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# AUSTIN PREPAREDNESS CALENDAR

COMMUNITY CALENDAR WITH SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS TIPS



# 2022 Calendar

2021 proved to be just as challenging as 2020 and highlighted the importance of resilience and preparedness more than ever. The keys to future disasters and actions beginning at home are: Make a plan, build a kit, know your neighbors, and stay informed. These steps will help you and your family be prepared for the next emergency.

For the 2022 calendar, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) partnered with the Travis County Office of Emergency Management (TCOEM) and asked for 1st through 5th graders across Travis County to share what they believed to be the most important safety information.

Each month features artwork related to emergency awareness or preparedness, as well as actions and tips for you and your family to accomplish. Help your community and family by making a plan and discussing the important steps taken to prepare for all around emergencies.

Thank you from all the staff at HSEM and TCOEM for the wonderful submissions. We look forward to continuing to partner with our local young artists, school districts, and everyone in between who makes these kinds of projects possible.

For information on emergency preparedness follow us on social media or visit our website at [AustinHSEM.com](https://austinhsem.com) or [TravisCountyTX.gov](https://traviscountytx.gov).



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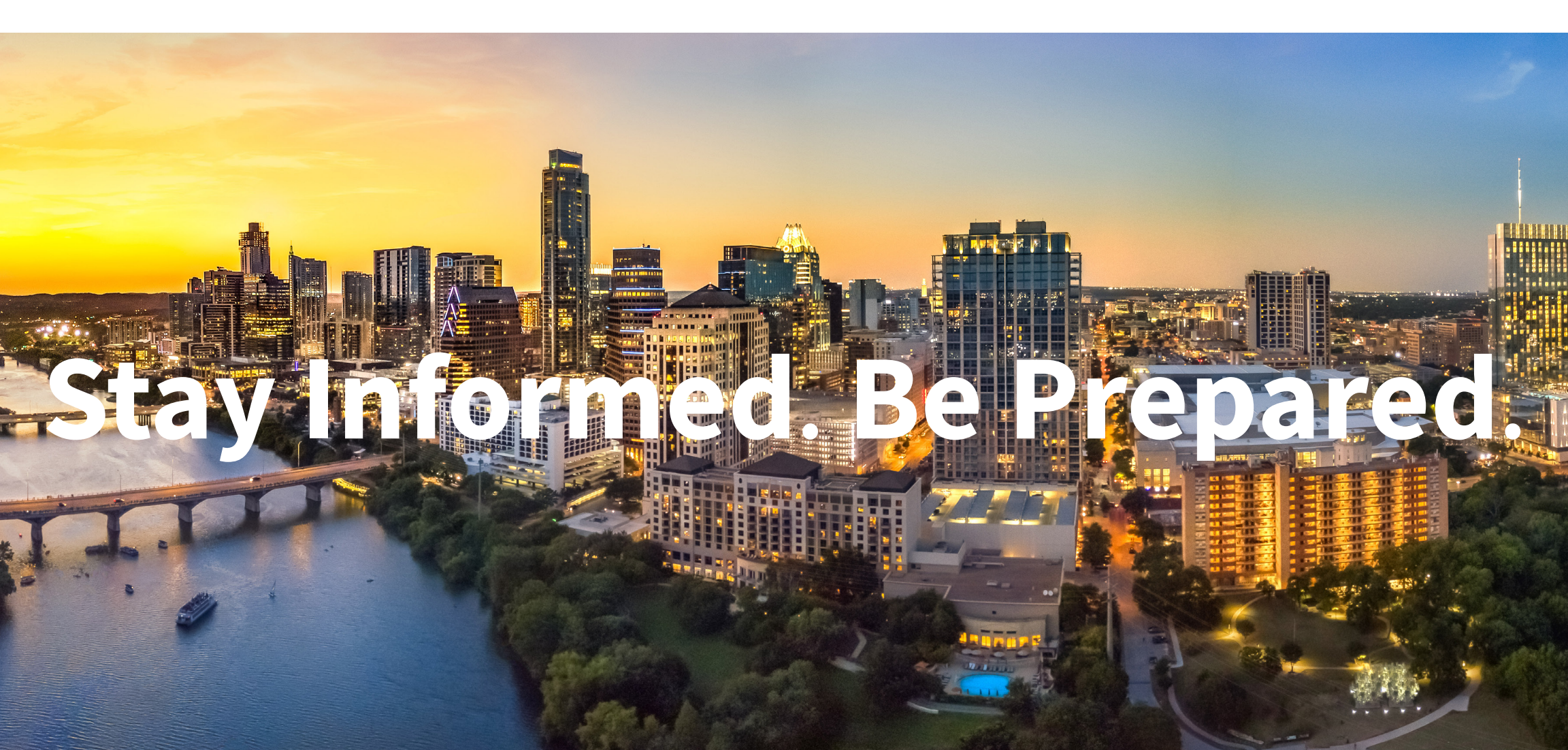
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# Stay Informed. Be Prepared.

