

September 8, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Because our school is located in an earthquake-prone area, and because emergencies can occur anywhere, anytime, we have put together an Emergency Preparedness program to ensure the care and safety of each student and staff member at our school. Generally-recommended advice from experts states that we should plan to care for the students for up to three days should a disaster of major significance strike our area. We would like to partner with you in ensuring the safest possible environment for your child.

In our preparation for an emergency, we have several containers of items of general use already stored in large bins in an accessible location. These items include everything from rope and tools to first aid items and office supplies. We are asking you to assemble a personal emergency kit for your child as well.

As we do each year, we are sending home with each child a 4-litre reclosable bag for parents to use in assembling this personal emergency kit. The survival items you put together will be able to sustain and comfort your child for up to three days. These kits need to be brought in as quickly as possible, no later than Monday, September 14. They will be stored in containers along with the supplies we have already collected. Please note, all items must be able to fit in the zippered bag when the bag is sealed. At the end of the school year, the kits will be returned to you so that food items can be replaced for the following school year.

Thank-you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Linda King
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT EMERGENCY KIT SUPPLIES

These items are strongly suggested, but please substitute as necessary to have the kit completed by September 14.

- 3 power or energy bars
- 3 fruit leathers
- 2 sesame snacks
- Several hard candies
- 4 water packs or juice boxes
- 1 light stick or flashlight with batteries
- 1 foil survival blanket
- Comfort items (family picture, note from you, small toy or game)
- Other non-perishable food as room allows