

**Fernwood Avenue Middle School**  
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The tragedy on February 14, 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL has raised national and local awareness on the importance of student safety in our nation's schools. To honor the victims of that horrible day and to support the students, staff and administration of Fernwood Avenue Middle School, we will be hosting a school wide assembly on March 14, 2018. This is a school sponsored assembly and not a walkout or protest.

The school wide assembly will take place on the field directly behind Fernwood Avenue Middle School at 10:00 AM and last for approximately seventeen minutes. During the assembly Fernwood Avenue Middle School Student Council Officers will read the names of each victim from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School followed with a moment of silence between each name read. The Student Council Officers are asking their peers to wear maroon and silver, the colors of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, home of the Eagles.

The plan has been approved by EHT District Administration, Fernwood Avenue Middle School Administration, EHT School District Security, as well as the EHT Police Department who will be stationed on campus. We look forward to a meaningful and safe event for the entire student body as we show support for Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and remembering the victims.

Sincerely,



Jim Battersby, Principal