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Dear Parents,

The safety of your child and all children in our school, as well as the safety of the staff, is our highest priority. In order to maintain a safe environment for our children, it is necessary that we practice our emergency and crisis response plans by having drills designed to rehearse our procedures. Today we practiced a Lockdown Drill, in which the building and all classrooms were locked, restricting all movement in and out of the building. Throughout the school year we will be conducting a variety of drills to help ensure the safety of all students and staff.

During an incident which requires a lockdown, the first priority must be the safety of all persons on campus. Our protocol is to ensure the students' safety first, staff safety second, and communication is third.

As an educational institution, we learn from all situations that arise at our school. We review and adjust our procedures and adjust our plan as needed.

I would like to thank the staff of Pine Strawberry School for their quick response and thoroughness in implementing lockdown drills/procedures. I would also like to thank the Gila County Sheriff's Office for participating in today's drill.

Sincerely,

Katie Ast

Principal/Superintendent

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