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COMMUNITY CALENDAR WITH SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS TIPS

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BE PREPARED.



Register for **Warn Central Texas** to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency response team.

Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.

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Want to make sure you have all the information and materials to stay prepared? There is an app for that!

Download the FREE **Ready Central Texas** app to make sure you stay emergency aware and prepared. The app provides news updates and warnings, and access to the latest preparedness resources.

Visit ReadyCentralTexas.org for more information.

Available for free for Android in the Google Play Store and for iOS in the App Store.



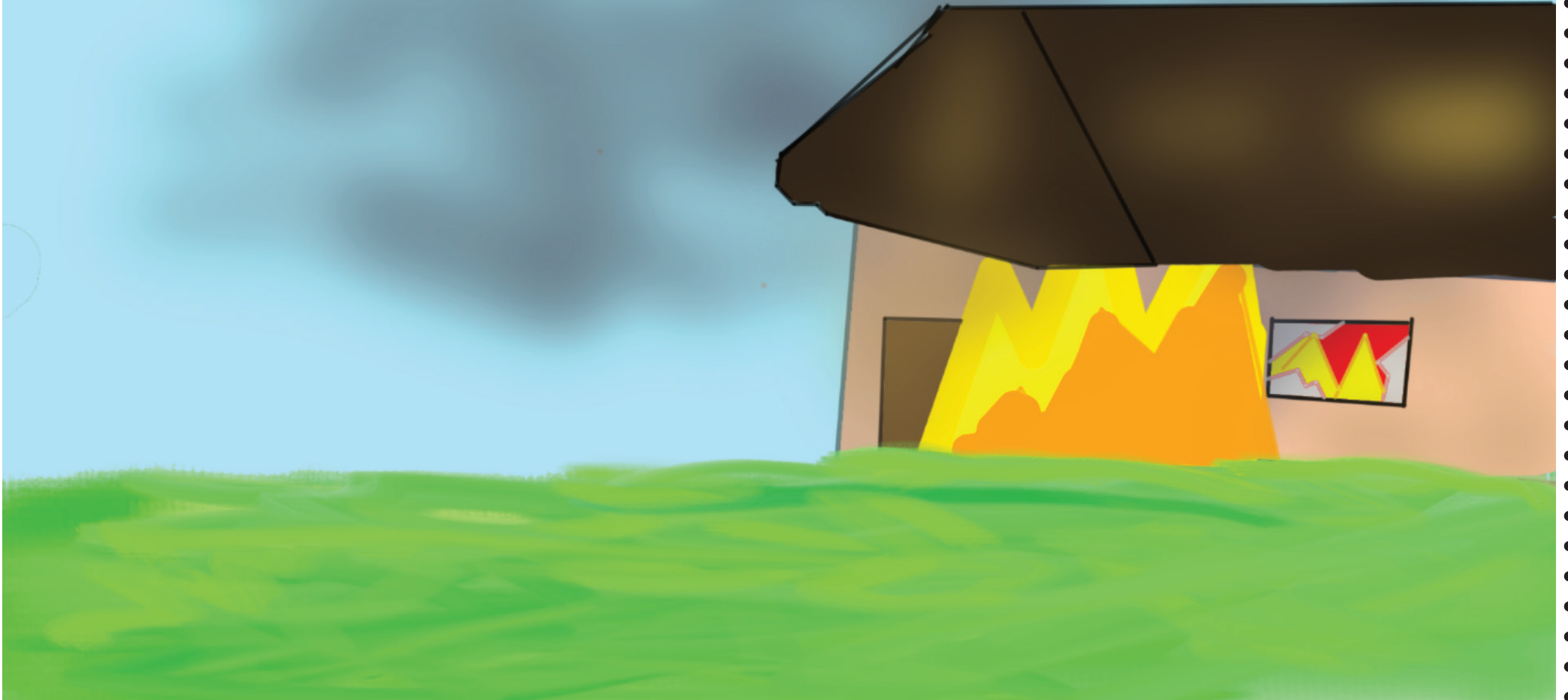
The Neighborhood Preparedness Guide was developed to help the community be disasterprepared. The guide provides tips for actions the public can take before, during and after an emergency. All neighborhoods, including mobile home communities, apartment complexes and high-rise buildings, are encouraged to use this guide. By working together, we can build a more prepared community.

The Public Can Use This Guide To Discover:

- Ways to help plan for hazards (flooding, winter weather, and wildfires)
- Tools to build an emergency supply kit
- Resources for making an emergency plan for your households
- Templates to help neighborhoods plan for emergencies

Visit ReadyCentralTexas.org to view or download a copy of the guide to start preparing your household and neighborhood.

