

## ÉCOLE PUBLIQUE DERRYDOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL 120 Derrydown Road, Toronto, ON, M3J 1R7 TEL: (416) 395-2310 FAX: (416) 395-2313

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Today at approximately 12:25 p.m., staff implemented a "hold and secure" at our school as a precaution when we learned that the Toronto Police Service were conducting an investigation in our area. There was a report of gunshots being heard in the nearby park. However, police found fireworks and attribute the noises to be caused by them. At 1:40 p.m., we lifted the hold and secure because police advised us that it was safe to do so.

The well-being of our students and staff is always a top priority. We have a number of programs, practices, and policies that contribute to a caring and safe school. These include school-based safety monitors, security cameras, and a number of community partnerships. Our staff also speaks to students about wellness, how to stay safe, and how to resolve conflict. Please know that we will always take every precaution to ensure the safety of students and staff.

I would like to thank our office staff, teachers and caretakers who worked together to ensure the safety of all our students. As well, thank you to our students for their cooperation in following procedures that help ensure a caring and safe school for all.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school at 416-395-2310.

Regards,

Sherron Grant

Principal