

## Herd of horses forces lockdown of Spanish Lake elementary school



Students and staff spotted six or seven horses wandering near the campus at 1025 Trampe Avenue at about 1 p.m. The school then kept children inside as a precaution and no one was hurt, said Karen Miller, digital communications specialist. School officials believe their enclosure was not closed, and that's how the horses escaped, Miller said.

Their owner, Terry Crowder, 70, arrived around 2 p.m.

He said he got a call from St. Louis County police that his horses were at the school, which is about 300 yards away from his property. By the time arrived, he said the police had hollered at the horses and they ran back home.

"They still look like they know they did something wrong," he said as a few of the horses filed past him near a gate to one of their pastures Tuesday afternoon.

The leader of Tuesday's pack was Buddy, who is 29 years old, Crowder said. Crowder said actor Mel Gibson rode him for one scene in the movie *The Patriot*.

Crowder believes someone accidentally left the gate to one of their pastures open allowing the horses to escape. The horses, who perform in Civil War reenactments, have visited the school and know there is fresh green grass near the playground, Crowder said.

The horses also participate in programs for special needs children and veterans, he said. They belong to the nonprofit Division Calvary Brigade Barn.

He said there are about 14 horses on his property.

[https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/herd-of-horses-forces-lockdown-of-spanish-lake-elementary-school/article\\_966ba975-671d-536a-99bd-579eb780ed4e.html](https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/herd-of-horses-forces-lockdown-of-spanish-lake-elementary-school/article_966ba975-671d-536a-99bd-579eb780ed4e.html)

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## Horses forced a school in north county to go on lockdown for an hour Tuesday afternoon

A spokesperson with the school district said the school day continued as usual after the incident.



SPANISH LAKE, Mo. – Horses forced an elementary school in north St. Louis County into a soft lockdown for an hour Tuesday afternoon.

Larimore Elementary School was placed on a soft lockdown around 1:15 p.m., according to a Hazelwood School District spokesperson. Several horses ran loose onto the grounds at Larimore Elementary School. Staff and students were kept indoors as a precaution.

It's unclear where the horses escaped from or how many escaped. The elementary school is in the 1000 block of Trampe Avenue.

The owner arrived and rounded up the horses around 2 p.m.

A spokesperson with the school district said the school day continued as usual after the incident.



## Wild horses force Missouri elementary school to go on lockdown

ST. LOUIS — Wild horses placed a suburban St. Louis elementary school on lockdown Tuesday. The Hazelwood School District put Larimore Elementary on lockdown after between seven and 15 wild horses made their way onto the school grounds and began running around on the campus, according to [KMOV-TV](#).

No injuries were reported and the lockdown was lifted before 2 p.m. when the horses were eventually corralled.



## Runaway horses cause elementary school lockdown

ST. LOUIS COUNTY (KMOV.com) -- An elementary school in the Hazelwood School District was placed on lockdown Tuesday after horses made their way onto the grounds.

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According to officials, Larimore Elementary, located in the 1000 block of Trampe Avenue, was locked down after between seven and 15 horses began running around on the school campus. The lockdown was lifted before 2:00 p.m. and the horses were eventually corralled. The Hazelwood School District sent out a release Tuesday afternoon saying the lockdown was a precaution and no students or staff were in danger at any point.

The full Hazelwood School District release can be read here:

Just before 1:00 p.m., unattended horses were near Larimore Elementary School. As a precaution, the building principal placed the school on a soft lockdown, students and staff were asked to return to the building. Local authorities came out and assisted in herding the horses back to their farm. At no point were students and staff in danger.

[https://www.kmov.com/news/hazelwood-elementary-school-on-lockdown-due-to-wild-horses-running/article\\_8972bdb2-d6f0-11e8-ad34-974db8d51e1e.html](https://www.kmov.com/news/hazelwood-elementary-school-on-lockdown-due-to-wild-horses-running/article_8972bdb2-d6f0-11e8-ad34-974db8d51e1e.html)

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## Runaway horses briefly place North County school on lockdown



SPANISH LAKE, MO – [Larimore Elementary](#) on Trampe Avenue in north St. Louis County was briefly placed on a soft lockdown Tuesday afternoon after seven horses escaped their enclosure and were wandering near campus. The Hazelwood School District says a back gate at a nearby property was left open, allowing the horses their brief freedom around 1:00pm. Students and staff were kept indoors during the incident as a precaution.

The horses were rounded up and corralled by 2:00pm.