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.

Visit **[WarnCentralTexas.org](https://WarnCentralTexas.org)** and sign up today.

A service of the Capital Area Council of Governments in Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, and Williamson counties.

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 such as checklists, informational videos, and more!

Visit **[ReadyCentralTexas.org](https://ReadyCentralTexas.org)** for more information.

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





# Heater Safety

Joseph Mejia  
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# JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Resolve To Be Winter Ready!</i>						1
<input type="checkbox"/> Check your emergency kit - make sure medications and other items have not expired <input type="checkbox"/> Test Carbon Monoxide and Fire alarms to ensure they work properly <input type="checkbox"/> Review the 4 P's for freezing weather - People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes						<i>New Year's Day</i>
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<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>						
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Did you know 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

Alora-Belle Vargas  
5th Grade / Hillcrest Elementary / Del Valle ISD



# FEBRUARY

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Presidents' Day						
27	28	<b>Monthly Action Checklist: Get Prepared</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Review your emergency plans — don't wait until disaster strikes to plan!</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make sure supplies in your emergency kit are not expired or need to be replaced</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't forget your furry friends — have an emergency plan for your pets as well</li> </ul>				

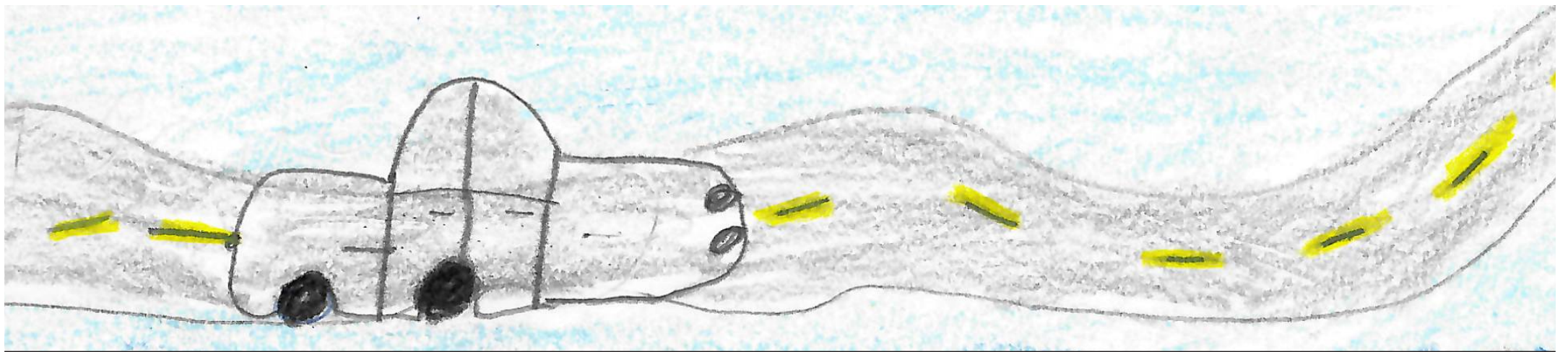
Build your emergency kit **BEFORE** the disaster strikes. Periodically review your kit to make sure items and medications have not expired. Pack items such as:

- 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 about what to pack can be found at [Ready.gov/Kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)

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# Weather Aware

Haley Montalvo  
4th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD



# MARCH

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Daylight Savings Time			St. Patrick's Day			
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27	28	29	30	31	<b>Monthly Action Checklist: <i>It's Not Luck</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Know what to do before, during, and after severe weather <input type="checkbox"/> Review severe weather terms such as Watch vs. Warning	

