



## 2011 -12 Silverwood Emergency Preparedness

The Emergency Preparedness Program is vital to our children's safety, security and emotional well being at Silverwood School in the event of an emergency and/or natural disaster that might possibly affect our local community, especially during regular school hours of operation.

As we all certainly wish nothing such as this will occur, it is always most responsible and highly appropriate that we plan for these possibilities in advance so that each child attending Silverwood will be equipped with basic necessities until such time as they and their families can be reunited.

**Please bring a sealed one-gallon jug of water and a labeled one-gallon ziplock clear bag with your child's name and grade. Please fill the bag (see instructions below) and return it to each classroom (or the office) during Supply Drop-Off Day on Tuesday, September 8th, when you drop off your child's other school supplies.** In addition to bins in each classroom, there is a large yellow bin in the office.

These bags, known as "comfort kits", will be handed out to your child in the event of an emergency to keep them comforted while teachers and staff are setting up emergency supplies. If not used, the bags will be sent home with your child in June. Please allow your child to assist you with the preparation of this kit to help familiarize them with its contents. This will further add to their comfort should it be necessary to use them.

Each ziplock bag should include:

1 large black garbage bag, 1 emergency/survival blanket (small silver type), 1 luminescent light stick, 1-2 hand warmers, a comfort letter in an envelope addressed to your child, 3 food items that have a 12 month shelf life, 2 drink items, 1 comfort food (i.e. favorite candy bar) and 1 activity.

Food items may include:

Jerky, nuts, dried fruit,  
"tuna lunch kit",  
fruit snack packs,  
protein bars, etc.  
granola bars, trail mix packs

Beverages:

small juice boxes  
small juice cans  
small water bottles

Activity/Comfort items may include:

small deck of cards or activity book  
small story book  
small toy  
favorite fun/comfort treat

Other items may include: small traveling toothbrush and paste, floss, sunscreen, info card listing your child's name, family photo, emergency contacts, name of physician, etc.

All items must fit in the one-gallon ziplock bag and be completely sealable. Please do not include glass, other breakable items or large, bulky items. Please check expiration dates on all food and beverages for freshness.

Emergency blankets, hand warmers and light sticks can be found in most outdoor/sports sections of Fred Meyer, WalMart, Target, Big Five, Kitsap Sports, etc.

**\*\*Please ensure that kits are turned in on Supply Drop-Off Day, Tuesday, September 8th .The kits will be stored in a large bin in a storage shed.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Comfort letters should be positive and upbeat. It is hoped the letters will help sustain your children until you are reunited. Include words of love and encouragement. In the case of an emergency, your letter will be a connection to your family. A sample letter is included.

**NEW FAMILIES:**

**If you are new to Silverwood, you will also need to enclose a check made out to Silverwood School, or cash, for \$15.00 per child for an all school emergency kit.** This is separate from the comfort kits and it will provide the students and staff with water and a high calorie food item for 3 days.

Thank you for your support with this project. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school office.

**SAMPLE LETTER FOR COMFORT KIT**

To Our Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

We know this may be a little scary, but your teachers have everything they need to take very good care of you. We will be at Silverwood School just as soon as possible to pick you up. Until we get there, just remember that we love you and will be there soon! Listen to your teachers and be kind to your classmates. Perhaps, you could pretend that you are on a camping trip, just to make things fun. Singing a song or sharing a favorite story might also be a fun thing to do until we arrive. Keep safe and stay with your teachers and your group. Enjoy your snack and we will see you very soon!  
Hugs and Kisses! We love you!  
Dad and Mom