



Dear Parents,

August 2022

We take safety very seriously here at Blankner. We work hard to prevent and prepare for emergencies. Some of the ways we do this are by practicing lock down drills, lock out drills, fire evacuation drills, severe weather drills, and bus evacuation drills; by creating a school-wide SAFE plan and training all staff; by enforcing visitor clearance policies; by maintaining an awareness on our campus; by ensuring a clean and sanitized environment; and by keeping our families well informed.



### **IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER...**

Please be aware of the following weather-related safety protocol.

It is called the 30-30 Rule and it applies to lightning:

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#### **30-30 Rule**

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- When counting the seconds, between seeing lightning and hearing thunder, if less than **30 seconds** seek shelter immediately.
  - After hearing the last thunder, wait **30 minutes** before leaving shelter.
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According to OCPS policy, and our wish to protect our students and staff, we will utilize this protocol as well as weather radar apps to guide us during all thunderstorms.

#### **DURING THE SCHOOL DAY...**

If during the school day, we will halt movement on campus if lightning is near. Lunches, therapy services, and specials instruction can be delivered to classrooms if needed.

#### **DURING DISMISSAL TIME...**

**Dismissal will be delayed.** In this circumstance, the principal will inform parents through a Connect Orange call. We will not deliver students through the storm to parents. Parents who wish to sign their child out before the storm passes may do so by parking in a designated parking spot (please do not abandon your car in car line) and walking directly to your child's classroom. At that time, the teacher will check ID, check appropriate permission to pick up, and have you sign a release form from the classroom. Please be patient with staff and other parents – this is a dangerous situation for all.

Keep the following in mind:

- Classroom sign out is **ONLY** allowed during school-wide emergency situations!
- Middle School Parents, please know your child's 7<sup>th</sup> period classroom and location.
- Parents of ALL students should know who is on their child's approved pick up list.
- Be advised all staff will be helping with the safety of your children during this time and lookup of your child's schedule could take longer than normal.

*If you have any questions regarding safety protocols, please attend our SAC Meetings or call Dr. Kreil at (407) 245-1720 ext. 3082222.*