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Tomás Rivera Elementary

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Dear Families,

The Tomás Rivera Elementary slogan is "Where every child is a STAR." We work as a team to help everyone learn and achieve more. In order to be successful, we recognize that student safety and security is crucial. The Denton Independent School District and our campus have made preparations to respond effectively to such situations. Moreover, all public schools in Texas are required to meet stringent disaster response standards. Your child/children will be cared for in the case of a school disaster or emergency; however, your family's cooperation is vital. To that end, we believe that it is important to remind you of a few safety policies and procedures that are followed to protect your children.

Every campus in Denton ISD:

- 1. Has an identified Crisis Team and maintains a current Crisis Plan
- 2. Regularly conducts fire and "lockdown" drills, both scheduled and unscheduled, to ensure that our staff and students are prepared in the case of emergency.
- 3. Works closely with our city emergency responders to guarantee quick response.
- 4. Trains staff members in the appropriate response, as well as their responsibilities in case of an emergency.
- 5. Posts maps illustrating primary and secondary evacuation routes, as well as the nearest weather safe location in every classroom.
- 6. Has several weather safe areas. In the event of severe weather, staff and students will move to their designated spot until it subsides.
- 7. Requires parent permission for guest to eat lunch or pick up their child.

Tomás Rivera Elementary is also sensitive to student allergies. We are NOT a peanut free campus, however there is an allergy free table in the cafeteria and all classrooms that are peanut free are labeled. We also have notices posted of cinnamon allergies. If you have not already, please contact Nurse Horn concerning your child's allergies so classroom and campus procedures can be put in place.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these procedures, please let me know. For a step by step emergency/disaster action plan for parents, please see our website at http://www.dentonisd.org/domain/10370.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bates

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