HEATER SAFETY



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Monthly Action Checklist: Resolve To Be Winter Ready!

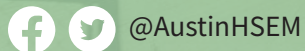
- ☐ Check your emergency kit. Make sure medications and other items have not expired.
- ☐ Test Carbon Monoxide and fire alarms to ensure they work properly.
- ☐ Review the 4 P's for freezing weather -People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes.

Space heaters cause one-third of home heating fires and are the second leading cause of home fires after cooking. Stay prepared this winter with these safety tips when using heaters:

- Make sure your heater has an automatic shut-off in case it tips over.
- Keep a metal or heat-tempered screen in front of your fireplace.
- Move objects at least 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove or space heater.

More information can be found at:
[Ready.gov/Winter-Weather](https://www.ready.gov/Winter-Weather)

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BUILDING A KIT

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Monthly Action Checklist: Get Prepared!

- ☐ Review your emergency plans. Don't wait until disaster strikes to plan!
- ☐ Make sure supplies in your emergency kit are not expired or need to be replaced.
- ☐ Don't forget your furry friends. Have an emergency plan for your pets as well.

Build your emergency kit BEFORE a disaster strikes. Periodically review your kit to make sure items and medications have not expired. Pack items such as:

- 1 gallon of water per person, per day (7-day supply)
- 7-day supply of nonperishable food — don't forget the can opener!
- First aid kit, 7-day supply of medicine and other needed medical supplies
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, tags, food, bowl, medical documents)

More information can be found at:
Ready.gov/Kit

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WEATHER AWARE

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Monthly Action Checklist: It's Not Luck!

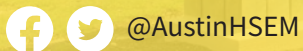
- ☐ Know what to do before, during, and after severe weather.
- ☐ Review severe weather terms such as Watch vs. Warning.

Be emergency prepared and stay weather aware for many different situations and hazards! The highest threats for Central Texas are flash flooding, wildfires, hail and tornadoes.

Have a plan if you need to take immediate action in response to one of these threats. Make sure you have a way to receive critical updates by having a weather radio, or signing up for emergency alerts at [WarnCentralTexas.org](https://www.warncentraltexas.org).

More preparedness information and resources can be found at: [ReadyCentralTexas.org](https://www.readycentraltexas.org)

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TORNADO PREPAREDNESS

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Monthly Action Checklist: Spring Cleaning!

- ☐ Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place.
- ☐ Take pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance.
- ☐ Update your pet's microchip registration in case you get separated.

Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning

A Tornado Watch means conditions for a tornado exist and one could be possible. Tornado Warning means a tornado is expected and you should seek shelter immediately!

Tornado Season for Texas typically occurs between the months of March through June, so it is important to stay weather aware and have a plan before a watch or warning occurs in your area.

More tornado safety information can be found at:

Weather.gov/Safety

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WILDFIRE SAFETY

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Monthly Action Checklist: Wildfire Preparedness!

- ☐ Have several ways to receive alerts in case immediate evacuation is needed.
- ☐ Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.
- ☐ Know evacuation routes and practice with your household where you will go.

It is important to stay aware of outdoor hazards to prevent fires. Do your part and stay safe by practicing the following safety tips:

- Check if a Burn Ban is in effect. Dry conditions can lead to fires starting easily.
- Clean gutters and other debris from around your home and yard.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
- Make digital copies of important documents and keep them in a secure location.

Learn more at:
Ready.gov/Wildfires

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HEAT AWARENESS

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Monthly Action Checklist: Beat the Heat!

- ☐ Learn the difference between Heat Watch and Warning, and necessary actions to take.
- ☐ Protect your pets by providing plenty of water and shade.
- ☐ Stay cool by wearing loose-fitting, light colored clothes.

Extreme heat is one of the most dangerous factors during summer months and should be taken very seriously. Practice heat safety wherever you are:

- Know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Limit outdoor activity to early morning or late evening.
- Never leaving children or pets unattended in a vehicle for any length of time.

More heat safety information can be found at:

[AustinTexas.gov/HeatAware](https://austintexas.gov/HeatAware)

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LIGHTNING SAFETY

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JULY

Monthly Action Checklist: Severe Weather Preparedness

- ☐ Have local/social media access and a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed.
- ☐ Sign up for emergency alerts at WarnCentralTexas.org for severe weather.
- ☐ Practice your plan! Conduct severe weather drills regularly.

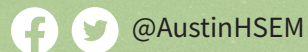
When thunder roars, go indoors! If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning. When there is lightning it is important to immediately find a safe and enclosed shelter to protect yourself from the weather.

