

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

May 7 to 13, 2017

Dear École Lord Tweedsmuir parents:

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners. Students all across Canada, including École Lord Tweedsmuir students, are participating in activities related to emergency preparedness each day this week.

This year, the theme is *Plan. Prepare. Be Aware.*

We have a detailed plan in place at the school, which includes reuniting every child with a family member or designate as quickly as possible following an emergency evacuation.

But we are relying on every family to have a plan in place too. In the event of an earthquake or other emergency, who will pick up your child from the school if you are away from New Westminster and cannot get back home for several days? ...if phone communication is out? ...if the person you hope will come is injured or unable? What is your back up plan?

Please review your family's existing plan, ensure that the school has current contact information, or create a plan now if you do not have one. Here is a helpful planning guide that will walk you through the steps of creating your family's plan:

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/cnt/plns/mk-pln-en.aspx>

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