

Earthquake/Emergency Comfort Kits

Dear Hudson Parents/Guardians:

To enhance Hudson's Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness program, each student is encouraged to bring a comfort kit to school. Comfort kits are prepared by students' families and contain items such as activities, photos and letters. They will be kept in the Emergency Bin in the North West corner of the staff parking lot and will be given to students in the unlikely event of an earthquake or other emergency. They are intended to provide a sense of comfort to children should such an event occur.

Please prepare a comfort kit for your child. Put all items in a zip-top bag clearly labeled with your child's name and division number, and have your child bring it to class to place in the storage bag for each classroom. Kits will be collected during the weeks of **October 5 to October 16th.**

Suggested items to include in the Comfort Kit:

1. 1-2 recent family photos
2. A letter from the child's family or caregivers

Other items to consider including:

1. Space (mylar) blanket
2. Small package of wet hand towels or a small bottle of hand sanitizer
3. Small tissue package
4. Rain poncho or garbage bag with neck and arm holes cut out
5. Light stick or small waterproof LED
6. Thin winter hat and magic gloves
7. Toe warmers
8. Small photo of your child with their name on the back
9. Small stuffed animal (if relevant)
10. Small activity (eg. Notepad & pencil, toy, deck of cards, pocket game)

****Please note: All items must fit into a 10"x 10" zip top bag (or smaller) and be clearly labeled with student's name and division.**

Special circumstances:

If your child requires medication please discuss this with the office. Medication will be administered to your child by a designated staff member in the event of an emergency.

The Vancouver School Board and our school have extensive disaster plans and supplies prepared, these comfort kits are only meant to provide personal items to help each child cope and to provide comfort in the event of a disaster.

For home preparedness in the event of an earthquake or other disaster, you may find the City of Vancouver website helpful:

1. <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/during-and-after-anearthquake.aspx>
2. <http://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/make-an-emergency-kit.aspx>

Thank you for taking the time to prepare a comfort kit