Dear Students and Families,

Maintaining a safe learning environment is one of our highest priorities. Our school and the school district regularly plan and practice various responses to emergency situations. This letter will inform you of some of the procedures we will follow to protect our students during an emergency.

What happens during an emergency?
School administrators, along with support from district office and city/county agencies, will evaluate the incident and initiate the appropriate response to either evacuate outside or away from buildings, or secure the campus in lockdown, modified lockdown, or shelter in place. School personnel work closely with public safety officials during emergencies.

Students may be kept on campus.
In the event of a hazard or other immediate danger to health and safety outside of the school, public safety officials may direct the school to keep students on campus, even after school hours, until it is safe enough for the all-clear signal to be given.
- If such an emergency occurs, the school will begin a controlled release dismissal, in which students will be released only to an adult who has been identified as a parent, guardian or emergency contact.
- The school district is prepared to provide food, water and the medications listed on your child’s Medication Administration Release form to your child if we are directed to hold students on campus.

Students may be relocated off campus. An emergency situation may require students to be relocated to a location different from their home school. Our district high schools will serve as relocation sites for all K-8 schools. Updated information sent by telephone auto dialer, email and text messaging will apprise parents of the reunification site details.

What to do if your child is kept on campus during an emergency.
1. To keep phone lines free for emergency use, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. We understand and respect your concern for your child, yet it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications. Additionally, if our school is in lockdown, staff members will NOT be available to answer the phone as they will be working to protect your children and themselves from the threat. The district will keep parents informed and updated regarding specific school responses through phone calls and emails during an emergency situation. Information and updates will also be shared via www.dysart.organd social media on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on @DysartUSD.
2. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. We realize how difficult it will be for you to keep your distance from the school, but this will be crucial to keep the surrounding streets and parking lot clear for emergency vehicles.
3. If you speak with or text your child on a cell phone, please remind them of the importance of following the directions of their teachers and public safety officials.

We are proud that Dysart is a safe, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your cooperation and support. If you have any questions about this letter or any other aspect of the school’s safety procedures, please contact us.

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Wolford
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates
10/8-10/11 - PTA Book Fair
10/10 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/11-12 - Early Release, 1:45 pm for Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/11 - Fall picture retake day
10/11 - 4th-8th grade award assemblies
10/15-19 - No School, Fall Break
10/24 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/30 - MVS Site Council, 4:15 pm

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be tardy or absent!
623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Student Arrival Reminders
Please remember: Students are not allowed to be on campus before 8:40 unless they are scheduled to be here. There is NO supervision before this time!

Please remind students not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in the front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by. As stated in the Dysart Student Parent Handbook on page 7, bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and once on school grounds.

The Dysart Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in its programs or activities. For information regarding discrimination grievance or complaint procedures contact the executive director for human resources at (623) 876-7000.
Preparation for Emergencies

School safety has recently been at the forefront of everyone’s minds. Schools have emergency plans to keep students safe from threats of violence or natural disasters—and your family should, too. Preparation is key to ensure that you and your family members can react quickly and calmly if a serious threat arises. Take these steps to ensure your family is prepared for emergencies.

**Talk it out.** Discuss, in an age-appropriate way, the emergencies your family might encounter, including the natural disasters your area may be susceptible to. You may be reluctant to talk about emergencies with your children because you don't want to alarm them. But discussing situations ahead of time will not only help your children know what to do, it will also help them cope with the stress if something does happen.

**Know your school's plan.** Every school should have an emergency plan in place. Make sure you and your child know what students should do and how parents will be notified of a crisis.

**Memorize the essentials.** Make sure your children know their full name, address, phone number, and parents' full names. Kindergarteners should have this memorized before their first day of school.

**Know the numbers.** Teach your children how to dial 911, but stress that they should only do so in case of an emergency. Post a list in your kitchen of home, cell, and work numbers for parents, caregivers, and trusted neighbors. Give copies to teachers and the school office, childcare providers, and other emergency contacts.

**Make a plan.** Create your family's escape plan to be used in case of a fire or other home emergency. Establish a meeting place outside your home, and make sure to devise a secondary plan in case the first exit is blocked or unsafe. In your plan, address the needs of pets and any family members who need extra assistance.

