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Would You Know What to do in the Event of a Disaster at School?

Would you know what to do if there was a disaster in our area? Are you aware that there are procedures in place at Sierra Vista to get all students to a safe place, account for their whereabouts and release them to you safely? The teachers know the plan and the students know the plan, but the plan can only be successful if everyone knows the plan.

During an emergency, students will evacuate to safe area and would not be allowed to use phones right away. This includes their personal cell phones. Calls home could create a panic, bringing parents to the school. This could cause roads to be clogged for emergency personnel while also bringing more people into a potentially dangerous situation. We will of course allow students to begin making calls as soon as we have information that is accurate.

In the event that an emergency evacuation resulted in the need for students to be released to a parent or guardian the following procedure would apply:

- Parents/Guardians will need to come to the **Student Release Gate** located at the main entrance left of the Boys and Girls Club on Stillmore Avenue. There will be a student release team in place to help retrieve your child.
- Your student will be escorted to the release area and the parent/guardian will sign the student out. Signatures will be compared to the emergency card, so you should bring ID just in case.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> Students can only be released to people named on the emergency card. We cannot legally release your student to anyone not on the emergency card. You are always welcome to come in to school an update the card.

Sierra Vista's Safe Schools' Plan can be viewed in the main office at school or at the district office.

What can you do? Tell your children you expect them to cooperate with school personnel in the event of an emergency. Create your own plan for an emergency at home and establish an out of area phone contact that the whole family can use to communicate.

Information can be obtained during a disaster or emergency situation on our local radio station 1220, Local Santa Clarita TV Channel 2, and our district website at http://www.hartdistrict.org/.

Check out the Sierra Vista web page at http://www.hartdistrict.org/sierra/index1.php for more information on disaster preparedness!

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