



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

❖ *Pride In Performance* ❖

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Dear Bowie High School Community,

This morning we received a report that an approximately 14 inch rattlesnake was seen last evening, October 30, 2018, on the north part of track. Immediately all staff were notified, as well as all coaches and physical education teachers notified to be on alert, and notify their students in the event that they use the track or field.

This afternoon a teacher reported a 12 inch rattlesnake in a classroom. The campus SRO and a representative of the administration cleared all students from the classroom until the snake could be contained by Austin ISD Integrated Pest Management (IPM.) All staff were notified if a snake is observed to immediately clear the classroom and notify administration. Teachers were also instructed to keep all doors and windows closed at all times. An announcement was made at the end of the school day to students notifying them of the snake on campus and asking them to not only notify a staff member, but also avoid the animal, and reminding students to help us by keeping exterior doors closed.

Each time a report is made, IPM is contacted. If the snake can be located, it is removed by Pest Management. IPM has also made sweeps of the area looking for nests so that those may be contained. All staff are notified of reports so that students can be informed and classes monitored.

Your child's safety is very important to us. Please know that at no time have students or staff come into physical contact with any snakes. Families are encouraged to remind students not to touch snakes or wild animals in the school setting, and to immediately notify a trusted adult if they find anything unfamiliar on school grounds.

Please do not hesitate to contact Management Assistant to the Principal, Debby Theis, at 512-414-2200 if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your support as we work together to ensure each child's safety and security at JBHS.

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson

Principal James Bowie High School

A Recognized School of Excellence