

August 21, 2015

Dear Thornton High School community:

In our ongoing effort to keep you informed of important matters at Thornton High School, I wanted to let you know of a situation that happened this morning.

At 8:55 a.m. our office received a call indicating a student had a gun on campus. Our school resource officer and school administration immediately went to the classroom in question and peacefully escorted the student to the office. Our investigation found that there was a gun in the student's backpack. The student has been arrested. At this time, there is no indication the student intended to use the weapon to harm anyone.

The Thornton Police Department has been involved with this situation from the beginning and continues its investigation.

The situation was resolved quickly and without incident. This is a good reminder for parents to talk with their child about the school and district's strict rules about not bringing any weapons or anything that could be considered a weapon to school. It's also an opportunity to reinforce with your student to report any safety concern they have to a trusted adult. Additionally, they can report a safety concern anonymously to Safe2Tell at www.safe2tell.org or 1-877-542-SAFE.

I'm proud of how our staff and students handled this situation with minimal disruption to the class or school day. We regularly train using our school safety plan with our safety staff, teachers and our school resource officer. We recognize that training pays off in handling situations like this quickly and effectively.

I will continue to keep you informed of important issues at our school. I appreciate the support you've shown for our school and value the partnership we have with our parents and community to keep our schools safe and to continue improving academic achievement.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Skrobela
Principal
Thornton High School