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Jamalco Promotes Disaster Preparedness



*Richmond Park Primary School student Sariah Simms (left) demonstrates the drop, cover and hold position. Meanwhile Parish Disaster Coordinator, Eleanor Coombs assists Tishan Blackstock with perfecting her crouch. Looking on is Senior Community Relations Officer, **Phillip Biggs**.*

Over four hundred students from the Mount Airy, Richmond Park and Mocho Primary Schools in Clarendon benefitted from an Earthquake Awareness presentation which was organized by Jamalco in commemoration of Earthquake Awareness Month recently.

Under the theme “When an Earthquake Strikes Be Bold...Drop Cover and Hold”, the students participated in earthquake preparedness drills and simulation exercises which bolstered their awareness and preparedness for earthquakes.

Senior Community Relations Officer at Jamalco, **Phillip Biggs**, explained that Jamalco recognizes the importance of including children in disaster preparedness trainings each year. “The disaster preparedness presentation is an effective method which helps to raise awareness and equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure they respond effectively to earthquake emergencies,” he said.

The presentations, which are part of the Jamalco in Schools programme, were delivered by Clarendon’s Parish Disaster Coordinator, Eleanor Coombs and Fire Prevention Officer from the May Pen Fire Department, Corporal Collings Thompson.