tori Hill - *The Little Dinosaur* by Wendy Kanno
- Kelly Rangel - *The Funny Farm House* by Wendy Kanno
- Evelyn Walker - *Oh No! Or how my Science Project Destroyed the World* by Mac Barnett
- Lexi McCalip - *Waldo Duck* by Wendy Kanno
- Abby Johnson - *Old McDonald had a Farm* by Pam Adams

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## Drill Shocks Students

By: Cara Grant

There is no question that the world we live in is a dangerous one, and unfortunately that danger can make even school a fearful place to be. Because of the rise in school shootings in recent years, drills are important now more than ever. It is important that we execute them well and take them seriously. After our recent experience with a drug dog and the soft lockdown, our students have begun to get a taste of what a real-life emergency would feel like. On September 26, 2018, Mr. Reed made an announcement that shook our students and teachers into action.

During third hour Mr. Reed announced that an intruder was in the elementary end, and that consequently the elementary would go into a hard lockdown. He also announced that the high school would evacuate to the school buses parked on the south side of the multi. Soon after the students had evacuated and were loaded on the buses, several sheriffs arrived and went through the procedures of making sure things were clear before leading the elementary students and teachers out of the school one classroom at a time.

I spoke with the freshman about the drill, and Tori Hill said, "The drill scared me when the cops showed up, because then I thought it was real." The freshman girls also informed me that their fellow classmate Danny Farrell was so caught up in the realistic nature of the drill that he shouted for all of his classmates to get out of the building and found himself tumbling down the stairs from Ms. Richardson's outside door. When I asked him about it, he informed with a laugh, "It hurt really bad, and I almost took Tori down with me."

We are very glad that the students took the drill seriously, and we hope the experience is something that sticks in their minds in future emergencies. As stated in previous articles, the faculty and staff will continue to handle these drills in a serious manner. We ask that students do so as well.