



The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut Spotlight: *Pulaski County, Kentucky Public School District*

As the central United States is earthquake country, it is important for students, faculty, and staff in K-12 schools to know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. This is true for childcare centers, classrooms, schools and districts. The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut provides an opportunity for schools to practice these important steps. By practicing now, classrooms and schools can learn how to better prepare themselves for earthquakes and other disasters, reducing the potential risk of injuries and damages to students and staff.

Below is a ShakeOut Spotlight on Pulaski County Public Schools. The entire district participated in the ShakeOut on March 31st, 2011. PCPS has almost 8000 students in 8 elementary, 2 middle, 2 high schools, and 1 technology center. The Commonwealth Journal in Somerset, KY featured an article on the drill Sunday, April 10th. Also, photos featuring students participating in the Great ShakeOut were used in the April issue of PCPS's District Weekly "Central Focus". From the Commonwealth Journal:



The Pulaski County School System and Science Hill Independent School held an earthquake drill on March 31st at 10:15 as part of the Great Central U.S. Shake Out. Students and staff district wide practiced the Drop, Cover, Hold On approach as recommended by the Kentucky Emergency Management Earthquake Program (KYEM).

County Judge Executive Barty Bullock signed a Proclamation recognizing the importance of preparing our community, reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today.

Pictured are (front to back, L to R): Rita Presley (Science Hill Principal), Barty Bullock (County Judge Executive), Steve Butcher (Superintendent Pulaski County Schools), (back) Chandler Woods (Southern Middle School student), Eli Parker (Science Hill student), Raegan Ruby (Pulaski County High School student), Lauren Worley (Pulaski Elementary student and Wanda Johnson (Safe Schools Coordinator, Pulaski County Schools)

We would like to thank the Pulaski County Public Schools for their participation in the ShakeOut and commitment to preparing their community for disasters. For more information about the district, visit <http://pulaski.schoolfusion.us/>.

If you would like to be featured in a ShakeOut Spotlight, email shakeout@cusec.org.

The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut is a multi-state partnership to increase earthquake awareness and preparedness at all levels in the central U.S. For more information, please visit www.shakeout.org/centralus