

Emergency Preparedness at Sunnyside Environmental School

Whether you are new to the school, or a seasoned SES parent, welcome back! In this packet you will find useful safety information. There is always more information to share, so we have included several links on our Emergency Prep page here:

<https://www.sesptsa.org/emergency-preparedness/>

As members of the SES Safety Committee (join us!), we are enthusiastic to increase safety and awareness at the school. Some of the things done over the past few years include non-structural mitigation to minimize risk of injury in the event of an earthquake. This basically means that we have had straps/brackets installed to make sure cupboards stay closed, or bookshelves don't fall where we have been able to. This is an ongoing process, and we have completed many common areas (auditorium, cafeteria, library, etc.) and some of the classrooms. We continue to work with the amazing staff on finding opportunities to do more. More details on the history of seismic work done at the school can be found in the Emergency Prep pull-down on the SES PTSA website.

Also new last year, SES was registered in the SafeOregon program. This is a tip line to anonymously report suspicious or unsafe behavior in schools; including violence, bullying, drugs and alcohol, and more. For more details, please see the link to this on the Emergency Preparedness webpage.

Attached to this page, please find three documents worth reading and considering. The first is "Five Simple Steps to Preparedness" to get you started as a family on emergency preparedness. It is helpful to have a plan before something goes wrong. The second document is a "Making a Family Plan" for reunification in the event of an emergency (basically a detailed form for Step 2 of the first document). We strongly encourage each family to discuss and fill out this plan prior to our October Reunification Drill (see attached). The third document, is information on the Reunification Drill.

Safety Events/Items Planned for 2018/2019

Reunification Drill--October 10, 2018. See attached

Middle School Safety Team: New this year (and still in formation)! Last year, a couple of students took initiative to start a Middle School Safety Team. Kids on the Safety Team will be trained in first aid, fire suppression, involved in planning of safety drills and discussions. Marcy Berkowitz will be staff leader of this group. The goal is to have a couple of students from each of the middle school classes on the Team.

24 Weeks to Get Prepared! Is your household prepared for a large-scale emergency? If you are, that is amazing. If you aren't, you are definitely not alone! Let's get prepared together!!! Starting this fall, on our Sunnyside Environmental School Community Facebook page, we will start each week with a post on a couple of small (manageable) steps to do that week to get prepared. By the end of the 24-week program, your family will be that much more prepared and independent for an emergency. Not on Facebook and want to take part? A pamphlet can be provided to you to follow these same steps, please find Holly Cook or Ingrid Larsson for more information.

Water Barrel Fundraiser: Water is one of the most essential ways to prepare for an emergency. You can go a long time without food, but only a few days without water. Coming this fall, we are going to host a water barrel fundraiser. These water barrels are 55-gallon, food-grade, used containers that can hold water for a family of 4 for 2 weeks (it is suggested that 1 gallon/person/day is needed). Proceeds will go towards purchasing emergency preparedness items for the school. Stay tuned for more info on this!