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2024

AUSTIN PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR

COMMUNITY CALENDAR WITH SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

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HONORABLE MENTION SUBMISSIONS



Pet Safety



Lightning Safety



Wildfire Safety



Flood Safety



Housefire Safety



Preparedness Kit



Heat Safety



Prepare for Natural Disasters



Tornado Preparedness



Emergency Preparedness Kit



Weather Awareness



Prepare for Natural Disasters



Winter Preparedness

We Thank Our Local Participating Schools and After School Program Centers

- Barbara Jordan Elementary
- Blackshear Elementary
- Graham Elementary
- Williams Elementary
- Good Shepherd Lutheran School
- Overton Elementary
- Canyon Creek Elementary
- Austin Christian Academy
- Norman-Sims Elementary

- Casey Elementary
- Oak Meadows Elementary
- Cedar Valley Middle School
- Turner Roberts Recreation Center
- Dittmar Recreation Center
- Gus Garcia Recreation Center
- Givens Recreation Center
- George Morales Dove Springs Recreation Center

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2024 Calendar

Central Texas is vulnerable to a wide range of hazards. Whether it's flash floods or wildfires, extreme heat or winter storms, you have the power to prepare. We can help! Emergencies can strike at any time. The time to get ready is now.

Our calendar is one resource the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management offers to help our community learn what to do when an emergency occurs. No one can predict when a disaster will happen. By preparing for a wide range of events, you can rest easy knowing you are in a good position to be in charge of your future.

The four steps of preparedness are Mak a Plan, Build a Kit, Know your Neighbors, and Stay Informed.

- Being prepared for emergencies is not a matter of luck. You need a plan. In an emergency or disaster, you will need to consider what you will do to stay safe. You may also need to consider your family, neighbors, and pets.
- If you don't know how to start building a kit, we have resources available. We can help you figure out what supplies you need for yourself, your family, and pets. And by attending one of our Emergency Preparedness Pop-up events, you even have a chance to get a free emergency kit (while supplies last).
- A prepared community is a resilient community. Knowing your neighbors is key. When an emergency strikes, you will need to communicate with your neighbors, and work together.
- To stay informed, check out the resources below.

Don't forget to follow us on social media!

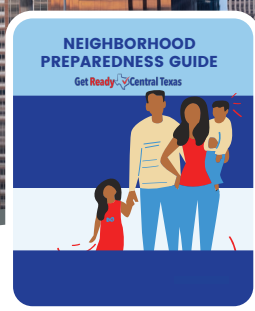


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Sign up for alerts at www.WarnCentralTexas.org, so you can get real-time alerts in the event of an emergency.

Download our free **Ready Central Texas** app, so you can get updates, and receive push notifications when an emergency happens. Apple users can download the Ready Central Texas app from the App Store, and Android users can download it from the Play Store.

The **Neighborhood Preparedness Guide** is a great place to start preparing before an emergency. This guide contains information, templates, and checklists so you can make a plan, build a kit, know your neighbors and stay informed. Available in English and Spanish.



STAY INFORMED. BE PREPARED.





MARGOT BLACKSHEAR
3rd Grade | Graham Elementary School



January

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EXTREME WEATHER: UTILITY IMPACTS

Climate change has resulted in more extreme weather in the Central Texas area. Extreme weather can mean an increased likelihood of water, gas, or electric outages that may take several days to repair.

- Prepare for winter utility outages by creating an emergency kit with flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, water, and warm blankets.
- Ensure your home is well-insulated and seal any drafts.
- Keep a portable generator or alternative heating source on hand.
- Stay safe by dressing in layers to conserve heat, minimizing drafts, and using candles cautiously.
- Keep ready an ice chest to place outside with refrigerated medicine or food. Cold outside temperatures can keep those items from spoiling.
- Stay informed through battery-powered radios and check on vulnerable neighbors.
- Be ready to hunker down until utilities are restored, prioritizing safety and warmth.
- Keep a charged power bank on hand, so you can charge your phone even if the power is down.
- And never light a fire, grill, or use a camp stove indoors or without ventilation. This can release carbon monoxide, which is odorless, colorless, and can be deadly.

