

August 5, 2019

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

As you know, we in California live in “earthquake country” where we are aware that a major earthquake can happen at any time. Other potential emergencies also create the possibility that children may have to remain in the protective environment of the school for an extended period. Our school has a School Safety Plan, and you are an important part of it.

Our school employees feel morally responsible and are legally designated “emergency service workers”. In cases of emergency we will remain at school to care for all of our children. If an emergency should happen while you are out of the neighborhood, school staff will remain with your child(ren) for as long as necessary. Your child(ren) will only be released to you and to anyone that you designate on the Emergency Contact List. It is therefore very important that you select for your emergency contact list only those trusted individuals with whom you have discussed your emergency reunification plan.

It is best if at least one person on your list lives nearby and can walk to school to pick up your child in your absence. The purpose of this is both to reunite you as soon as possible, and to keep your child safe. When a person comes to pick up your child, they will have to identify themselves and your child will have to confirm their identity. In addition, we ask you please to provide a Scholar Emergency Kit for your child in case of emergency.

The Emergency Kit should be a 1-gallon Ziploc plastic bag clearly marked with your child’s full name. Check the expiration dates to ensure the food will be good through the end of the school year and return the kit to your scholar’s teacher by Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Inside the kit should be the following items:

- 1 16.9 fl. oz. bottle of water
- 1 Capri Sun or similar type juice box
- 2 high energy, long-lasting, low-salt snack items (such as granola bars, raisins, crackers, etc.)
- 1 canned meat item that has a pop top (tuna, Vienna sausage, beef stick, etc.)
- 1 spoon & napkin
- 1 emergency blanket
- A family photo with a note from you on the back
- The Parent Contact Form

At the end of the school year the bag will be returned to you – hopefully unused. We’ll ask you to refresh your supplies at the beginning of the next school year. In addition – if you can spare a new small blanket or any of the above items for us to keep with our school supplies, we would appreciate your donation. These measures will help us to take care of all scholars. They should also allow you to be part of the solution, to help the people immediately around you, and to return safely as conditions allow, allowing roads to remain open for emergency vehicles, and for a quick recovery.

Sincerely,

Debbie Tarver
Executive Director