

MOVING TOWARD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

In the event of a regional emergency, such as an earthquake, the school will be prepared to care for students for up to 3 days. Students will always be released to parents/authorized persons. However, since we have been asked to keep telephone lines clear, the school will not contact families, and we ask that families not telephone the school. We are advised to follow instructions given on local radio stations (KNX 1070AM).

Emergency Evacuation Information/Release

Please make any necessary changes to the Emergency/Disaster Information form (cream) in this family envelope and return it to school immediately. We ask that you pay particular attention to the names of persons you designate to take your children from the school. Be certain you name persons who will be able to come to the school for your children. Be certain you notify them NOW that they are authorized and expected to take your children in the event of an emergency, as no initial contact will be made by the school. It would be a good idea to determine now where your children will be taken.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL CHILDREN BE RELEASED TO PERSONS NOT NAMED ON THE EMERGENCY/DISASTER INFORMATION FORM.

Individual Student Emergency Needs Packs

One-gallon size ziplock storage bags have been included in this week's family envelope. We ask each family to fill these with the following items for their child(ren). These bags will then be stored in a container on the school property so that, in the event of an emergency, each class will have on hand some basic supplies for their students.

We suggest at least:

- 2 drinks, juices in **aluminum** cans are best
(no plastic or cardboard juice boxes – they leak;
no carbonated beverages; **NO GLASS**)
- 2 meats, such as tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage (in pop-top cans)
- 2 sweets, such as puddings, granola bars
- 2 "fruits", such as fruit rolls, raisins, dried fruit or trail mix

Foods must be commercially sealed. NO GLASS.

DO send items your child will eat. Foods that are specially packed by Mom or Dad can be a great comfort to a child during an emergency-related separation. Perhaps a little note from Mom and/or Dad would also provide extra comfort/security.

Also include 2 plastic spoons and a change of underwear (please pack discreetly in the bag).

Water

To provide for the water needs of students, we ask that families each contribute one gallon of water in commercially sealed plastic containers. **This year water will be provided by all students in Grades K-4** (next year water will be provided by students in Grades 5-8 and it switches every year).

Please send in all items by **Friday, Sept. 8th** to your child's classroom.