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Principal's Bulletin

October 2019

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Emergency Response Drill

We will be participating in the **"Great California Shakeout"** earthquake drill this **Wednesday October 16**, although the actual statewide "Great California Shakeout" is Thursday, 10/17. Our students will practice **"Drop, cover, and hold-on,"** and then evacuate to our evacuation assembly areas, then we will move into whole school assembly on the field, practicing what we'd do if the emergency didn't allow us to return to classrooms. Heather staff have been reviewing and updating our Heather Emergency Plan that describe our teams working together for our overall safety in an emergency. We are utilizing protocols developed by the Coalition for Safe Schools and Communities in San Mateo County, called "The Big Five." **Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the Big Five Protocols by reading over the attached Big Five Parent Flyer.** If you want to dig a little deeper, take a look at the [Big Five Community Packet](#).

Our emergency plan includes communication with the district and parents. Teachers are assigned to various emergency response roles, including student assembly leaders who stay and supervise students in grade level teams when other teachers are "deployed" to their duty. Our plan also includes entrance security, with staff stationed at our entrance and exit areas directing emergency response vehicles and personnel as well as parents, and it includes a student release protocol. Students will be released individually to parents or authorized guardians and adults at the student release station which parents will be informed of upon entering campus. Parents will be directed to park off site allowing for emergency vehicles to have priority. It is critical that parents follow our student release protocol so we can make sure all students are safe and accounted for.

In the event of a true emergency, the best thing you can do as a parent is to stay away from the school (and refrain from calling, keeping phone lines open for emergency personnel) until you are notified to come pick up your student. We understand that is extremely difficult but it's important for us to focus on students in an emergency. While keeping parents calm and informed is critical, student safety will be our highest priority and it's best if we can avoid anything that distracts from that.

None of us want to be involved in a real emergency, but practicing and being prepared will be key in keeping our kids and staff safe and reuniting with parents if the state of our building aren't useable. Please be assured, safety of our students is a top priority.

Digital Citizenship Week

October 14 - 18 marks California's [Digital Citizenship Week](#). Teachers have developed grade level plans to teach digital safety, learning how to use their devices safely, responsibly and respectfully.



Halloween and The Teal Pumpkin Project

With Halloween right around the corner, Heather is also supports the [Teal Pumpkin Project](#), raising awareness for food allergies and promoting inclusion of all trick-or-treaters. Parents can go onto the [Teal Pumpkin Project site](#) and log your home as a "Teal Pumpkin" home so trick-o-treaters know where to go.

We encourage parents to review these safety conversations with their own families. Discuss and model digital safety and responsible use of devices. Have a family plan in the event of an emergency, helping your children know the plan and know how to call 911 in their own homes. Have a safe and happy Halloween and let's be safe all through the year!

Sincerely,
Pam Jasso, Principal
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Dates to Remember

"Take a Break", Maverick Jack's Heather Fundraiser	Wednesday, October 16
Movie Night, Toy Story 4	Friday, October 18, 6:30
Special Board Meeting, Heather MUR	Monday, October 21, 7pm
Walk-a-thon	Wednesday, October 23, 8:30 - 11:30
Parent Ed: No Such Thing as a Bad Kid: Using a Positive, Strength-Based Approach for Effective Parenting, Menlo-Atherton HS	Thursday, October 25
Halloween Parade, Lower Playground, followed by classroom parties	Thursday, October 31, 8:45 am
School Site Council	Thursday, November 7, 3:05 pm
School Board Meeting, D.O.	Thursday, November 7, 7pm
Veterans' Day, No School	Monday, November 11
PTA/Principal's Coffee, Staff Room	Tuesday, November 12, 8:30 am
Ruby Bridges Walk-to-School Day	Thursday, November 14
Picture Make-up Day	Friday, November 15

End of 1st Trimester	Friday, November 15
Heather Book Fair	November 18-22
Story Night	Wednesday, November 20
Report Card Day	Friday, November 22
Thanksgiving Break	November 25-29

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