



Iroquois Point Elementary Annual Tsunami Evacuation Drill

Aloha Parents, Guardians, and IPES Ohana!

Iroquois Point Elementary lies in a tsunami zone and our school needs to be prepared for this kind of situation. As protocol, we work to create a preparedness system to evacuate the zone within 10 minutes, and work to arrive at the designated site within 30 minutes.

We will be conducting our annual Tsunami Evacuation Drill this upcoming **Tuesday, December 18th from around 8:30AM and concluding by 9:30AM**. We have chosen this date as to limit the impact on student academic programming, established systems and routines, as well as current weather conditions. In case of severe weather conditions, we will reassign this drill to Thursday, December 20th at the same time.

All students and staff will be walking to our designated evacuation site, Burton Baseball Field, and we will remind students to bring water, walking shoes, and wear sunscreen as necessary. Please avoid scheduling any appointments or pick-ups of your child during this window, as we will be unable to get them to the office during this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Other helpful emergency information for parents

Emergencies are a stressful time, but parents and caregivers should be assured that school staff is prepared through regular and updated drills. Parents and caregivers can help by doing the following:

- Be prepared for an emergency
 - Ensure that your child's emergency contact information is accurate and current.
 - All Department schools have emergency plans. Become familiar with your school's emergency plan and parent/guardian reunification procedures in the event of a school evacuation.

- In case of a school emergency: Although your first reaction would be to call or rush to your child's school, please follow these tips:
 - DO NOT call or rush to your child's school. Phone lines and staff are needed for emergency response efforts.
 - DO NOT phone your child. Staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communication for safety reasons.
 - Tune in to local TV/Radio stations for official school news alerts.
 - Rely only on official communication from school or public safety officials.
 - Listen for official information regarding reunification with your child. Students will be released ONLY to parents/guardians who are documented as emergency contacts and who present a picture ID such as a driver's license, military ID or passport.
 - Check the Department website and [Twitter feed](#) for emergency updates.