**Practice the plan.** Conduct fire drills and emergency evacuation drills. Teach older children how to use a fire extinguisher, or sign them up for a first-aid class. Quiz your family members every six months to make sure they remember what to do.

**Build a disaster kit.** Make sure you have a stocked first-aid kit at home, and gather the supplies for an emergency kit, including water, nonperishable food, a flashlight, medicines, and batteries.

**Check your equipment.** Make sure your home's smoke detectors are always in working order and that your fire extinguishers have not passed their expiration date and are easily accessible. Buy drop-down window ladders if your apartment or bedrooms are not on the first floor.

Use Ready.gov's disaster supply list to stock your kit. Learn facts about specific types of emergencies on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's emergency page. The American Red Cross has checklists for every type of disaster (in a variety of languages).

*This information was taken from the National Association of Elementary School Principals' Report to Parents, RP 31:2.*
Mrs. Loyd Named Top 5 Finalist for Arizona Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Sheri Loyd, one of our amazing third grade teachers at Mountain View, has been named one of the top 5 finalists for the Arizona Teacher of the Year Award by the Arizona Educational Foundation.

According to the Arizona Educational Foundation, “The AEF Arizona Teacher of the Year program spotlights the contributions of outstanding public school teachers throughout Arizona by annually recognizing 10 exceptionally skilled and dedicated pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public school teachers.

To be considered for the award, teacher candidates must submit a written application that is reviewed by a panel of judges consisting of educators and members of the business community. Ten finalists are selected from the written applications. The ten finalists are asked to prepare a 15-minute unedited video teaching in the classroom. The final selection process includes review of the video, an interview, and an impromptu speech by each of the ten finalists.

Following that process, the Teacher of the Year is selected, four “Ambassadors for Excellence” are selected, and five remain Semifinalists. All ten are honored at the annual awards luncheon. The Teacher of the Year and Ambassadors have multiple opportunities during the year to make public appearances throughout the state, speaking to professional, civic, educational, parent, and student groups.”

This year, the awards luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 25, 2018. Principal Miller, members of the Dysart Unified School District school board, and members of the Superintendent’s office will be supporting Mrs. Loyd at the luncheon. The Mountain View family is rooting for her, and is proud that she is part of our Mountain Lion pride!
Fall Picture Day
Fall Picture retake day is Thursday, October 11th. You can order online directly from Grads Photography. If you have questions about pictures, you can contact Grads at 623-580-4723.

Photo ID Required for Pickup
Reminder: a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom, or to volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. A Dysart Volunteer badge is acceptable as your photo ID even if you are not volunteering. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from Mountain View.

Privacy Issues
The front office often deals with issues involving the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We are respectfully asking that parents limit their time waiting in the front office area to 5 to 10 minutes during school hours so that the privacy of other parents and students is not violated. We appreciate your help in this.

No Dogs on Campus
Please remember that no dogs are permitted on campus, for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Corner
Are you ready for awesome books? We hope so, because the Scholastic Book Fair will be on campus October 8th-12th!
- Tues, 10/9 - Pastries with Parents, 8am-8:40 am, room 135
- Thurs, 10/11 - Book fair extended hours, 2pm-6pm, room 135

Fall Festival, Friday, October 26, 5-8 pm

Contact the PTA at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

Parent Portal
We highly encourage all parents and guardians to create their parent portal account now. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account. You will need one of your student's ID numbers to sign up. You can find this on the census verification form that will go home, or you may contact the front office.

Office Reminders
If you come to eat lunch with your child, please follow all cafeteria rules - sit at the family table and follow any rules as explained by the Cafeteria staff and School Aides. Thank you!

Please remember that the office is not permitted to call a student down to wait for a parent/guardian in the office prior to the adult's arrival on campus. The parent/guardian must be present, and the office staff must check your identification. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Our office is latex free! Please do not bring latex balloons to campus!

Contacting Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” portion of the Mountain View website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students begin arriving at 8:40 a.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the teacher's voicemail. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please make an appointment beforehand. Thank you.

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