

# **Ranch Creek Elementary Severe Weather Dismissal or Early Dismissal**

In the event of a severe weather event at dismissal time, i.e. lightning, severe rain, snow, wind, or freezing temperatures, students will remain in the building and will be dismissed to a guardian or when safe and appropriate to a bus. Typically, we do not have a lot of advance notification for these types of weather incidents, but when conditions dictate that it is not safe for students and staff to be outdoors we will immediately send a message via a D20 Alert.

- **Car Riders/Pickup students**
  - **During lightning events, students will wait in the gym until a parent/guardian is present to take them home.**
    - **Our priority is to reunite children and parents in a manner as quickly and orderly as possible.**
    - **Students will wait in the gym by family name, arranged alphabetically. Parents/guardians may retrieve their children from the gym.**
  - **During all other weather events, a staff member informs parents in the pick-up line to stay in their cars. A staff member will bring students from the gym to the car.**
- **Bus students**
  - **Students will wait in the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade hallway until an all clear is given for lightning risk. Parents will be notified with a D20 Alert.**
- **Walkers/Bike Riders**
  - **During lightning events or severe weather conditions**
    - **All walkers/bikers will wait in the Common Room. Staff will contact parents/guardians.**
    - **When called, parents/guardians may give permission to allow students to walk/bike home or to wait until a parent or designee is able to pick them up.**
    - **If students have a cellphone with them, they will be allowed to use it to contact a guardian. A staff member will need to talk with the guardian before releasing the child to walk home.**

In the event of an early-dismissal, a D20 Alert will be sent giving directions to parents regarding the operation of busses and a time for picking students up from classrooms after signing into the visitor log in the office.

