

Bonita USD Plans for Great California ShakeOut

At 10:19 a.m. on October 19, 2017, all of BUSD students and staff will participate, along with millions of other Californians, in The Great California ShakeOut. This “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” is an annual event which has become the state’s largest earthquake drill. School districts, governmental agencies, businesses, EVERYONE is encouraged to participate in the drill.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for the District and our community.

Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you. BUSD students practice “Drop, cover, hold on” several times a year so that the training becomes an automatic response.

Millions of people worldwide have participated in Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills since 2008. The Great California ShakeOut is held on the third Thursday of October each year.

Everyone can participate! We encourage our families and community members to get involved. Here’s ways you can become part of the ShakeOut:

- Volunteer to help at your school (contact your principal for more information).
- Register @shakeout.org.
- Prepare your own home and family:
 - Do a “hazard hunt” for items that might fall during earthquakes and secure them.
 - Create a personal or family disaster plan.
 - Organize or refresh your emergency supply kits.
 - Identify and correct any issues in your home’s structure.
 - Other actions are at www.earthquakecountry.org.
- On October 19, drop, cover and hold on at 10:19 a.m.

