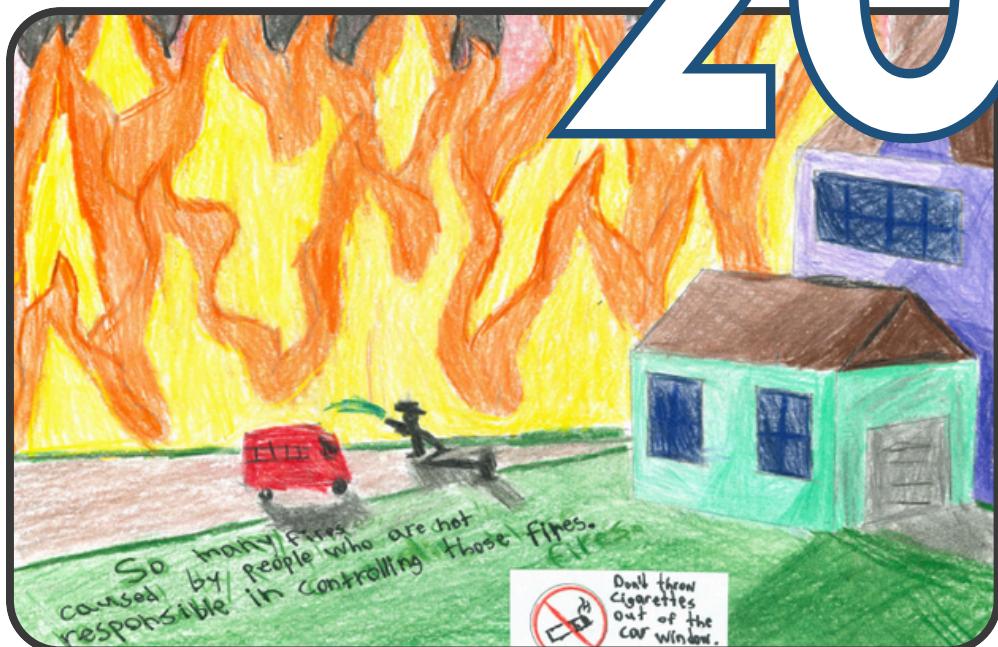
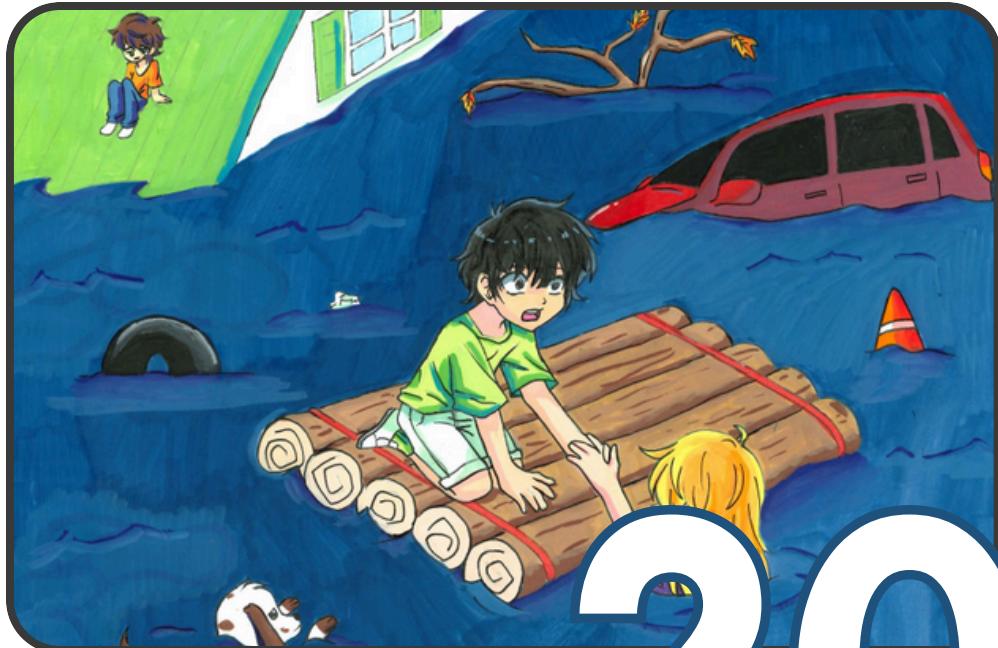


