

Emergency & Earthquake Procedures

Our school is located in an earthquake - prone area, therefore, we want to advise you that in the event of an earthquake or any emergency, the following procedures will be followed:

- No student will be dismissed from school unless a parent/guardian or a parent designated adult comes for him/her;
- No student will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or daycare, unless we have written permission or that particular person is listed on the student's emergency list in our files; and
- All parents or designated guardians, who come for students, must have them signed out at the student release station at the entrance of the school. Signs will be posted if an alternate location is being used.

We are prepared to care for approximately 40% of the students, for a 72 hour period, in the event of a critical situation or if parents/guardians are unable to reach the school. The 40% represents those living east of 224th Street and west of the Pitt River Bridge. We have staff members with first aid certificates and the school will be in communication with local emergency services. We ask for your help in the following areas:

- **Please do not call the school** - the phone lines must be left open for emergency calls;
- If the school is not accessible, an alternate meeting place for parents will be set up at the Christian Reformed Church at 20245 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge. One of the Crisis Management Team Parent Liaisons will be in contact with the school to pass on any pertinent information to all parents gathered.
- You will be unable to use the local telephone lines in an earthquake, as they will be closed to all calls except emergency/rescue use. You will in all likelihood, however, be able to make long distance calls. Please provide us with a phone number out of the '604' area code for a relative or friend who could be used as a reunion coordinator in the event of separation;
- Parents should have provided us with the names of two people who, in the event that you will not be able to come for your own child/children, will be your children's 'designated caregiver'; They will be called if the parent cannot be reached.
- Following an earthquake or other emergency, do not immediately drive to school. Streets and access to our school may be cluttered and access routes and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
- Check the **website at www.mrcs.ca** for update emergency information.