## **Lincoln Elementary Safety Drills**

Students and staff at all Cedar Falls schools participate in drills to continually improve our Safe School Plan. These drills, or immediate response actions, help make sure everyone understands what to do in a crisis situation. Drills are practiced for fire, tornado, dangerous intruder, and off-site evacuation situations. Classroom teachers explain the purpose of the drill in age-appropriate discussions with students and drills are clearly identified as "only a drill".

We will practice our Dangerous Intruder drill on Friday, October 24th. To help the students prepare, we will deliver three lessons to all students between October 13th and 17th. In addition, we will practice this drill again in spring. The date will be communicated to families. Each class will practice our evacuation route to one of our off site shelters, First United Methodist Church, during the week of November 10th. If you wish to opt your child out of participating in these lessons, drills, or would like to see the curriculum, please contact Mr. Bryant by calling Lincoln (319.553.2950) or emailing (ralph.bryant@cfschools.org).

Last, our staff also practices for an event where students and parents need to be reunified outside of normal dismissal procedures. You can help us be ready to implement this parent reunification plan by keeping your phone numbers, email addresses, and emergency contact information updated at all times. It's important for you to know that because student safety is our highest concern, students will only be released to parents and pre-identified emergency contacts. Photo identification will also be required.

Please visit our website (<u>see this link</u>) for additional information about the district's Safe School Plan. As always, we are available to answer questions and partner with you as we wish to provide a safe learning environment for our students and families.

Respectfully,		
Ralph Bryant		
Lincoln Principal		