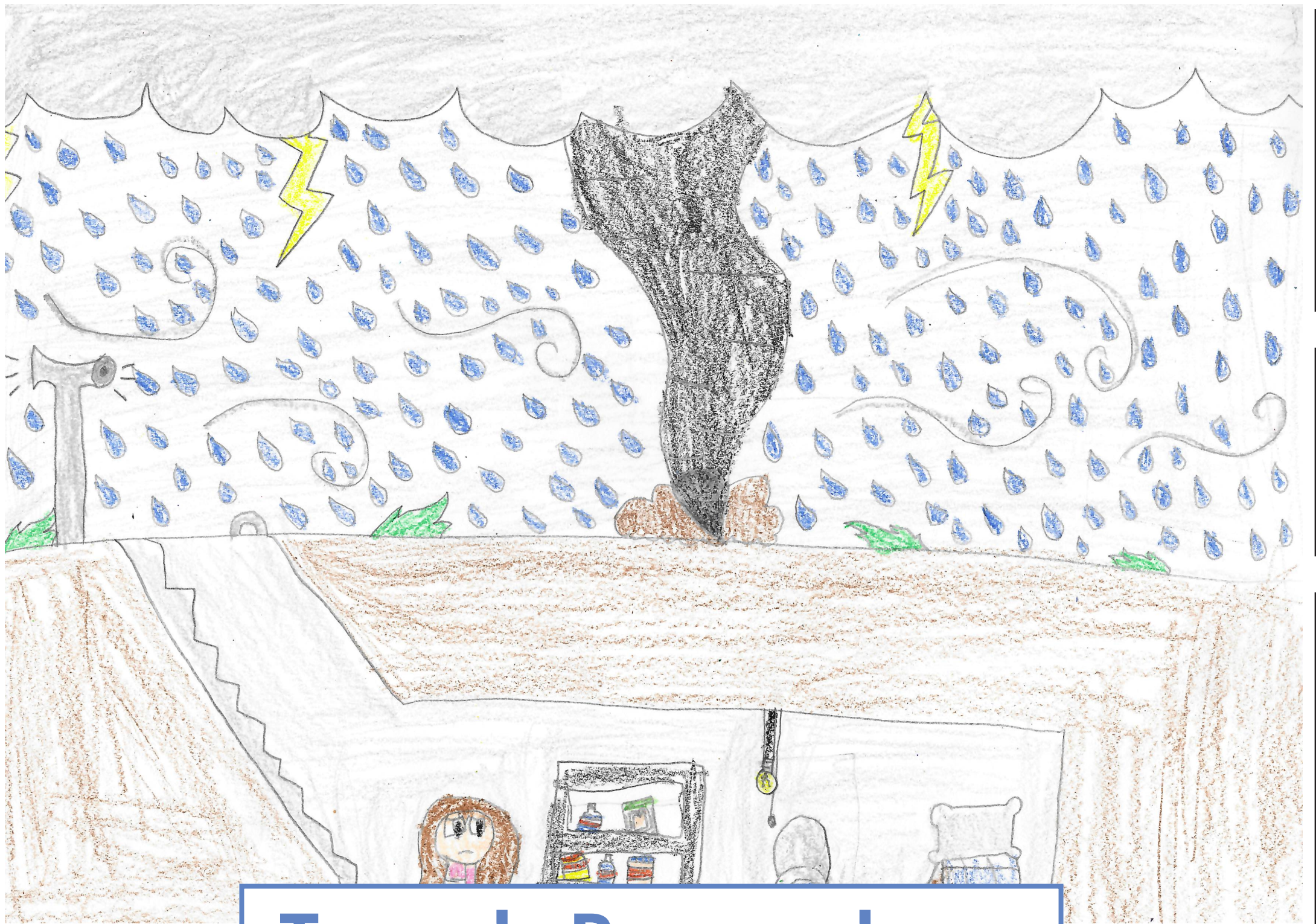
Be emergency prepared and stay weather aware for many different situations and hazards! The highest threats for Central Texas are flash flooding, wildfires, hail, and tornadoes.