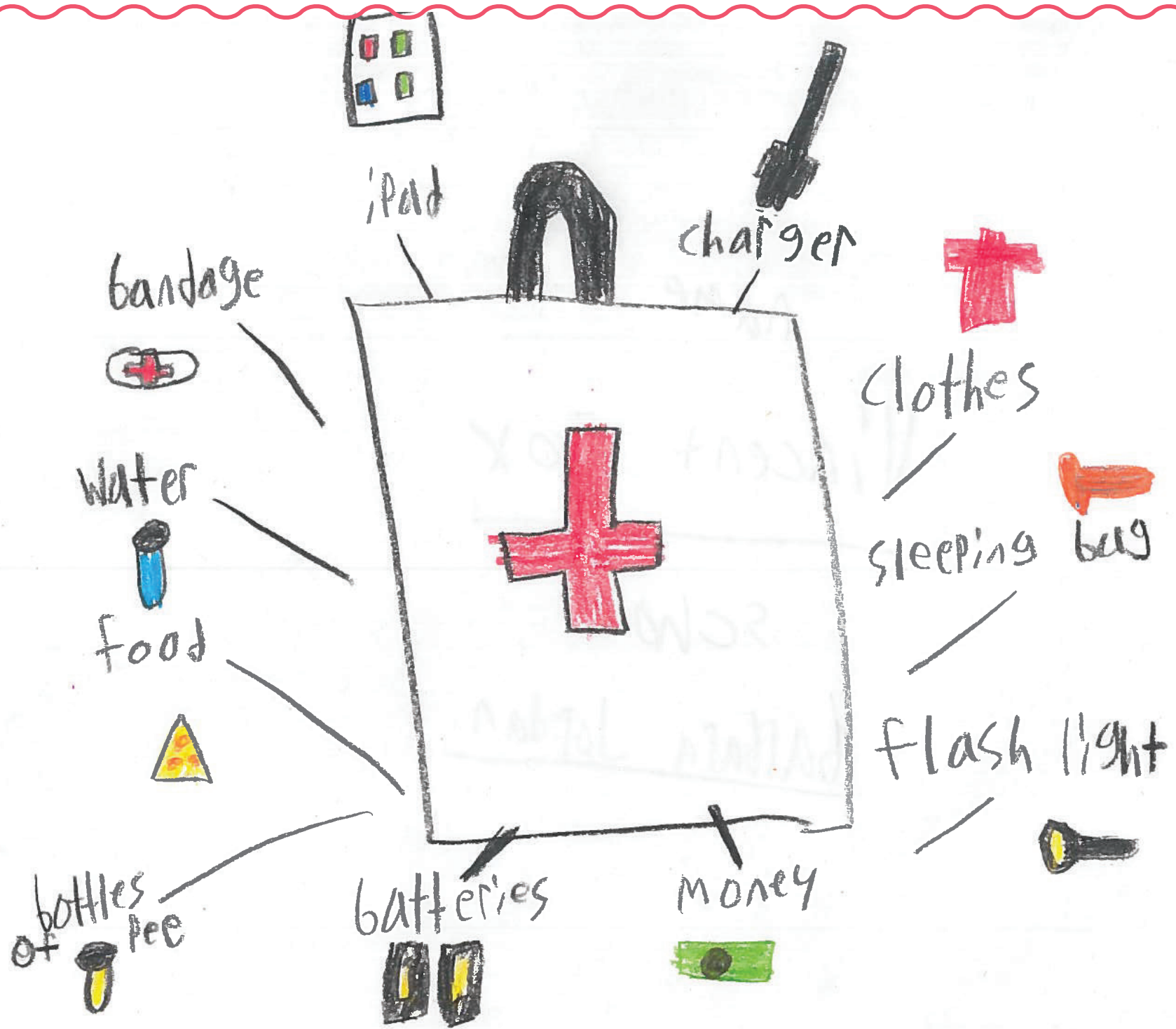
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VINCENT FOX

3rd Grade | Barbara Jordan Elementary School



February

BUILD A KIT

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Building a Kit is one of the 4 Steps of Preparedness. Having supplies ready can make disasters less stressful, and in some cases, can even be life-saving!

A good rule is to have supplies and resources you need to be self-sufficient for seven days. Make sure you have enough for everyone in your household including pets.

