

Stanwood Elementary

WHAT IF...?



With national attention focused on hurricanes in the southeast, it's easy to forget that many of us were personally affected by unexpected events that took place locally:

- Bad air quality – Smoke from fires in WA, OR, CA and Canada
- Inclement weather (snow, wind and rain storms)
- Power Outages
- Flooding
- Bridge & Road closures

SES staff and students go through various drills, including lockdown drills to address threats, hazards and natural disasters that may require them to evacuate or use classrooms as temporary shelter (e.g. in the event of a lockdown or natural disaster etc.). In major events, first responders may be tied up, communication down, and transportation halted. In addition, the various state and local emergency management departments highly recommend families to be "two weeks ready" in the event of an earthquake. Currently, SES is not fully equipped with emergency supplies. It's crucial for SES to be self-sufficient until help arrives especially for the first 72 hours. On November 1 - 14, 2018 we will be holding an **Emergency Kits for Kids Drive** to ensure that each classroom has a 72-hour emergency backpack. You'll see more information in the coming weeks.

In an emergency, most parents will not be at the school to comfort and care for their kids. What we can do, however, is help prepare our kids for emergencies to minimize their anxiety and fear. We can empower our kids and give them tools to get through a difficult situation.

How can you help?

The first task you can do **today** is to put together a little emergency kit from home to keep in your child's backpack. We ask that this be completed by **November 2, 2018.**

- 1 Large Ziploc bag** to put items in –Don't forget to write your child's name
- 1 Set of clean clothes** (pants, long sleeve, underwear, socks)
- Family photo**
- Letter to your child** to bring them comfort
- Comfort toy** or something special that makes them feel safe
- 2 Favorite treats** (hard candy, lollipops, etc.)
- Emergency contact card** (see attachment)



As we head into cold temperatures, don't forget to send your kids to school with a jacket, gloves and hat.

Keeping our kids safe is our #1 priority. Thank you for making a difference.

Questions or if you're interested in volunteering for the **Emergency Kits for Kids Drive** please contact:

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