

Louisa County Virginia Takes Earthquake Action

Louisa County (VA) Public Schools called on six local schools to take action on National PrepareAthon! Day to prepare for earthquakes. Nearly 6,000 students and staff participated! In addition, over 2,000 elementary students received a disaster supply kit list to take home with them, to help spark a conversation with their families about preparedness, and to encourage students and their families to work together to build a home [disaster supply kit](#). The main event took place at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School with a school-wide earthquake drill on September 30. The school recently re-opened after being damaged in the 2011 earthquake in Mineral, VA.

The entire school day at Thomas Jefferson Elementary was devoted to disaster preparedness, beginning with 30-minute assemblies for all students. Students learned how to build supply kits, make a plan, and take the appropriate protective actions during earthquakes with the help of FEMA's animated video "When the Earth Shakes." Following the assemblies, students practiced how to [Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#) as part of the earthquake drill. Activities in each of the science and English classes throughout the day also focused on preparedness and being ready for emergencies!

To learn more about Louisa County's PrepareAthon!, please check out this story featured on [Newsplex.com](#).