

Office of the Superintendent

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Dear PVSD Families,

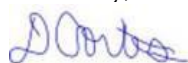
We welcome you and your child to the Pleasant Valley School District family! We trust that your experience will be enjoyable and fulfilling. PVSD is not only concerned with your child's academic growth, but with their safety as well. According to policy, each school has developed a detailed plan to cover all facets of a disaster such as earthquake, fire, storm, or other occurrence. Obviously, it is our hope that such a plan will never have to be implemented. However, we are committed to be prepared just the same.

Disaster Preparedness is a family effort. You, as the parent or guardian, are a key component of our Disaster Preparedness Program. Without your cooperation, a smooth running plan may be impossible. Therefore, we ask that you review and comply with the following Points of Parent Preparedness:

1. Make certain that you have made adequate home preparation; i.e., 72-hour emergency kit, home evacuation exercises, predetermined rendezvous plans for family members, etc.
2. In the event of an emergency, do not rush to the school. Such action only clogs the streets and makes it difficult, if not impossible, to get emergency vehicles in and out. Rather, tune your radio to the local emergency broadcasting station, KVEN 1450 AM, for an update and instructions. Rest assured that school district personnel have been well versed on emergency procedures and your child will be receiving the best possible care under the circumstances.
3. In most cases, children will be kept and cared for at the school site until the proper authorities determine it is safe to release them to a parent's care or to return home. Occasionally, there may be enough advance warning (as in the case of a threatening storm) where it will be determined wise to release students to return in advance of the pending disaster. We ask you, therefore, to make appropriate preparations at the beginning of each school year for the early return of your child. Does your child have access to your home in your absence? Is there a neighbor who can accept your child temporarily? Have plans been made to temporarily stay at a classmate's home? Remember, in the event of a real emergency, chaos reigns; phones and CB's are jammed, streets are clogged, and communication becomes virtually impossible. Therefore, we urge you to sit down with your child and develop a family plan in advance of a potential disaster. Remember: in disaster preparedness, preplanning is essential.
4. In potential emergency situations, we will send out a phone message and post information on our district and school websites. We believe keeping our families in the loop of a potential situation is critical. We are pleased to have ParentSquare for these situations.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have specific questions, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,



Danielle Cortes, Ed.D.
Superintendent

