

Crisis Reality Training for South Kitsap

South Kitsap School District administrators have contracted with crisis training expert, Jesus Villahermosa, to conduct Crisis Reality Training for students, staff, and families. District officials heard loud and clear from participants in a recent Thought Exchange survey that training was needed for staff and students. Recent events, both locally and at the national level, have school safety and security as a top priority for the entire community.



Mr. Villahermosa will be the featured speaker at a meeting for South Kitsap High School parents on October 15. He will also host assemblies for students in grades 9-12 at South Kitsap High School during the day on October 15 prior to the parent presentation that evening. Middle School presentations will be scheduled this coming spring.

During the past several months, Villahermosa led Crisis Reality Training seminars for about 5,700 middle and high school students in the district. The retired Pierce

KEEPING SCHOOLS SAFE

CRISIS REALITY TRAINING

South Kitsap High School EVENTS

- ▶ Parent Presentation **October 15**
- ▶ Student Training Assemblies **October 15**
- ▶ Staff Training **Completed in August**

County Sheriff's SWAT member teaches the latest strategies to use if an active shooter were to come to a school, such as running, barricading doors, and fighting back.

South Kitsap Superintendent Karst Brandsma said safety is a top priority for the district, and Villahermosa's presentations are part of a series of district-wide improvements and response to a Safety Evaluation by Safe Havens International. That work includes additional staffing to support safety and security, installation of security cameras, automatic door locks, and other measures.



Security is Job #1

The District Safety and Security Team has grown to thirteen staff and includes support at South Kitsap High School along with the Middle and Elementary level.

If you see something,
say something!

TIP LINE

www.skschools.org/district/tip_line

TIP LINE	
School Name <input type="text"/>	
Message <input type="text"/>	
Category Active Threat Bullying Drugs/Alcohol Fighting	
All personal information is optional and confidential.	
Full Name <input type="text"/>	
Email Address <input type="text"/>	
Phone Number <input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>	

Your Tax Dollars at Work



► Secure access door locks added to South Kitsap High School

South Kitsap High School now has secure access door locks. School doors are locked throughout the day and visitors now need to use a call system to request entrance to the school. A similar system is in place in our elementary schools. Implementation at the middle schools is part of the proposed Capital Levy on the November ballot.



► Fire alarm replacement

The outdated fire alarm system at South Kitsap High School has been replaced with a new system. Fire drills and evacuations are a routine part of our school emergency preparedness procedures.

Pedestrian Safety

- Teenagers are now at the greatest risk of unintentional pedestrian injuries due to the distraction of cell phones, headphones, and other electronic devices.
- Teach kids to look left, right and left again before crossing the street. Remind them to continue looking until safely across.
- Teach kids to put headphones, phones and devices down when crossing the street. It is important to reinforce this message with teenagers.
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
- Be a good role model. Set a good example by following the same rules you teach your kids.
- Wear lightly colored or reflective clothing at night and brightly colored clothing during the day.
- Walk in well-lit areas, especially when crossing the street.



SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL OCTOBER 18, 2018



All South Kitsap schools will participate in the Great Washington ShakeOut Earthquake drill, which will be held on **October 18 at 10:18 am**. While each school practices routine safety drills throughout each school year, the Great Washington ShakeOut is an opportunity for the entire district to practice our emergency preparedness procedures.

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