

Earthquake Preparedness, Join our Team

We are building a parent-led Earthquake Preparedness Team. We need your involvement so we can work together with PPS, other schools and the neighborhood to establish supplies, procedures and connections with the community in the event of a large Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Please contact Patricia [Patyrak ppatyrak@gmail.com](mailto:ppatyrak@gmail.com) or Sarah Suby sarah.suby@gmail.com if you would like to join this important effort.

Emergency Preparedness

Last week was the Great Oregon Shakeout. Buckman participated and practiced an earthquake drill. It was very successful, but we all need to continue to prepare for a massive Cascadia Subduction Zone quake. Please remember to bring in an [emergency locker kit](#) for your child. We will keep these bags in the classrooms and we have a plan to bring them with us for all emergency drills. We strongly encourage that our Buckman families prepare for emergencies and earthquakes as well.

Five Simple First Steps to Preparedness (click [here](#) to download this pdf with more information)

1. Identify a school-area contact and update your emergency contacts at school
2. Make a family communication plan and meet-up locations
3. Stage an earthquake drill at home
4. Plan a basic emergency kit together as a family
5. Register at publicalerts.org.

Resources for Families

- Make an [Emergency Plan](#) with your family
- Practice [Drop, Cover and Hold On](#) with your family
- Practice evacuating your home with your family
- Learn more about the [Cascadia Subduction Zone](#)

Recommended supplies to include in a basic home emergency kit:

- Water for two weeks (one gallon of water per person, per day, for drinking and sanitation)
- Food (at least a three-day supply of nonperishable food)
- Can opener (if kit contains canned food)
- Extra Prescribed medications
- Battery-powered radio and NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Infant formula and diapers (if you have an infant)
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation

- Dust mask or cotton t-shirt, to help filter the air
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to create shelter
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Food for your pet
- Important family documents, such as insurance policies, identification, and bank account records, in a waterproof portable container