Want to start building a kit? You don't have to do it all at once, and you can build a kit on a budget. Start with the basics: water, food, first aid, hygiene items that can fit in a backpack or other portable container. Add items like a flashlight, extra batteries, portable charger, blankets, and cash as you are able. Think about what you and your family need, including medications and comfort items for children and pets. Consider supplies for different seasons, too.

For more tools and tips on how to put together an emergency kit, visit ReadyCentralTexas.org.

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DANIELLA GONZALEZ
4th Grade | Williams Elementary School



March

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SEVERE WEATHER: LIGHTNING, THUNDERSTORMS, HAIL

Prepare for severe weather by staying informed through weather alerts. Secure outdoor objects to prevent them from becoming projectiles. Bring pets inside.

Seek shelter in a sturdy building or a car if caught outside. Avoid open fields, tall trees, and standing water. Inside, unplug electronics, use surge protectors, and stay away from windows.

Stay safe with a plan: identify a safe shelter, create an emergency kit, and stay informed through weather alerts.

During a storm, take shelter immediately, preferably in an interior or windowless room.

After the storm, watch for fallen power lines and debris. When it's safe to do so, be ready to check your property and vehicle for any damage.

If you see any damage, take photos for insurance purposes. Be aware of potential scams looking to take advantage of damage from the storm. Work with your insurance representative to find reputable businesses for any needed repairs.

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MARLIN TOPSY

1st Grade | Barbara Jordan Elementary School



April

TORNADOES AND HIGH WINDS SAFETY

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A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that has contact with the ground. It is often visible as a funnel cloud. Tornado wind speeds can range from 40 to 300 mph. Straight line winds are similar to tornadoes, but they travel straight instead of rotating. Straight line winds can be extremely powerful, and can cause as much damage as a tornado.

Tornadoes and straight-line winds can strike suddenly. Stay safe with a plan: identify a safe shelter, create an emergency kit, and stay informed through weather alerts. During a storm, take shelter immediately, preferably in an interior or windowless room. After the danger passes, be cautious of debris and downed power lines.

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JJ GILBERT

3rd Grade | Good Shepherd Lutheran School



May

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WILDFIRE: READY, SET, GO

May is National Wildfire Month. Wildfire is one of the most common risks in Central Texas. Texas has the second highest risk of wildfires outside of California. Do you know how to be **Ready, get Set, and Go**? Sign up for wildfire evacuation notifications at WarnCentralTexas.org.

Ready: Create a plan and prepare your family and your home.

Set: Stay aware by signing up for alerts, monitoring, and getting ready to evacuate if needed.

Go: When wildfire hits, it's important to act early-and work together to evacuate safely.

