

October 25, 2012

Dear Parents:

On Thursday, November 1, 2012, the New Paltz Central School District will be participating in a county-wide Early Evacuation Drill. Under State Education Department regulations, every school district must hold this drill once a year.

The four school buildings in New Paltz will be evacuating students 15 minutes before their normal dismissal time. This means that on Thursday, November 1, 2012 the following times for dismissal will be:

High School	2:05 p.m.	Middle School	2:20 p.m.
Lenape	3:10 p.m.	Duzine	3:15 p.m.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE

In order to best simulate an actual evacuation, we ask that you **NOT** pick up your child on this day. Emergent situations are dangerous to all and by going to your child's building it impedes our ability to evaluate our emergency plans.

All students must leave school grounds. The YMCA "School's Out" Program will be cancelled. No outside facility use will take place until 5:00 p.m.

We hope that these changes do not inconvenience you. They are being implemented to provide for the safety of our students within the guidelines set forth by the State.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to your child's participation, please contact his/her building principal as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Maria C. Rice
Superintendent

NOTE: Students will take their regularly scheduled buses home and arrive 15 minutes earlier than normal.