

# WEATHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

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The Miamisburg Fire Department would like to tell parents about a program that will be happening in the schools this spring. With the cooperation of the school board, principals, and teachers, each Kindergarten and First Grade student that goes to school in the City of Miamisburg will participate in a Weather Education Program.

The program hopes to improve the children's weather knowledge in the following five areas:

- ✍ Severe weather watches and warnings.
- ✍ Weather Safety at home.
- ✍ Weather Safety in a car.
- ✍ The new Weather Alert Radios that have been installed in the schools.
- ✍ The easy to remember, "**STOP, DUCK, AND TUCK**", personal safety position for adults and children.

The Weather Education Team is made up of a group of Firefighter/Paramedics from the Miamisburg Fire Department.

This year, the Weather Education Team will be split up so they will be able to visit individual Kindergarten and First grade classrooms. By visiting each classroom, instead of an assembly styled presentation, we feel that more quality time can be spent with the students.

With funding assistance from the Miamisburg McDonald's restaurant, the Weather Education Team was able to install Weather Alert Radios in each of the schools in Miamisburg.

The Weather Safety Stickers we furnish are for use in the home. The Weather Education Team has stressed to the children that there needs to be one place in the house where the family will seek shelter in the event of severe weather or a tornado. In most homes, a basement, a closet, or a bathroom are some of the safest places. Avoid rooms with glass.

Make the **placement** of the Weather Safety Sticker a **family event**.

The phrase, "**STOP, DUCK, AND TUCK**", has become the easy way to remember the position for safety during severe weather and tornadoes. Every student will have practiced "**STOP, DUCK, AND TUCK**" with their teachers and the Weather Education Team before the end of March. We hope each child will share this information and instruct the rest of their families.

The steps for "**STOP, DUCK, AND TUCK**" are:

**STOP:** Stop what you are doing, stop talking (you can't listen if you are talking), start listening to your parent/teacher.

**DUCK:** After going to the predetermined weather safety area, each person/child gets down on their knees, facing the wall, no talking, in the DUCK position of readiness.

**TUCK:** When danger is near, each person places their hands behind their neck to protect the neck and head. From the kneeling position, lean forward with the head and arms as close to touching the ground as possible. It is acceptable to rest the head and arms on the ground.

The use of "**STOP, DUCK, AND TUCK**" is an important part of family safety and should be practiced in the homes and in the schools.

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### **FAMILY DISASTER PLAN**

There's no way to prevent a disaster but we can be prepared. Discuss with the family and choose two places to meet in the event of disaster. A spot outside your home for an emergency such as a fire, and a place away from your neighborhood in case you can't return home.

Assemble an emergency kit with items you may need: a first-aid kit including prescription medicines, portable radio, extra set of car keys, credit card or cash, battery powered weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries, candles, matches, drinking water, food that won't spoil, and blankets or sleeping bags.

