

Student Emergency Preparedness and Comfort Kit

Dear American Heritage School Parents,

We know how concerned you would be for your child's safety and comfort in the event of an emergency at American Heritage School. We believe that advance preparation can help all of us feel **less anxious about the possibility of an emergency**, and can give us a **measure of comfort if and when that emergency occurs**.

We are working hard to follow the American Red Cross recommendations for school emergency preparedness, and there is something we need your help with. **The American Red Cross suggests having an Emergency Preparedness Kit for each child**, stored in their classroom during the school year. This is intended to offer comfort, a means of identification and contact information, and some food if the children are required to stay at the school for a period of time. We would like each child to bring a kit with them on the first day of school.

The items for the kit are listed below, and are supplemental to emergency preparedness items that the school has on hand. The list is very specific. While you prepare your child's kit, **we ask that you adhere to the list closely**. The Red Cross has carefully selected these items to ensure proper nutrition for children during an emergency, and to avoid expired food that may make them ill.

In a one-gallon size zip-lock bag:

- _____ 1 non-toxic chemical emergency light stick
- _____ 3 granola bars
- _____ 3 fruit roll ups
- _____ 2 rolls of Lifesavers or hard candies
- _____ can of soup or similar food staple with a "pop-top" lid
- _____ 1 large plastic trash bag
- _____ A letter or picture from home with identification including name, address, telephone number, emergency telephone numbers, and birth date.

Please label the bag with your child's name and his/her teacher's name and send it with them on the first day of school. Thank you for your cooperation and diligence in this area. If you have any question please feel free to contact Bob Wheeler at 642-0055 (ext. 314) or bwheeler@ahsmaail.com.

Sincerely,



Bob Wheeler, Director of Facilities/Safety