

Hello MC Family,

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide you more details regarding yesterday's event at Monroe Central Jr.-Sr. High School. At 8:28 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021, School Resource Officer Knuckles received a call from local PD informing us that a student had reported seeing another student on the bus with a magazine containing live rounds of ammunition. We were also informed that local law enforcement was on their way to assist at the school. The suspect was questioned by school officials, a locker search was conducted, parents were notified, and the school was put under a preventative lockdown to keep students from moving while the investigation was being conducted. School security cameras were also used to trace the suspect's movement from bus to school and throughout the building. When law enforcement (local, county, and state police officers) arrived, the investigation was turned over to the authorities. While investigating, it was determined that the magazine had been passed on to another student and was eventually discovered. Once the situation was deemed to be safe by all authorities, the preventative lockdown was lifted and school resumed as normal. Students were in lockdown for approximately 90 minutes. Due to the nature of the incident, severe school consequences are in the works. At no time was there any evidence that the students were plotting a school shooting incident or had any weapon available to carry out such an act. This incident is believed to be nothing more than two students who made poor choices that will have severe consequences. We hope that this helps dispel any rumors or misinformation that could be circulating.

While this event is certainly very unfortunate, there are several positive takeaways from this. First off, a student saw something and reported something. That is a critical step in preventing school violence of any type. I encourage you all to talk to your children about always being proactive about reporting anything suspicious. It absolutely worked on this day. The incident also put into practice our lockdown procedures, and we couldn't be any prouder of the way our teachers, students, and community responded. Finally, we witnessed an extremely quick response from our first responders who worked efficiently in a coordinated effort with school officials. So, while again the incident is unfortunate, this provided us with a real scenario to test our school safety plan. Our team will continue to debrief and evaluate our plan moving forward to hopefully prevent situations like this from occurring again so that we can keep everyone safe. Please feel free to contact us at 765-468-7545 if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks,  
MC Administration