Disaster Preparedness Letter

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Dear Parents:

The Redlands Unified School District and Redlands East Valley High School have implemented a plan for major emergency situations which include:

- African Honey Bee Attack
- Bomb Threat
- Campus Disturbance/Riot
- Earthquake/Fire
- Explosion or Threat of Explosion
- Fallen Aircraft
- Flood/Washout
- Hazardous Material/Chemical Accident
- Intruder on Campus
- Severe Weather/Windstorm
- Assorted Other Emergencies

The school has identified three crisis responses:

- **Stage One Evacuation** - Evacuation to an area just outside the classroom areas.
- **Stage Two Evacuation** - Evacuation to a pre-determined central gathering point away from the classroom areas.
- **Lock-Down/Shelter in Place** - Students are held in classrooms.

The key elements of the Emergency Preparedness Plan call for the following:

1. Large land/sea containers in place on campus for storage of equipment and emergency supplies.
2. Emergency food and water supplies (enough for 72 hours).
3. First aid kits.
4. Sanitation supplies.
5. Auxiliary food preparation/distribution procedures.
6. Auxiliary lighting systems and batteries.
8. Emergency release cards on file in the health clerk’s office for release of students.

REV’s Emergency Preparedness Plan is available for your review in the office.

 Classified and certificated staff members are organized into twelve different disaster response teams (i.e. First Aid, Search and Rescue, Student Release, etc.) to address emergency contingencies. School personnel will retain your child for 72 hours or until you or your designee(s) are able to pick up him/her. After 72 hours, any student still remaining at the school will be transferred to the nearest Red Cross relief center. **It is essential that your child’s Emergency Release Card is kept updated** with as many individuals listed as possible who are authorized to pick up your child. Students will be released only to those specified by you on the Emergency Release Card.

In an emergency, your cooperation is necessary for the following:

1. Please encourage your child to stay at school so he/she is supervised and accounted for.
2. Please do NOT telephone the school; telephone lines will be needed for emergency communication.
3. If possible, please walk to school to pick up your student; streets should be left open for emergency vehicles if possible.
4. Please remain calm and patient as we complete the Student Release process. Releasing over 2,200 students will be challenging and time consuming. On the other hand, an orderly release will help ensure your child’s safety.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ron Kroetz

Redlands Unified School District