

Dear Grand View Parents,

October 12, 2014

Throughout the remaining weeks of October, our community will participate in activities that focus on safety and community building. On Thursday, October 16th, we will experience a ShakeOut Drill. Students and staff will be directed to “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” for a few minutes and then we will evacuate safely and swiftly to the Grand View upper playground. We will then put in place our practices for ensuring that all staff and students have been accounted for in case of a real emergency.

At approximately 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16th, you will receive a phone call from our School Messenger communication system. School Messenger is our primary emergency notification system; please check your phone to verify that you received a test call from Grand View School. If you do not receive a call, please email Kathy Poje at kpoje@mbusd.org.

In order to protect students, in case of an actual emergency students will only be released to the parents and/or other adults listed on student’s Emergency Card. Please ensure that this card has updated and accurate information. It is a good idea to have several trusted adults listed on the card, including one or two who live within walking distance of school. You should assume that in an actual emergency, telephone communication may not be possible, and so you should discuss your family meeting place and reunification plans in advance with anyone listed on the student’s Emergency Card.

In the event of an actual emergency any approved emergency contact person should do their best to bring identification and should first come to the Upper Gate (the southwest corner of the playground) to request the student and to sign them out. This procedure is designed for your child’s protection and for your peace of mind.

Prior to the drill, please discuss your family’s home preparedness plan with your student(s). The American Red Cross has outstanding materials. You can obtain Red Cross materials from their website: <http://www.redcross.org>. The Great California ShakeOut website at <http://www.shakeout.org/california/> has valuable information on emergency preparedness, and there are resources to be discovered on the Internet in many languages.

Your PrinciPAL,

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