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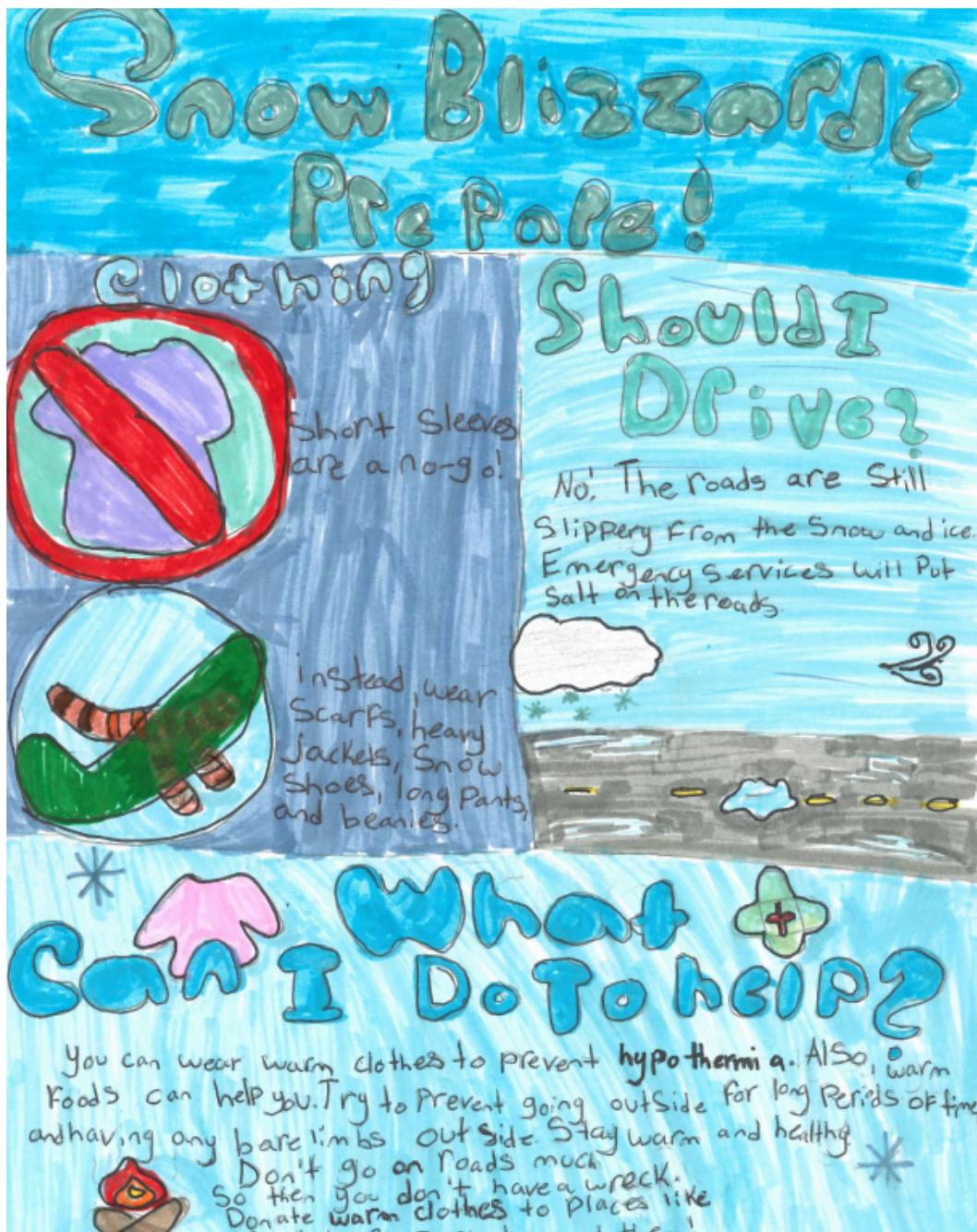


# 2026

## Community Preparedness Calendar

# 2026

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**Kamryn Grayer**

Sonny Carter | 5th Grade

Being prepared for emergencies keeps individuals, families, and communities safe and resilient. Taking small steps now can make a big difference when disaster strikes. Three simple actions everyone can take to get ready are:

**Make a Plan. Build a Kit. Stay Informed.**

These steps help you and your loved ones stay safe and confident during any emergency or disaster.

For the 2026 calendar, the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency invited K-12 students to create artwork showing what preparedness means to them—from natural hazards and severe weather to man-made disasters. Their creativity helps inspire our community to be ready for anything.

Each month includes a preparedness checklist with easy actions your household can take together. Use these lists to plan ahead, gather supplies, and talk about what to do before an emergency happens. Preparedness starts with you!

For more information on emergency preparedness, follow us on social media or visit [maconbibb.us/EMA](http://maconbibb.us/EMA).



