



# STONEGATE ELEMENTARY HAWKS



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Dear Parents:

As part of our Safe School Plan, Stonegate will need to prepare for a major earthquake should one occur during school hours. This is a necessary precaution for those of us living in Southern California because we are literally “on the edge” of the Pacific Plate.

We are again asking you to send in earthquake supplies for each of your children. We know putting these supplies together with your child is time consuming, but it has a great psychological advantage over just storing nutrition bars or rations which some students may not like or be able to eat. Having a kit that you and your child packed together says, “Remember we knew this could happen and we are prepared for it”, should the real event occur during the school day. This is also a great once a year activity that allows you to talk with your child about earthquake procedures at home as well as preparing them for such an event at school. This bag of supplies is your child’s connection with you, until you can arrive to pick them up. Even if you are five miles away if an earthquake occurs, it will take some time to collect all family members if roads are damaged. We do have emergency supplies stored on campus for long term care. However, the items in your child’s bags will be specifically picked for their needs, comfort, and can provide the correct food in case of allergies for the first 24 hours. We know that this is done every year and so far the bags have been returned without being used. Think of it in the same line as wearing your seat belt. If and when you do need it, it will be there! Past quakes show that the San Andreas Fault has a major quake (6.0 or more) every 150 years. We are now at about 300 years since the last major quake so we do need to continue to prepare both at home and at school.

**Stonegate Elementary is asking you to supply these emergency items for your child and place them in a one gallon Ziploc bag with your child’s name and room # on it. Some local stores will provide already made up kits however they are very generic and you may want to add items to it if you purchase one.**

Please send the following items in **ONE** large zip locked bag (gallon size only):

- Two (2) canned juices (orange, apple, grape, etc. with flip top/single serving)
- Two (2) granola bars in sealed wrappers
- Two (2) small cans of food (tuna, Vienna hot dogs etc. with flip top/single serving)
- Two (2) cans of fruit or pudding (with flip top/single serving)
- Two (2) plastic spoons
- One (1) roll of lifesavers and one (1) pack of gum (or other small candies for fast sugar)
- Four (4) hand wipes

**OPTIONAL ITEMS:** Two pencils, a small notepad, box of 8 crayons, small book, and picture of family. You may make food substitutions based on what your child likes, however, please minimize sweets. Also, please check expiration dates. Please try to get the bags to school by the end of the second week. **Be sure to write your child’s name and room number on the bag.**

We appreciate your cooperation!

**Stonegate Safe School Committee**