

News from BBMS

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Dear BBMS Families,

I want to share some important information with you. Today, a number of students held a walkout to protest gun violence in schools. There were several staff with me who observed and watched over the students during the walkout. Following a short introduction, several students spoke about violence in schools and ways to make their voices heard with community, state and national level elected officials; and then everyone was silent for 13 minutes to commemorate the victims of the Columbine High School shooting. Students returned to class immediately after. In total, the gathering lasted for about 25 minutes.

While this activity was not organized or led by the school, I do hope that we foster a desire among students to engage with the complicated world we live in, care about discussions that are happening at a national and global level, and strive to make positive change in the world. Our contact with student leaders has been to help minimize disruptions to classes and maintain their safety, which is always our top priority.

Overall, this student-organized walkout was a peaceful event with minimal disruptions to the school day.

Please let me know if you have any questions about today's activities.

Have a great weekend BBMS - don't forget to look for report cards to come home on Monday!

Go Sharks!

Drew Cockley

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