Fun facts:

- There are approximately 25 million lightning strikes per year.
- Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun and can reach temperatures around 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

More information about lightning safety can be found at Weather.gov/Safety

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SEVERE STORM READY

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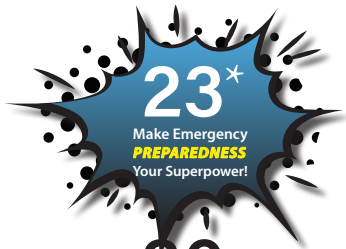
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Monthly Action Checklist: Flood Safety!

- ☐ Check to see if your house is in a flood zone.
- ☐ Learn Watch (Be Prepared) vs. Warning (Take Action!)
- ☐ Pack in advance. Flooding happens rapidly and leaves little time to get prepared.

Severe weather can happen at any time. It is important to be emergency prepared before, during, and after severe weather happens. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Discuss and create a plan for what to do in emergencies and evacuations.
- Monitor local news and social media for updates as weather changes.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- If you approach a flooded road or path remember: Turn Around, Don't Drown!

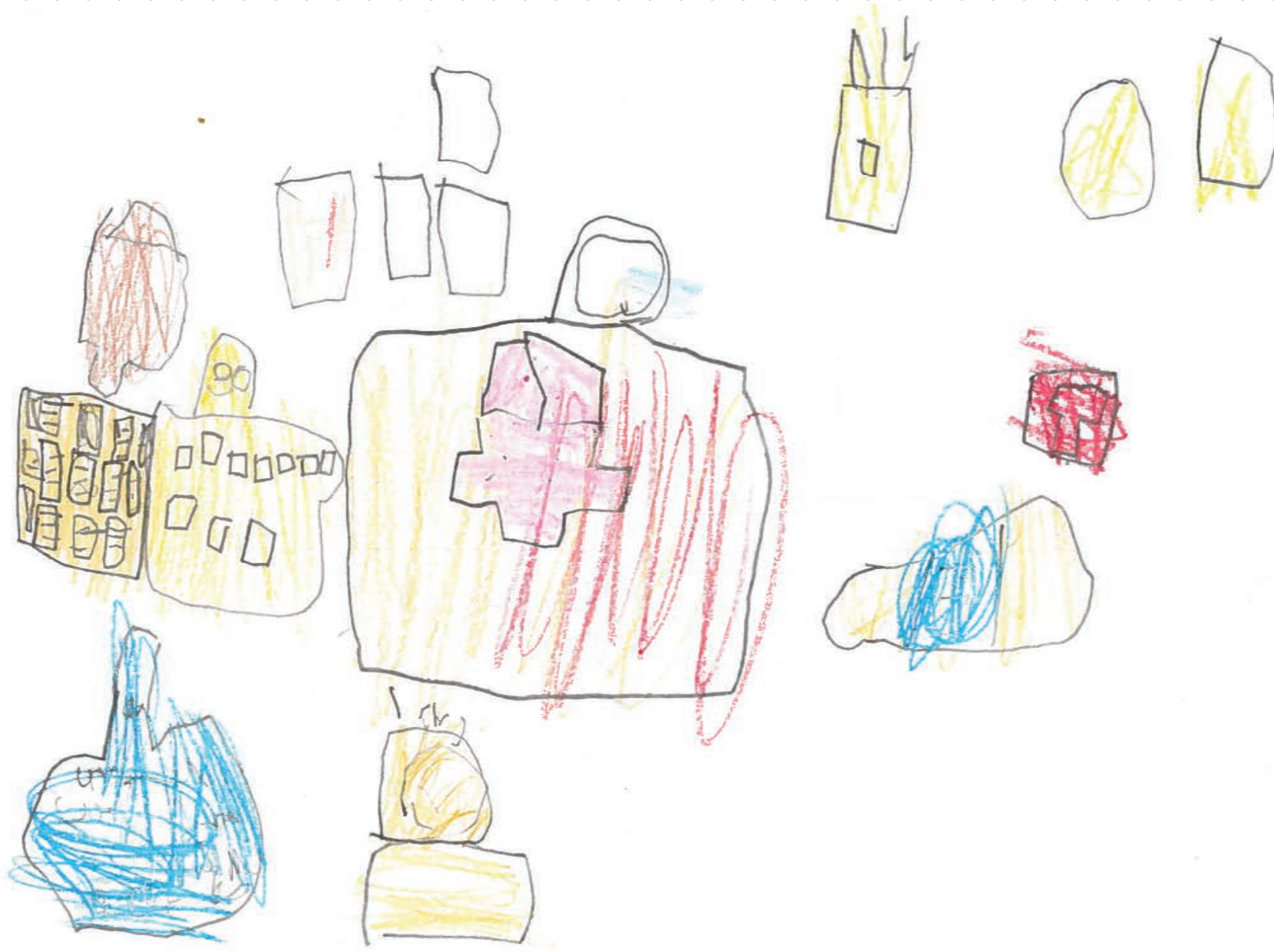
More information can be found at [AustinTexas.gov/floodpro](https://austintexas.gov/floodpro) or [TravisCountyTX.gov](https://traviscountytx.gov)

