



River Valley Elementary
and
Early Learning Center



On May 11, 2023, River Valley Elementary conducted a lockdown safety drill. Teachers and students were notified in advance, with extra consideration for students that may have some anxieties about this kind of drill. The drill was initiated at 9:50 am with the following announcement "Your attention please. This is a drill. We are in lockdown. Teachers, lock your doors and keep students in your room until further notice. Students or staff should go into the nearest classroom or office. Ignore all alarms and bells unless advised otherwise." The drill was concluded 3 minutes 2 seconds later at 9:53 am with an "All clear" announcement.

Students are trained to follow the teacher's directions. They moved to the safe area in the classroom. Teachers locked doors, covered inside windows, took attendance, and spoke quietly with their students in order to help the children remain calm. During the drill, all doors were checked. All but one classroom door was found to be secured by lock and pin, and that one was secured by pin.

There were 270 students and 42 adults present for this drill including Officer Andy Kurek from the Spring Green Police Department.

Successful highlights:

Staff and students responded well. Multiple substitutes were in the building and they received instructions ahead of time. During the last drill we struggled to secure the inner area of the building. It was completed much more quickly this time. Classrooms were quiet and the drill went quickly.

Focus areas for the next drill:

We will continue to work on ways to keep the doors locked, but not latched so in an emergency teachers do not need to step into the hallway to key their door locked.

Certifications

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on June 8, 2023 during our regular meeting. Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on May 11, 2023 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on June 8, 2023.

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