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 [AustinHSEM.com](https://www.austinhseminc.com)

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# Tornado Preparedness

Natalia Hernandez Sanchez  
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# APRIL

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<b>Monthly Action Checklist: Spring Cleaning</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place <input type="checkbox"/> Take pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Update your pet's microchip registration in case you get separated				1	2	
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Do you know the difference between **Tornado Watch** and **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](https://www.weather.gov/safety)

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# Wildfire Safety

*Eric Rodriguez  
4th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD*

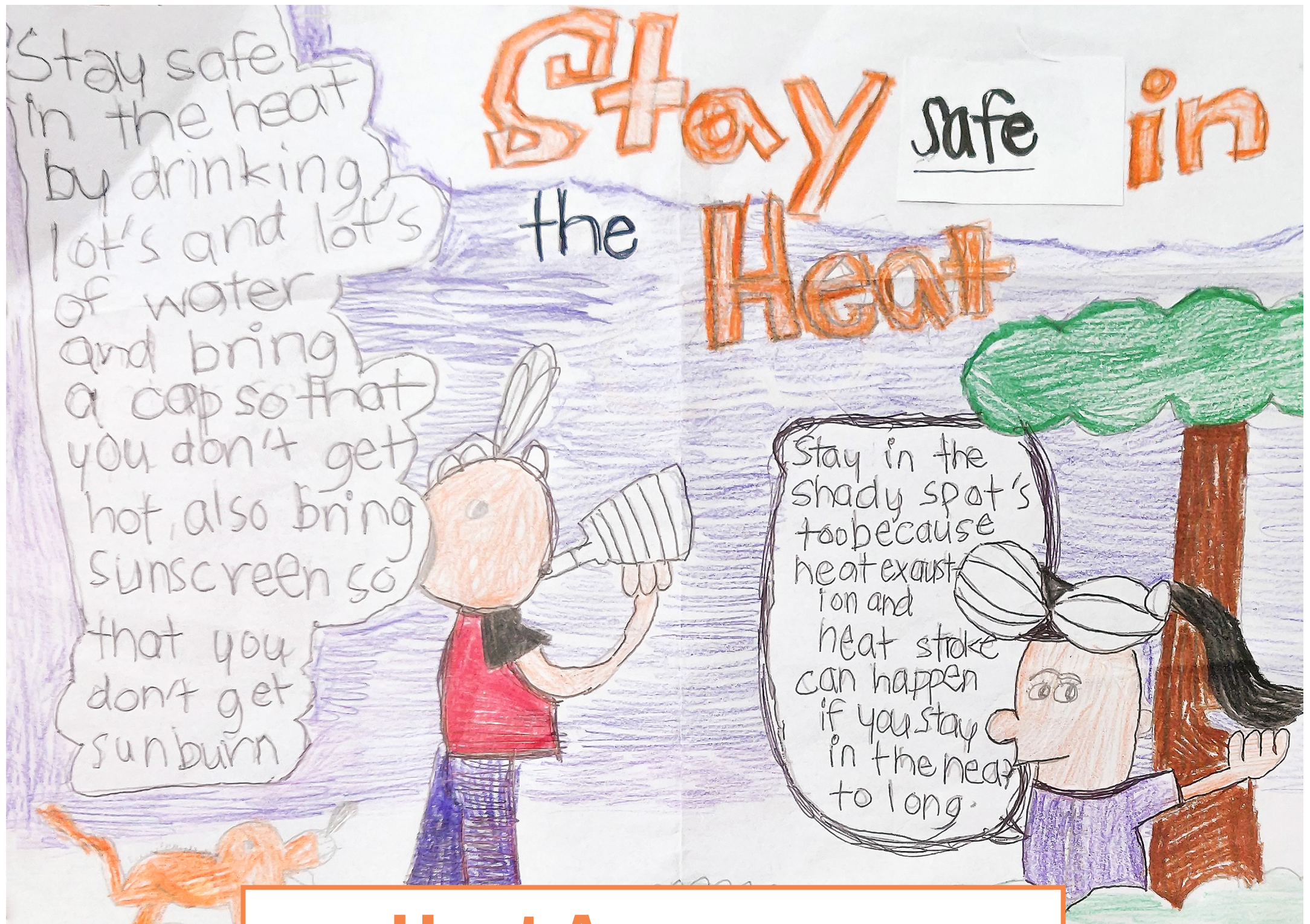


# MAY

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29	30	31	<div>Monthly Action Checklist: Wildfire Preparedness</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Have several ways to receive alerts in case immediate evacuation is needed</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Know evacuation routes and practice with your household where you will go</div>			
Memorial Day						

