



October 15, 2020

**Emergency Preparedness 2020**

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>

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.

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 in our EP bin, there are others we still 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. Last year, we replaced all our food and water rations. This year, we will be purchasing extra items such as first aid supplies, battery operated portable radios, flashlights, extra strength glow sticks, and activities to keep students occupied while waiting to be picked up. We know, that in an emergency such as an earthquake, not all students will be picked up right away and we should be prepared to care for them (and keep them occupied!) for up to 72 hours.

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>

For suggestions on putting together your family's at-home emergency preparedness plan, please go to <https://facilities.deltasd.bc.ca/deltaprepared/26-weeks-family-emergency-preparedness/>

Please fill in the bottom portion of this form and return it, along with your family's contribution of \$5.00 per child to your **youngest child's teacher**. 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,

Elaine Greenhalgh  
Principal/Directrice

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**PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN TO YOUR (YOUNGEST) CHILD'S TEACHER BY WED, SEPT 28<sup>th</sup>**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

<b>Child's Name (first &amp; last):</b>	<b>Division:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>
_____	_____	_____
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**Number of children attending Devon Gardens** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$5.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Preparedness  
(please make cheques payable to **Devon Gardens Elementary School**)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date