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Dear Brookside families,

The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priority.

To provide our school an opportunity to practice emergency response procedures, our students and staff participated in a school-wide emergency preparedness drill this morning. This drill is called the *ALiCE Enhanced Lockdown Procedure*. Members of the Dracut Police Department were present to assist us in this practice drill.

It is important to note that there was NO real threat or emergency at Brookside Elementary School today. These are only drills intended to improve our ability to protect students and staff. Drills allow us to evaluate our emergency operations plan and improve our response skills. Since these drills will continue each year, we will use what we learned from today's drill to further our ability to keep our school community safe.

As they do with fire drills, classroom teachers and support staff work with students to help them understand and know what to do if they are presented with the need to evacuate and/or secure the classroom.

The procedures are designed for your child's protection and for your peace of mind. You are encouraged to discuss all emergency drills with your children if you feel it is appropriate.

Please feel free to call the school or email us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Monica Poitras



Brookside is a Community of Caring and a member of the RULER social and emotional learning community.