It is important to stay aware of outdoor hazards to prevent fires. Do your part and stay safe by practicing the following safety tips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check if a Burn Ban is in effect. Dry conditions can lead to fires starting easily.</li><li>• Clean gutters and other debris from around your home and yard.</li><li>• Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.</li><li>• Make digital copies of important documents and keep them in a secure location</li></ul> Learn more at <a href="https://www.ready.gov/wildfires">Ready.gov/Wildfires</a>	June						
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# Heat Awareness

Mukund Karthik  
2nd Grade / Rutledge Elementary / Leander ISD





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Beat the Heat!</i>			1	2	3	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Learn the difference between Heat Watch and Warning, and necessary actions to take						
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect your pets by providing plenty of water and shade						
<input type="checkbox"/> Stay cool by wearing loose-fitting, light-colored clothes						
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Father's Day Juneteenth						
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Extreme heat is one of the most dangerous factors during summers months and should be taken very seriously! Practice heat safety wherever your are by:

- Knowing the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Limiting 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

*Vanessa Martinez*  
*5th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD*



# JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Monthly Action Checklist: Severe Weather Preparedness				1	2	
<input type="checkbox"/> Have local/social media access and a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for emergency alerts at <b>WarnCentralTexas.org</b> for severe weather <input type="checkbox"/> Practice your plan! Conduct severe weather drills regularly						
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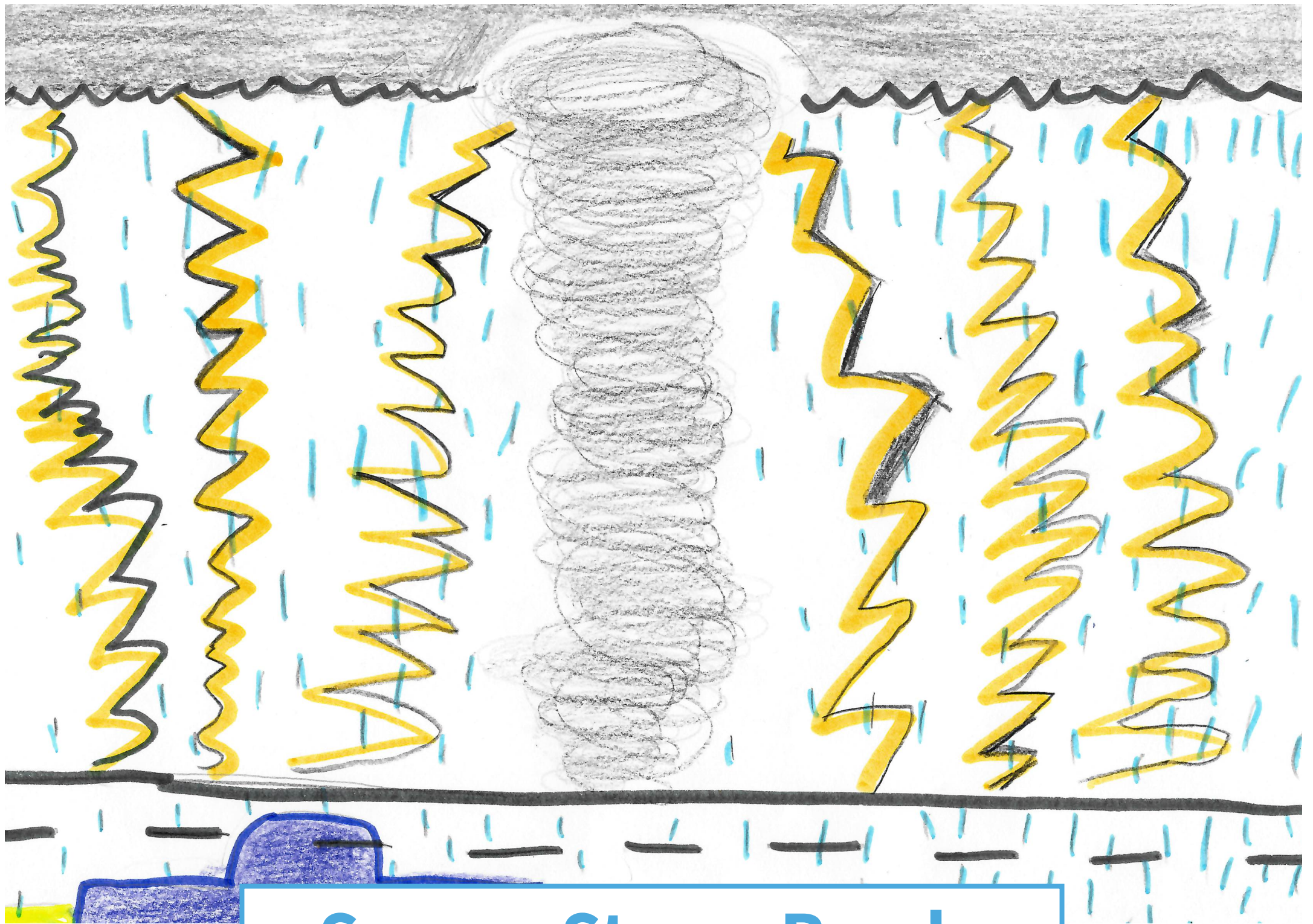
**When thunder roars, go indoors!** If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to be struck by lightning! It is important to immediately find a safe and enclosed shelter to protect yourself from the weather.

