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Dear Families,

We're writing to let you know about our upcoming lockdown drill.

We will have a "lockdown" drill on **Tuesday, June 13th at 10:20 a.m.** to simulate effective responses to potential safety threats. All staff members have discussed the steps involved in a school lockdown.

Like other safety procedures such as earthquake, evacuation, or fire drills, we will continue to prepare for other situations that might happen in our neighbourhood or school. We practiced a "Hold & Secure" drill earlier in the year. This time we will practice a full lockdown which would lead us to "lockdown" the entire school. For a danger inside our school, we would follow lockdown procedures. These procedures have been developed with the support of law enforcement agencies and are consistent through all Metro Vancouver school districts. You know your child best and if you feel your child would benefit from some reassurance, please have a brief conversation with him or her before the drill.

Whiteside Elementary, along with the rest of the Richmond School District, continues to be committed to promoting safe schools for all students and staff. Part of that commitment is ensuring staff and students are trained and prepared to respond to any threat, minor or serious, to our school population.

If you have any questions about the lockdown drill, please contact Mr. Cameron.

Sincerely,

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