Get More Info at:
wildfire-austin.hub.arcgis.com

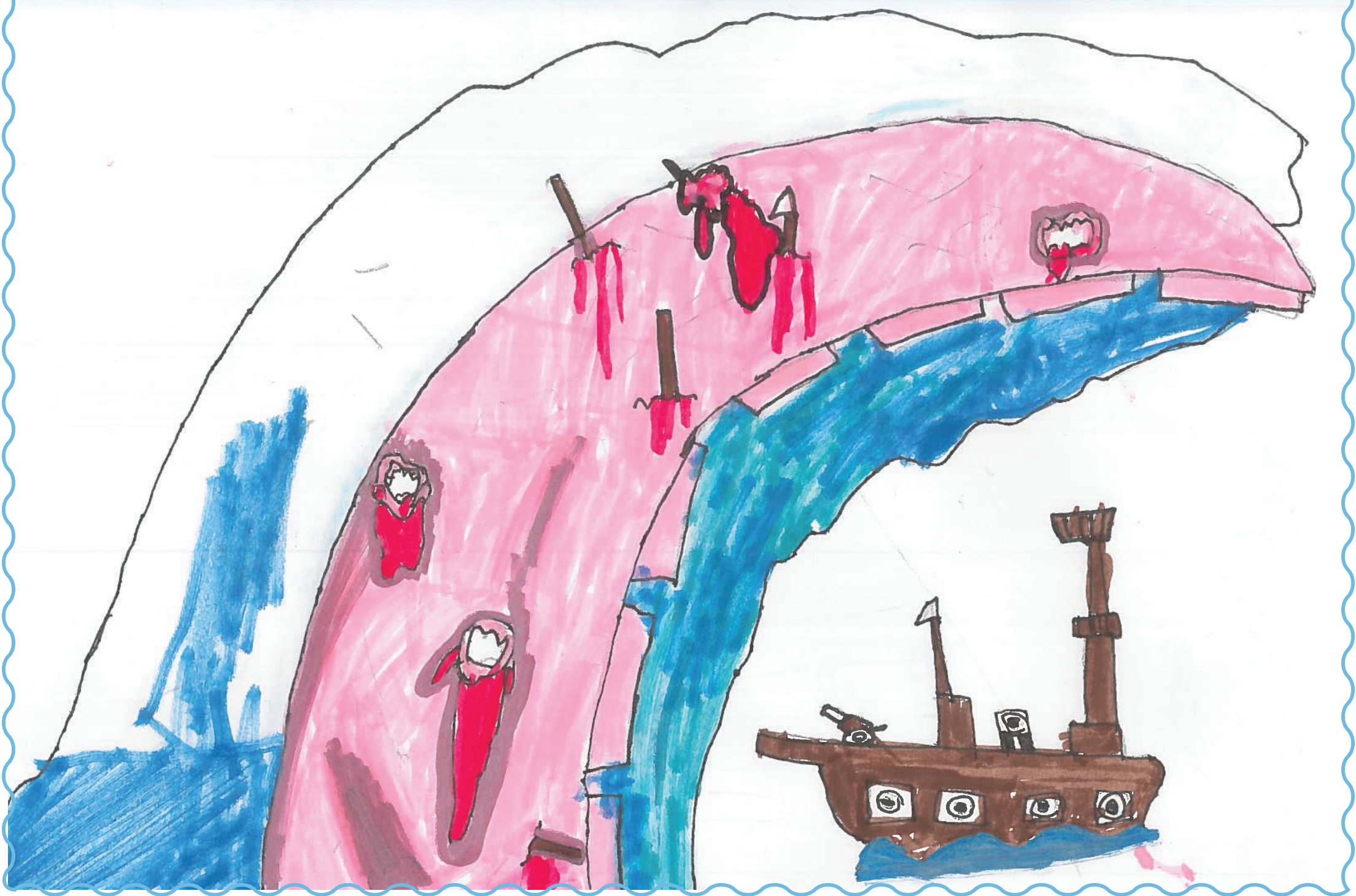
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KENNETH THUNG

2nd Grade | Good Shepherd Lutheran School



June

WATER SAFETY

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If you're spending time near pools or bodies of water, swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards and always obey pool rules. Never leave children unattended in water.

Be a water watcher. Make sure children in the water have active and constant supervision. Put away phones and other distractions around water.

Focus on swimming safety. When in any type of water, toddlers and infants should always be no more than arm's length away from their parent or caregiver.

Drowning is not always obvious. It may not always look like someone in obvious distress. It can be fast and silent with very little splashing, waving, or yelling. Visit ReadyCentralTexas.org and learn more about recognizing the signs of drowning.

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ABELINE GUZMAN
1st Grade | Graham Elementary School



July

EXTREME HEAT

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In the summer months in Texas, heat can be extreme. But you can take steps to stay safe. Remember to stay hydrated, by drinking more water than usual and avoid excessive caffeine or alcohol, which can further dehydrate you. If you are outside for work, play, or exercise, remember to take shade breaks periodically. Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing, and protect your skin with a wide-brimmed hat and SPF sunscreen. Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness, like heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke.

Make sure your pets have adequate water and shade. Check on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly or vulnerable, and make sure they have access to water, air conditioning or fans, and anything else they need to stay cool.

And always look before you lock. Never leave a child or pet unattended in a vehicle!

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JACK COLEMAN

3rd Grade | Austin Christian Academy School



August

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HOUSE FIRE PREVENTION

Fires can be deadly and can spread extremely quickly. But most fire tragedies are preventable. The three most common causes of fires in Austin are unattended cooking, electrical fires, and improperly discarded smoking materials.