*Fun fact:* There are approximately 25 million lightning strikes per year. *Bonus fun fact* is 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](https://www.weather.gov/safety)

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# Severe Storm Ready

Brisa Maldonado  
5th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD



# AUGUST

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28	29	30	31	<b>Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Flood Safety</i></b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if your house is in a flood zone <input type="checkbox"/> Learn Watch (Be Prepared) vs. Warning (Take Action!) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 [AustinHSEM.com](https://www.austinhsem.com) or [TravisCountyTX.gov](https://www.traviscountytx.gov)

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# Emergency Preparedness

Stella Null

3rd Grade | Houston Elementary | Austin ISD



# SEPTEMBER

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Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Preparedness</i>			1	2	3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1 (Make a Plan): Make, review, and discuss plans with your family <input type="checkbox"/> Week 2 (Build a Kit): Get and update any needed supplies for your kit <input type="checkbox"/> Week 3 (Prepare): Learn the risks and hazards for your home/community <input type="checkbox"/> Week 4 (Teach): Talk with your family and kids about preparedness						
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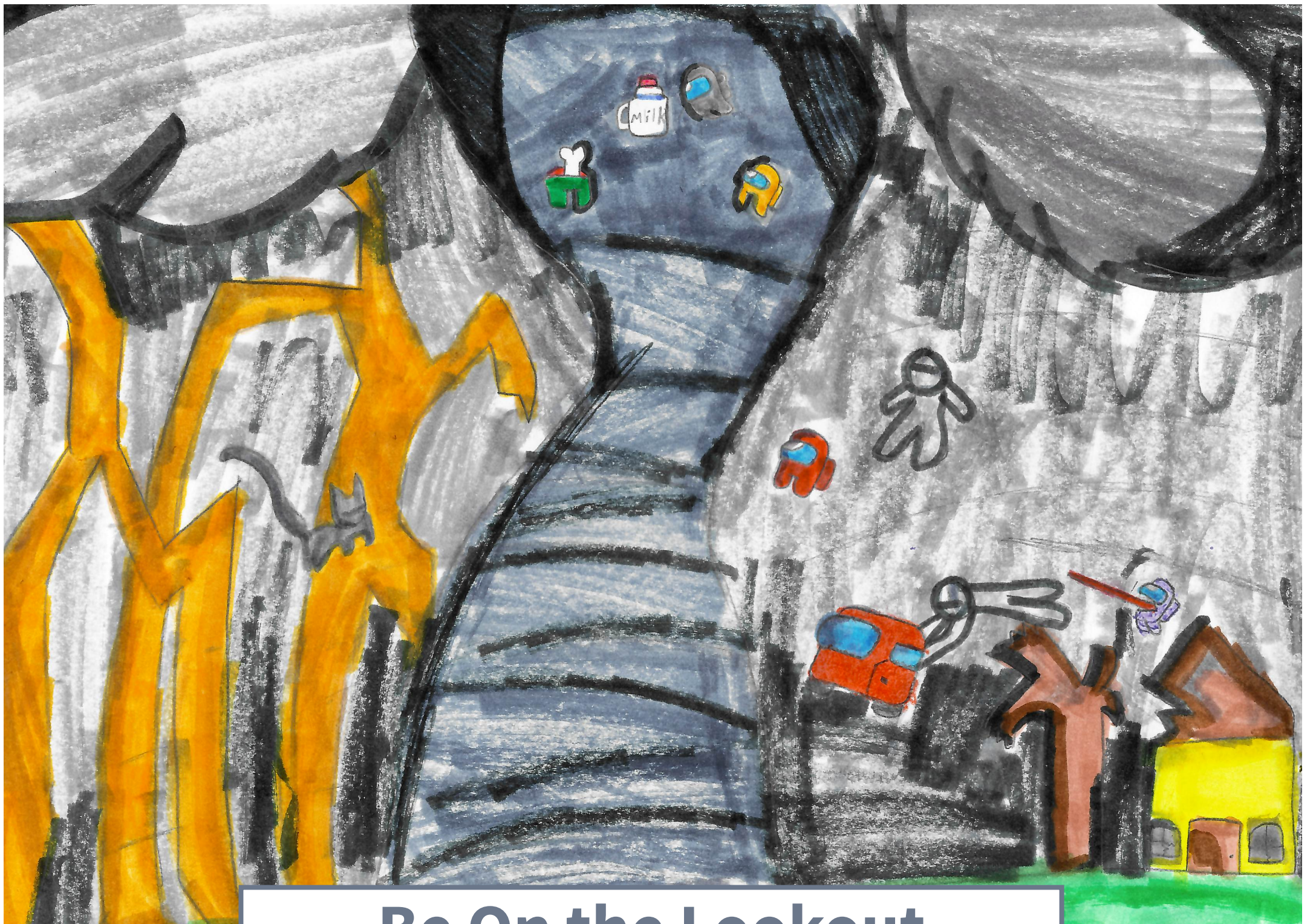
September is **National Preparedness Month!** This is the perfect time to review your emergency plans and supplies to make sure you prepared properly. Make a plan by:

