

Hello École Robb Road Families.

A new group of parents have formed a new Earthquake Preparedness Committee at ERR. We have revised the school's Earthquake Preparedness letter (file attached) for families, which outlines two simple steps for parents/guardians to help prepare their child/children for an earthquake at school:

- Student Emergency Release Form
- Student Emergency Kit

We encourage you to update your child/children's 'Student Emergency Release Form' (file attached). These forms are the only student release information that the school has available in the event of an earthquake. If ERR doesn't have this information, only parents and legal guardians can pick up their children. This is a bad situation if you are on the other side of the river and the bridges are down, or if you are out of town, for example. Please make sure this information is current.

The Student Emergency Kits are an important source of comfort for your child in the event of an earthquake. The Earthquake Preparedness Committee has included a sample letter of reassurance (see below), which is an important item in your child's kit. These kits, including the letters can be reused year after year. Please take time to put one together for your child/children. Each classroom has a blue Rubbermaid bin for these kits.

We are looking forward to getting an updated Student Emergency Release Form and a Student Emergency Kit for every student at ERR by Friday March 18th.

ERR Earthquake Preparedness Committee

### **Sample Letter of Reassurance**

*Dear*

*We love you very much. We will be with you as soon as we can. Stay close to the other students in your class and your teachers. Please listen to the adults who are taking care of you. Help them as much as you can. They are taking care of you until we can be with you again. We are thinking about you right now.*

*Be strong and brave. We love you.*

*Love*