Inspect all electronic devices for damage or signs of defective materials. Look for faulty cables, bad splicing, cut and/or torn cords, damaged cables, and loose wires. Never overload an outlet, extension cord, or power strip with too many plugs.

Ensure any tobacco products are completely out before disposing. Soaking them in water is a good way to be sure. Never discard a cigarette butt or other materials in the trash, or a potted plant.

Never leave cooking food unattended, or let flammable materials get close to a burner.

Make sure your home has working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and a fire extinguisher. If you or someone you know doesn't have working smoke alarms in their home, contact the Austin Fire Department and they will provide and install them for free. (Must reside in Austin.)

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JACK THOMAS

3rd Grade | Good Shepherd Lutheran School



September

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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September is National Preparedness Month. This is a great time to re-evaluate your plans, supplies, community connections, and ways to get information. Remember the 4 steps of preparedness!

Make a Plan: Preparedness is not about luck. You need a plan. When an emergency strikes, what will you do? How will you take care of yourself, your family, your pets? Don't wait. Make a plan now. The Neighborhood Preparedness Guide can help you get started.

Build a Kit: What's in your emergency kit? Do you have water, food, first aid, flashlights, medicine, and everything else you need? Do you have a way to protect needed personal documents? Attend an Emergency Preparedness Pop Up Event to get started on a kit.

Know your Neighbors: Do you know the people around you? How will you work with your local community when a disaster strikes? Meet your neighbors at a Ready Together Preparedness Training class.

Stay Informed: Are you signed up to get vital alerts and updates? Do you know where to get accurate, real-time information? Sign up for emergency alerts to your phone or email at WarnCentralTexas.org.

Visit us at ReadyCentralTexas.org for information on our city-wide Get Ready Central Texas Emergency Preparedness Fair.

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OLIVIA MARTINEZ
6th Grade | Casey Elementary School



October

FLASH FLOODING

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Central Texas is known as Flash Flood Alley. Flash flooding is the number one disaster most likely to happen in Central Texas. During flood season, take proactive steps: clear gutters, secure outdoor furniture, and create an emergency plan. Flash floods can occur with little to no warning—even if it isn't raining where you are.

Spotting the signs of flash flooding can save lives. Watch for rising water levels, fast-moving currents, and overflowing drains. Don't take unnecessary risks during a flash flood. It's never worth it! Avoid driving through flooded roads, moving barricades or walking in swift-moving water. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

Stay informed through WarnCentralTexas.org and atxfloods.com.

For active emergencies, bookmark our Alerts webpage at www.austintexas.gov/alerts

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AMERIS TORRES MAY
Overton Elementary School



November

HURRICANES

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Hurricanes often begin as tropical storms. Even though Austin is inland from the coast, where hurricanes are most likely to impact, hurricanes and tropical storms can still indirectly affect Austin, with events like flooding and high winds.

Secure any loose outdoor items, such as furniture or tools. Trim tree branches that may fall and hit power lines to your house. Identify an interior room of your house, such as a bathroom, where you can take shelter during high winds. Know how to turn off gas, electric, and water utilities if needed.

When it's safe to do so, be ready to check your property and vehicle for any damage. If you see any damage, take photos for insurance purposes. Be aware of potential scams looking to take advantage of damage from the storm. Work with your insurance representative to find reputable businesses for any needed repairs.

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SAHANA SHANKAR

3rd Grade | Canyon Creek Elementary School



December

WINTER WEATHER THE 4Ps

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When winter weather hits, it's important to remember the 4 Ps: People, Pets, Pipes, and Plants.

People: Remember to dress in warm layers, and make sure the rest of your family or household is dressed warmly too. Never heat your home with an oven, indoor generator, grill, camp stove, or other device. These generate deadly carbon monoxide gas, which cannot be seen or smelled.

Pets: Never leave pets outside when it is cold outside. Bring them inside to keep them warm and safe. If you're cold, they're cold.

Pipes: Make sure you cover or insulate exposed pipes and faucets. Disconnect outside hoses and turn off outside faucets. Cover outdoor faucets with a faucet cover. Or, make your own cover by wrapping the faucet tightly with a cloth, covering with one to two plastic bags, and tape to secure it. Drip one internal faucet only, if needed.

Plants: Cover outdoor plants, or bring them inside if possible, to avoid freezing.

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