- 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 — do individuals or pets need special items?

To make your emergency plan visit [ReadyCentralTexas.org](https://www.readycentraltexas.org)

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# Be On the Lookout

*Anthony De Angelo  
4th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD*



# OCTOBER

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Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Know What To Look For</i>						1
<input type="checkbox"/> Learn how to spot severe weather and know when you need to prepare <input type="checkbox"/> Know differences between advisories, watches, and warnings <input type="checkbox"/> Find opportunities to be more involved with your community for weather preparedness						
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Halloween

“Be a Force of Nature” by knowing your risk, taking action, and being an example in your community. Get more involved by becoming an active National Weather Service Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador or even teaching others!

- 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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# Turn Around, Don't Drown

Janelle Gonzalez  
5th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD



# NOVEMBER

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				Thanksgiving Day					
27	28	29	30	<div>Monthly Action Checklist: <i>Holiday Safety</i></div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Decorate smart — check candles for hazards and lights for frayed wires as you place lights around the house</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Ensure proper placement and objects around electric heaters</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Don't plug too many things into one outlet or extension cord</div>					

Winter months can bring the happiness of holidays, but can also bring severe weather that includes flooding. It's always important to stay weather aware and to remember if you approach a flooded roadway: **“Turn Around, Don’t Drown”**

*Interesting 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 crossing at [ATXFloods.com](https://www.atxfloods.com)

More information can be found at [AustinTexas.gov/departments/flood-safety](https://austintexas.gov/departments/flood-safety)

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# Ready for Anything

Nataly Macedo Ramirez  
5th Grade / Houston Elementary / Austin ISD



# DECEMBER

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<b>Monthly Action Checklist: Prepare Your Family</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Learn the building blocks: Make a Plan, Build a Kit, and Get Involved <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss the emergency plans for your home and your child's school <input type="checkbox"/> Review emergency contacts and make sure they are memorized, written down, or saved on a cell phone				1	2	3
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Christmas Day		Kwanzaa		New Year's Eve		

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/elevated areas when driving in freezing conditions.
- If possible, stay off roads when they are iced over. If trapped in your car, stay inside.
- Practice proper hygiene to make sure you don't spread the Flu or other illnesses.

More information can be found at [Ready.gov/Winter](https://www.ready.gov/winter) or [AustinTexas.gov/Flu](https://www.austintexas.gov/flu)

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# Emergency Prepare. Stay Aware. Be Disaster Ready.



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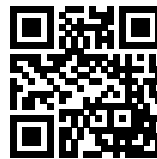


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