

Theodore Roosevelt School

Warriors

P.O. Box 567 Fort Apache, AZ 85926 (928) 338-4464 Fax (928) 338-1009 **Dr. Leon Ben, Chief School Administrator / Principal**

Dear Parents and Students.

The safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families remain our top priority. Multiple wildfires — including the Bronco, Billy, Maverick, Diamond Butte, Lookout, Four Diamond Tank, and Steer Fires — are currently active in our region. While some fires are not in our immediate vicinity, the resulting smoke and potential for rapid fire growth present a high risk of evacuation or shelter-in-place orders.

We are closely monitoring conditions in coordination with the Forest Service and Incident Command. Our preparations include:

1. Evacuation Procedures:

- o Our **primary evacuation site** is the Hon Dah Casino parking lot (pending confirmation).
- o We have identified alternate evacuation sites if the primary location becomes unavailable.
- o School transportation will be ready and fueled, with designated drivers for student and supply transport.
- o Parents will be notified through phone, text, email, and social media updates.

2. Shelter-in-Place Preparedness:

- We have stocked an abundance of bottled water, non-perishable food, first aid kits, sanitary supplies, and N95 masks.
- o Doors and windows will remain closed to reduce smoke exposure, and air filtration systems will be used while power is available.

3. Impact of Power Outages:

If utility services are disrupted, please be aware:

- o Air conditioning, water pumps, refrigeration, lighting, computers, internet access, gas pumps, and banking services will be affected.
- o Students should **download Google Classroom assignments daily** to ensure they can continue learning offline if the internet or power goes out.

4. Instructional Continuity:

- o All students are being issued school laptops and clear backpacks for safe transport.
- o Instruction will continue through Google Classroom for both synchronous and asynchronous learning.
- o Attendance will be taken daily; there are **no waivers** for missed days. Any days missed beyond 9 will be made up in the summer.

5. Health & Safety Measures:

- o N95 masks will be available for all students and staff during heavy smoke conditions.
- o Outdoor activities will be minimized during poor air quality periods.

We ask that families also prepare at home by keeping vehicles fueled, maintaining a go-bag with essential supplies, and having a plan for communication if cell service is disrupted.

We will continue to update you regularly as conditions change. Your cooperation and preparedness are vital to keeping our community safe and ensuring our students' education continues without interruption.

Thank you for your attention and partnership during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leon BenPrincipal & Chief School Administrator Theodore Roosevelt School