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ABRAM MIRELES

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SEPTEMBER

Monthly Action Checklist: Preparedness

- ☐ Make a Plan: Make, review, and discuss emergency plans with your family.
- ☐ Build a Kit: Get and update any needed supplies for your kit.
- ☐ Know Your Neighbors: Meet your neighbors to help each other during an emergency.
- ☐ Stay Informed: Sign up for emergency alerts and watch news and social media.

September is **National Preparedness Month!** This is the perfect time to review your emergency plans and supplies to make sure you prepared properly. Be prepared by:

- Reviewing how your family will receive emergency alerts (texts, news, social media).
- Check your supplies — water, medication, updated legal documents.
- Gather financial and critical personal, household and medical information.
- Consider household needs including individual or pet special items.

To make your emergency plan visit
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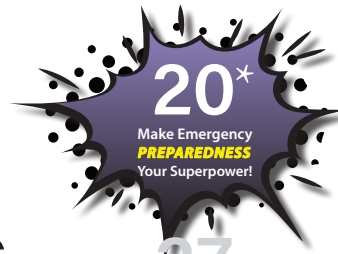
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BE ON THE LOOKOUT

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Monthly Action Checklist: Know What To Look For!

- ☐ Learn how to spot severe weather and know when you need to prepare.
- ☐ Know differences between advisories, watches, and warnings.
- ☐ Find opportunities to be more involved with your community for weather preparedness.

Be a force of nature by knowing your risks, taking action, and being an example in your community.

- Take the lead in preparing others in your community for weather preparedness.
- Learn about the different weather hazards that can impact your community.

More information on the National Weather Service education programs available at

[Weather.gov/education](https://www.weather.gov/education)

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FLASH FLOODS

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NOVEMBER

Monthly Action Checklist: Holiday Safety

- ☐ Decorate smart by checking lights for frayed wires and never leave candles unattended.
- ☐ Ensure proper placement of objects around electric heaters.
- ☐ Don't plug too many things into one outlet or extension cord.

Winter months can bring the happiness of holidays, but can also bring severe weather and flooding. It is important to stay weather aware and remember if you approach a flooded roadway, **Turn Around, Don't Drown.**

Fun fact: Creek beds and low water crossings can flood in a matter of minutes. It only takes a couple of inches of water to wash your car off the road. You can monitor low water crossings at [ATXFloods.com](https://www.atxfloods.com)

More information can be found at [readycentraltexas.org](https://www.readycentraltexas.org)

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READY FOR ANYTHING

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3RD GRADE | AUSTIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Monthly Action Checklist: Prepare Your Family!

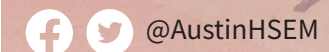
- ☐ Learn the building blocks: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Know Your Neighbors, and Stay Informed.
- ☐ Discuss the emergency plans for your home and your child's school.
- ☐ Review emergency contacts and make sure they are memorized, written down, or saved on a cell phone.

As winter brings freezing temperatures, it is important to make sure you have the proper emergency supplies at home and in your car. Also, do not go to work if you're sick!

- Check the 4 P's when it drops below freezing — People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes.
- Be careful of ice on overpasses and elevated areas when driving in freezing conditions.
- If possible, stay off roads when they are iced over.
- Practice proper hygiene to make sure you don't spread the flu or other illnesses.

More information can be found at Ready.gov/Winter and AustinTexas.gov/Flu

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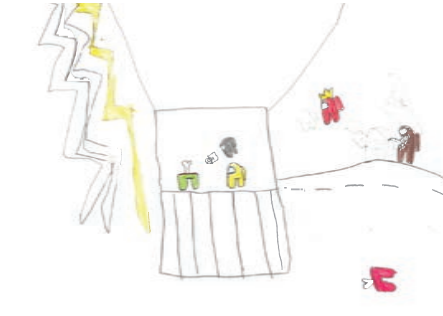
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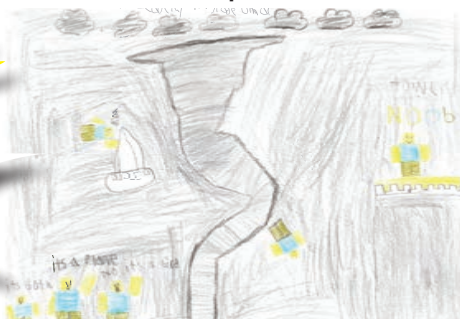
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