

Dear McKinley families,

Emergency Drills- Great CA Shakeout

As you know, we have regular emergency drills so students and staff know what to do in the case of an emergency. We have 1 fire drill a month, 3 earthquake drills a year, and 2 shelter-in-place/lockdown drills a year.

This Thursday October 15th at 10:15am everyone in California will participate in an earthquake drill at the same time. Information can be found here:

<https://www.shakeout.org/california/dropcoverholdon/>

Prior to the Drill students will view the attached Powerpoint to learn more about emergency drills. They will also watch this video about earthquake procedures.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSDmqLQmMN0&list=PLs1gMujRSBY2t7JB4VS-AymFwN-6Lvg20&index=2>

The Day of the Drill at 10:15am teachers will play this video announcing the earthquake

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_X_LkpVS2A&list=PLs1gMujRSBY1b8HfvyUhw9PDXSgvd9Rzu. Students will then drop, cover, and hold for at least 60 seconds while at home.

We encourage all family members to join and participate in the drill.

Emergency Communication

In the case of an emergency we will blast information via voice, email, and/or push notification.

A push notification (alert) to the home screen of your cell phone will only occur if you have downloaded the free SMMUSD app to your iphone or android. You can download this app from the app store on your phone.

It is also important that when you receive communication blasts labeled from “McKinley Elementary, mckinley-bc@smmUSD.org” you do not click the “unsubscribe” link. If you click this, you will not receive important emergency notifications. We try to send general information blasts out sparingly.

Please also follow us on twitter @McKinleyLions and @SMMUSD for real time information. Twitter updates are also viewable at our McKinley website and SMMUSD website.

You can also sign up for texts, emails, and/or phone calls from the City of Santa Monica regarding natural disaster, police activity, and other emergency information at www.smalerts.net.

It is important that you provide an updated Emergency Card every year, since we use the information on this card to contact you in the case of an emergency. This card also lets us know who we can release your child to in an emergency pick-up situation.

Emergency Procedures

When students return to school, in the case of an emergency we may implement emergency pickup procedures. Please see the attached "Parent Pickup Map" to see where our Request Gate and Reunion Gates are located. Also see the attached "Off-Campus Evacuation Map" for off-campus emergency meeting locations. Specific information and procedures will be provided at the time of the emergency based on the situation.

If you have any questions please contact the McKinley office. Thank you.

Dr. Benjamin