

RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Red Lion Area Senior High School

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Real Learning for Real Life

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Good Morning Red Lion Area Senior High School families,

Two weeks ago I met with student leaders to discuss how we could constructively approach the National Student Walkout Day planned for Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM to honor the victims in Parkland, Florida and to bring national attention to school safety. I am very proud of our student leaders who worked with the Administration and truly want to take this opportunity to focus on the positive themes of safety and unity. Announcements will be made on Monday and Tuesday by the president of Student Council outlining the structure of the event. I have included an excerpt from the announcement for your information:

"Now is our time as students and as a school community to stand up and become the advocates for an increased awareness for safety on a national level and to build a sense of a unified school community in our own local school environment. Regardless of one's political affiliation, the High School Student Council would like to provide all students, teachers, and staff members with the opportunity to join us in the Fitzkee Center on March 14th at 10 AM for 17 minutes as a memorial to the 17 fallen students of Stoneman Douglas High School and to show our solidarity for the safety and unity that we wish to see in our school and community. We ask that upon entering the Gym everyone remain silent to show respect for the 17 students. If you have any suggestions to make Red Lion Area Senior High School a safer and more unified High School there will be tables set up in the Fitzkee for you to share your thoughts. Please understand that if you do not want to participate you do not have to. Feel free to report to Academic Prep and use those 17 minutes for self-reflection. Thank you and enjoy the remainder of your day."

Please understand that not all students will want to participate in the walk-out and provisions are in place for them to report to their normally scheduled Academic Prep period. We understand that families may have differing opinions about students participating in this activity and encourage you to have conversations about this at home. Additionally, we respect the rights of all students to express different viewpoints on these important issues. For safety and security reasons, students will not be permitted to leave the High School and Horn Field will be closed.

Feel free to contact the High School Office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Shue', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark E. Shue
Principal