September Tip of the Month

Preparedness Tips

A. *Know your School's Emergency Plan* – **Find out what's in the classroom for safety measures and make sure the school has your contact information.**

B. *Know your Emergency Stash* – **Whether they have a stash in their locker or bring something in their backpack everyday, you should have a small kit available for your child that includes things they might need in case there is an emergency. (food, water, clothing, pictures etc)**

C. *Know your Escape Plan* – **Make plans with trusted friends or neighbors about picking up kids when you are not available. It might also be good to teach the kids an alternative pick-up spot at the school just in case you want to get them quickly.**

D. *Know your Contact Numbers* – **Should your child be with another family or friends, involved in an accident, separated during a field trip or not with their teacher who has the class list, then knowing what to tell emergency responders can prevent delay in treatment or rescue.**

E. *Know your Way Home* – **Get with your child and have a map printout of the area from school to home. Always know two ways home and out of the classroom. This way they have knowledge of alternative routes and you know how they'll be travelling. You can review what bus routes your children may be on – know those routes.**

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