



## **Comfort Kits**

Dear St. Patrick's Parents/Guardians.

As part of the school's emergency preparedness program, we ask for your cooperation in creating/renewing your child's "COMFORT KIT" and completing the STUDENT EMERGENCY IDENTIFICATION FORM.

In the event of an emergency, we must be prepared to look after your child for a period of time. **COMFORT KITS** are small collections of items designed to reassure your child and to help them remain calm and occupied. It will be kept in a secure container outside the school and will be available in case of evacuation.

Returning St. Patrick's students were given their **COMFORT KITS** before the end of school this past June. Please update the information, add a new family photo and replace out of date items.

In **one labeled ZIPLOC BAG**, please include the following in your child's **COMFORT KIT**:

- Family or special photo
- Comfort letter to your child
  - o Some suggestions include
    - It's okay to be afraid
    - Listen to the teacher and stay with the class group
    - The school is prepared to take care of you until Mom & Dad (or the alternate contacts) can come for you
    - Special words/pet names shared just between you
- Medication (if required please include instructions)
- Small package of Kleenex
- 2 compact and nutritious nut-free pre-packaged nonperishable snacks
- One or two personal items no larger than the palm of your hand
  - o Some examples include:
    - Finger puppets or mini stuffed animal
    - Stress ball or small tub of slime
    - Stickers
    - Small toy, deck of cards or travel games
    - Pre-sharpened pencils, colored pencils, and/or crayons
    - Pad of paper or notebook

Thank you for your support!



<sup>\*\*</sup> Please ensure that any food item or medication will last until the end of June.