



Hastings Elementary Community School

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EARTHQUAKE DRILL May 4th 2017

Thursday May 4 is our annual *BigOne@2:00* earthquake drill.

All students and staff will participate in this drill. We will do the “drop, cover and hold on” inside the classroom as part of the drill. All students will then proceed outside on the field, as we would in the event of a real earthquake.

New this year:

This year we invite **up to 30 interested parents/guardians** to come to the school at 2:30PM to participate in a mock student-parent **Emergency Reunification**. Interested parents are asked to RSVP with Mme Nancy at mbourque@vsb.bc.ca to participate. Only those families contacted by Mme Nancy will be invited to come and pick up their child at 2:30pm; everyone else please come at 3:00 as usual.

Those who agree to participate will:

- Arrive at 2:30PM and participate until 3:00PM on May 4th
- Come to one of the greeting stations to pick up your child/children:
 - 1) gravel field entrance on Pandora street
 - 2) gravel field entrance on Franklin street
- Staff at these doors will walk you through the procedure
- Bring a piece of picture identification with you
- Expect some chaos and be patient
- If you drive, please do not block the roadway

The drill will end at 3:00PM and our regular dismissal will proceed after that.

The VSB uses the same Reunification process as most other school districts. It involves parents/guardians reporting to a Check-In desk, showing personal identification (ID), and our staff confirming the person picking-up a student is listed with the school as an Emergency Contact of the student. It does take some time, but bringing ID, having updated Emergency Contacts listed with the school, and being patient and polite make it go much faster.

We expect this to be a chaotic high energy learning experience...and it will be far from perfect, but it will allow us to learn and improve together!

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