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STEP Returns to Wisconsin Schools

Program teaches 5th graders how to get ready for emergencies

(MADISON) – More than 5500 students in 250 classrooms around Wisconsin are learning how to prepare for disasters and react to emergencies thanks to a special program called STEP (Student Tools for Emergency Planning).

“The students involved in the STEP program will gain very important and potentially life saving knowledge,” said Tod Pritchard, Wisconsin Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. “Students then take that knowledge home and share it with family and friends making their communities better prepared for an emergency.”

STEP is a turn-key classroom curriculum for teachers to prepare 5th grade students for various emergencies including tornadoes, flooding and storms. It also shows students how to put together an emergency kit and develop an emergency plan with their families. Teachers signed up for the program this past fall and are required to teach the STEP curriculum before the end of the 2011-12 school year.

The STEP program provides teachers with materials at no cost to the schools. This includes instructor guides, copies of student handouts and starter emergency kits students can take home. The basic lesson is only one hour of instruction but teachers can expand the lessons to cover eight hours of materials.

Last year, Wisconsin became the first state in the Midwest to teach the STEP program. Nearly 2400 students from Wisconsin schools participated in the emergency preparedness program.

STEP is sponsored by Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Office of Justice Assistance, Center for School, Youth, and Citizen Preparedness, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The ReadyWisconsin website also has a video of STEP being taught at two different Wisconsin schools (<http://readywisconsin.wi.gov/STEP/default.asp>). A list of 2011-2012 participating schools is below. For more information, contact Tod Pritchard at tod.pritchard@wisconsin.gov or 608-242-3324

Abbotsford Elementary	Abbotsford
Alma Elementary	Alma
Amery Intermediate	Amery
Jefferson Elementary	Appleton
Argyle Elementary	Argyle
Auburndale Elementary	Auburndale
Viking Middle	Baldwin-Woodville
Benton Elementary	Benton
Blair-Taylor Elementary	Blair-Taylor
Bowler Elementary	Bowler
Dr Edward G Dyer School	Burlington
Cadott Elementary	Cadott
Arkansaw Elementary	Durand
Edgar Elementary	Edgar
Elcho Elementary	Elcho
Ellsworth Middle	Ellsworth
T Robinson Intermediate Sch	Evansville
Flambeau Elementary	Flambeau
Roberts Elementary	Fond du Lac
Frederic Elementary Schools	Frederic
Glenwood City Elementary	Glenwood City
Keller Elementary	Green Bay
McAuliffe Elementary	Green Bay
Green Lake Elementary	Green Lake
Lannon Elementary	Hamilton
Maple Avenue Elementary	Hamilton
Marcy Elementary	Hamilton
Woodside Elementary	Hamilton
Hillsboro Elementary	Hillsboro
Prairie View Elementary	Holmen
John Hustis Elementary	Hustisford
Jefferson Elementary	Janesville
Saint John-Sacred Heart Sch	Kaukauna
Christian Life School	Kenosha
Holy Trinity School	Kewaskum
Mapleview Intermediate	Kimberly Area
Woodland	Kimberly Area
Emerson Elementary	LaCrosse
Ladysmith Middle School	Ladysmith
Ladysmith Middle	Ladysmith-Hawkins
La Farge Schools	LaFarge
Traver Elementary	Linn (Traver)
Little Chute Intermediate School	Little Chute
St Thomas Aquinas Academy	Marinette
Grayside Elementary	Mauston
Lyndon Station Elementary	Mauston
Saint Patrick Catholic School	Mauston
Gegan Elementary	Menasha
Wings Academy	Milwaukee
Woodlands School	Milwaukee

St. Catherine School	Milwaukee
MHLT Elementary	Minocqua
Necedah Elementary	Necedah
New Glarus Elementary	New Glarus
New Lisbon El/Jr	New Lisbon
North Crawford Elementary	North Crawford
Oakfield Elementary	Oakfield
Silver Lake Intermediate	Oconomowoc
Osceola Intermediate	Osceola
Roosevelt School	Oshkosh
Fairchild Elementary	Osseo-Fairchild
Phelps Elementary	Phelps
St Luke school	Plain
Plover-Whiting Elementary	Plover
Plum City Elementary	Plum City
Saint Lucy Grade School	Racine
21st Century Prep School	Racine
Randolph Elementary	Randolph
Redgranite School	Redgranite
Pineview Elementary	Reedsburg
Northwoods Community El	Rhineland
Central Intermediate School	Rhineland
Murray Park and Quest	Ripon
Rosendale Intermediate School	Rosendale
Kendall Elementary	Royall
Seneca Elementary	Seneca
Shiocton Elementary	Shiocton
Solon Springs School	Solon Spring
First Immanuel Lutheran	Cedarburg
Holy Ghost Immaculate Conception	Kieler
Spooner Middle	Spooner
Stone Bank Elementary	Stone Bank School
Master's Touch Homeschool Group	Milwaukee County
Thorp Elementary	Thorp
Tri-County Middle	Tri County
Turtle Lake School District	Turtle Lake
Valders Middle	Valders
Washburn Elementary	Washburn
Waterloo Intermediate School	Waterloo
Douglas Elementary	Watertown
Schurz Elementary	Watertown
Wausaukee Elementary	Wausaukee
Parkside School	Wautoma
West Salem Elementary	West Salem
Westby Middle	Westby
White Lake Elementary	White Lake
Lakeview Elementary	Whitewater
Wild Rose Elementary	Wild Rose
Winter Elementary	Winter
Saint Pauls Evangelical Lutheran	Wonewoc-Union Center

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