



River Valley Elementary
and
Early Learning Center



On November 6, 2020 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 10:35 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 4 minutes later at 10:39 with an "All clear" announcement.

Students are trained to follow the teacher's directions, moving to the safe area in the classroom, but we did not do this in order to keep students socially distanced during the drill. 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. One classroom door was also found to be unlocked and not secured with a pin, as a teacher was holding a virtual meeting. We also discovered that the announcement was not heard in this inner room. Corrective measures have been taken to address these issues.

There were 176 students and 35 adults present for this drill including Officer Andy Kurek from the Spring Green Police Department.

Successful highlights:

Staff and students responded well. Students were very quiet in their classrooms. It was a good learning experience.

Focus areas for the next drill:

We will check into the PA system and how we can make sure it is heard in every room.

Certifications

Our School Board will meet to discuss this drill on December 10, 2020 during our regular meeting. Our school certifies that this drill was conducted on November 6, 2020 and this written evaluation was sent to and reviewed by the school board on December 10, 2020.

Principal Signature: _____

Superintendent Signature: _____

School Board President Signature: _____

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