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LAUSD SCHOOLS PREPARE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS FOR NATURAL DISASTERS

Save the Children Disaster Preparedness Workshops

In response to the recent fires that scorched thousands of acres near LAUSD schools, over 3,000 students, ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade, have participated in the Save the Children workshops to help them become better prepared for future emergencies.

For the past month, students from 12 LAUSD schools: Broadous, Castlebay Lane, El Oro Way, Germain Street, Harding, Herrick Avenue, Hubbard, Justice, Knollwood and Pomelo elementary schools, along with Lawrence and Olive Vista middle schools, have participated in an hour-long workshop designed to prepare and educate children faced with various forms of disasters including earthquakes, floods and fires. The workshops combine stories, cooperative games and disaster education to provide a fun, yet educational, way for children to learn about preparedness.

At the conclusion of the workshop, children are provided with a preparedness backpack filled with a flashlight and batteries, a personal hygiene kit and an emergency information card to help prepare and cope in the event of a disaster.

“It’s fundamental that all our schools are prepared for any type of natural disaster,” stated Bob Spears, LAUSD director of emergency services. “The Save the Children program provided vital information that will be instrumental for our teachers and students to help them be prepared for future natural disasters.”

Save the Children’s Resilient and Ready initiative in Southern California will reach 6,000 children over the upcoming months. The Save the Children program supported thousands of children and caregivers during the immediate stages and initial recovery of the 2008 wildfires.

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