

## **From the Principal**

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### **Staff Emergency Training**

When the opportunity for emergency response training was presented to the Springer Staff, they responded with enthusiasm. In fact, the staff decided to spend quality time on training. Since we had only one day set aside for training in the middle of the school year, they chose to spend the entire day participating in the latest techniques to effectively respond to create an environment to keep our children safe and secure.

We were not disappointed. On Tuesday, January 22, we were trained on Code RED, RPM, and Search and Rescue. The Code RED training offers clear direction to lock down our school in the event an intruder enters our campus. Each teacher learned how to use the safety features of our new campus including block out shades, telephone communication, and inside door locks. The staff learned coordinated activities to assist with off campus support.

Later in the morning, the staff learned, then practiced the latest emergency techniques to deal with a physical / medical emergency. RPM is a technique to quickly triage a situation and treat as many children as possible within the shortest amount of time.

In the afternoon, Pat Jocius, School Emergency Specialist, trained the entire staff on search and rescue as well as first aide technique. The entire staff again participated in simulations in order to put the training to practical use.

I believe the Springer Staff feels well equipped and coordinated to effectively serve our children in the event of an emergency. Having this time to actually simulate the emergency practices built our overall confidence to respond to an emergency on the Springer campus.