



October 17, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As part of our Earthquake Preparedness procedures, this morning our school joined thousands of other people participating in the "Great Shake Out". <https://www.shakeoutbc.ca/index.html> We would like to remind families that this is also a good time to review and update your at-home Emergency Preparedness plans and to ensure that the emergency contact and emergency release information we have on file at the school is current. To review this information on parent connect, please go to <https://dg.deltasd.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2019/10/Parent-Connect-emergency-info.pdf>

In addition to participating in drills such as the Great Shakeout, our Emergency Preparedness Plan also includes doing a yearly inventory of our earthquake bin and acquiring and/or replacing supplies as needed. In May 2009, the Delta Board of Education, on the recommendation of the District Emergency Preparedness Committee, passed a motion to the effect that schools may request from parents a yearly contribution of \$5.00 per child toward emergency preparedness costs at the school. These funds are to be used to purchase or replace Emergency Preparedness related supplies, including equipment and provisions in the earthquake bin at each school.

At Devon Gardens, we have not always collected these funds on a yearly basis. Keeping our bin well stocked in case of an emergency is an ongoing process. As such, we will be asking parents for this contribution of \$5.00 per child. While we do have many of the recommended items, there are others we need. While some items are one time purchases, we also need to ensure that things like batteries and perishable food and water supplies are replaced prior to their expiration dates.

Please send your family's contribution of \$5.00 per child to your **youngest child's teacher**, or the school office. We would like to collect the donations by the end of October. If you are sending a cheque, please make it payable to Devon Gardens Elementary.

Thank you for your support with our Emergency Preparedness program.

Sincerely,

Mme Greenhalgh
Principal/Directrice