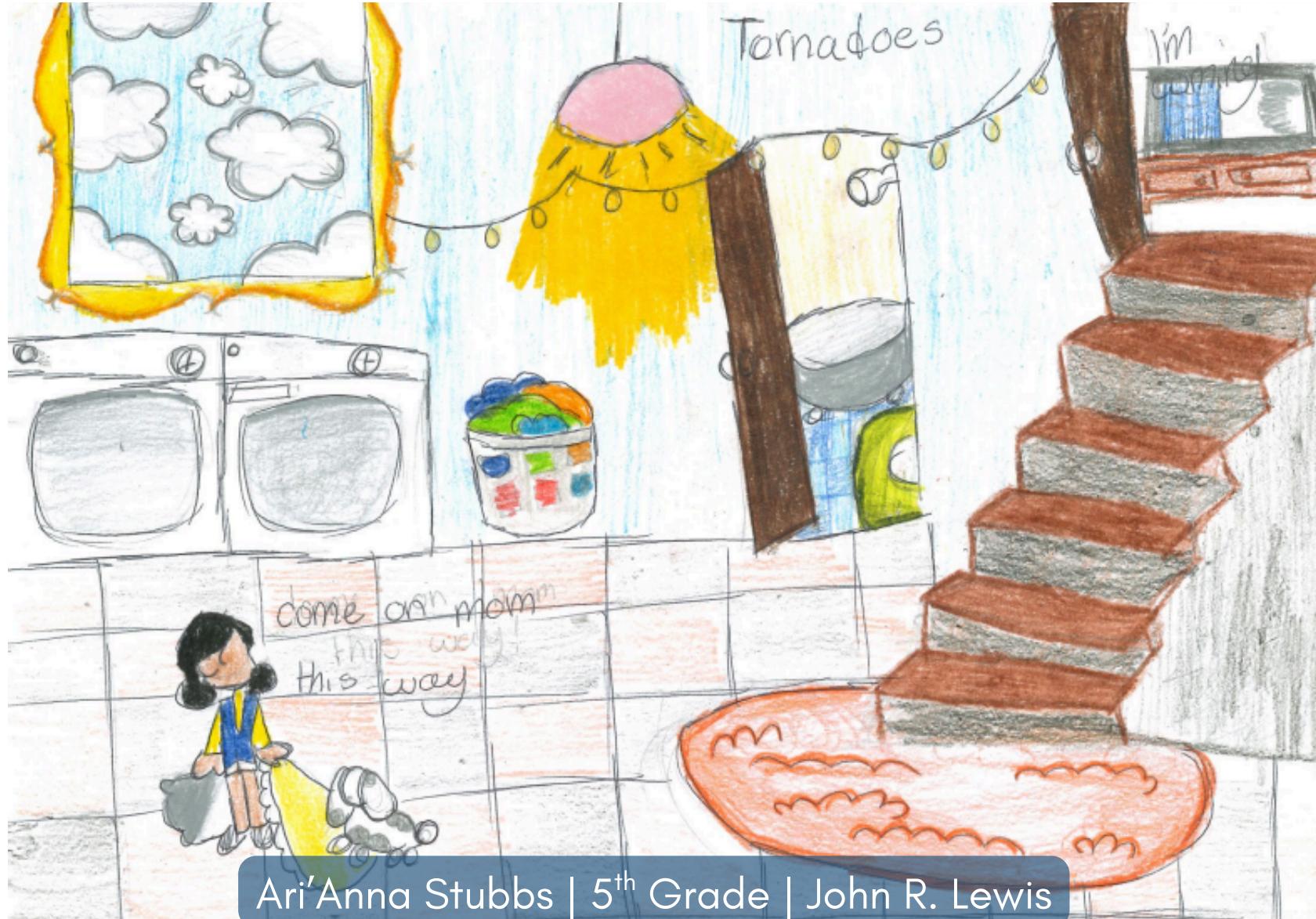
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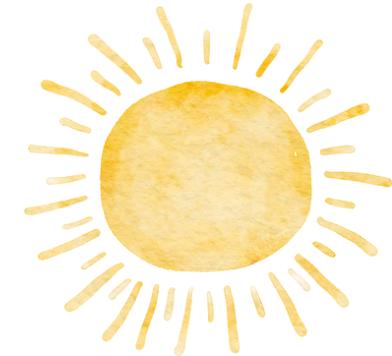
Ari'Anna Stubbs | 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | John R. Lewis

## Know Your Risks

Preparedness starts with knowing what can happen where you live. In Middle Georgia, our biggest hazards include severe storms, tornadoes, flooding, and tropical systems. By understanding your local risks, you can take steps now to keep your family and property safe before disaster strikes.

- Find out if your home or workplace is in a flood zone
- Learn your evacuation routes and nearest safe shelter locations
- Learn the difference between a watch and a warning
- Identify potential hazards near you (rail lines, dams, chemical plants)
- Talk with your family about which hazards worry them the most

# January



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19  Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Henry Cozart | 9<sup>th</sup> Grade | ACE

## Make A Plan

Emergencies can happen without warning—storms, power outages, or even a sudden evacuation order. Having a clear, written plan ensures that every member of your household knows exactly what to do, where to go, and how to stay in touch. Creating your plan doesn't have to be complicated—just make sure it's written down, easy to find, and practiced regularly.

- Identify two meeting places - one nearby and one outside your neighborhood
- Designate an out-of-town contact that everyone can reach
- Create a plan for children if they're at school or daycare when disaster strikes
- Include pets in your plan - know which shelters or hotels accept animals
- Practice your plan with everyone in your home

# February



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Start of Severe Weather Preparedness Week					
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						 Valentine's Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 President's Day	 Chinese New Year	 Ramadan Begins			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



Evie Wilcox | 8<sup>th</sup> Grade | ACE

### Build A Kit

When disaster strikes, you may need to go several days without power, water, or help. A well-stocked emergency kit can make all the difference. Include enough food, water, and supplies for at least 72 hours, and tailor it to your household's needs—medications, pet care, or baby items. Check your kit regularly to replace expired food, dead batteries, and outgrown items.

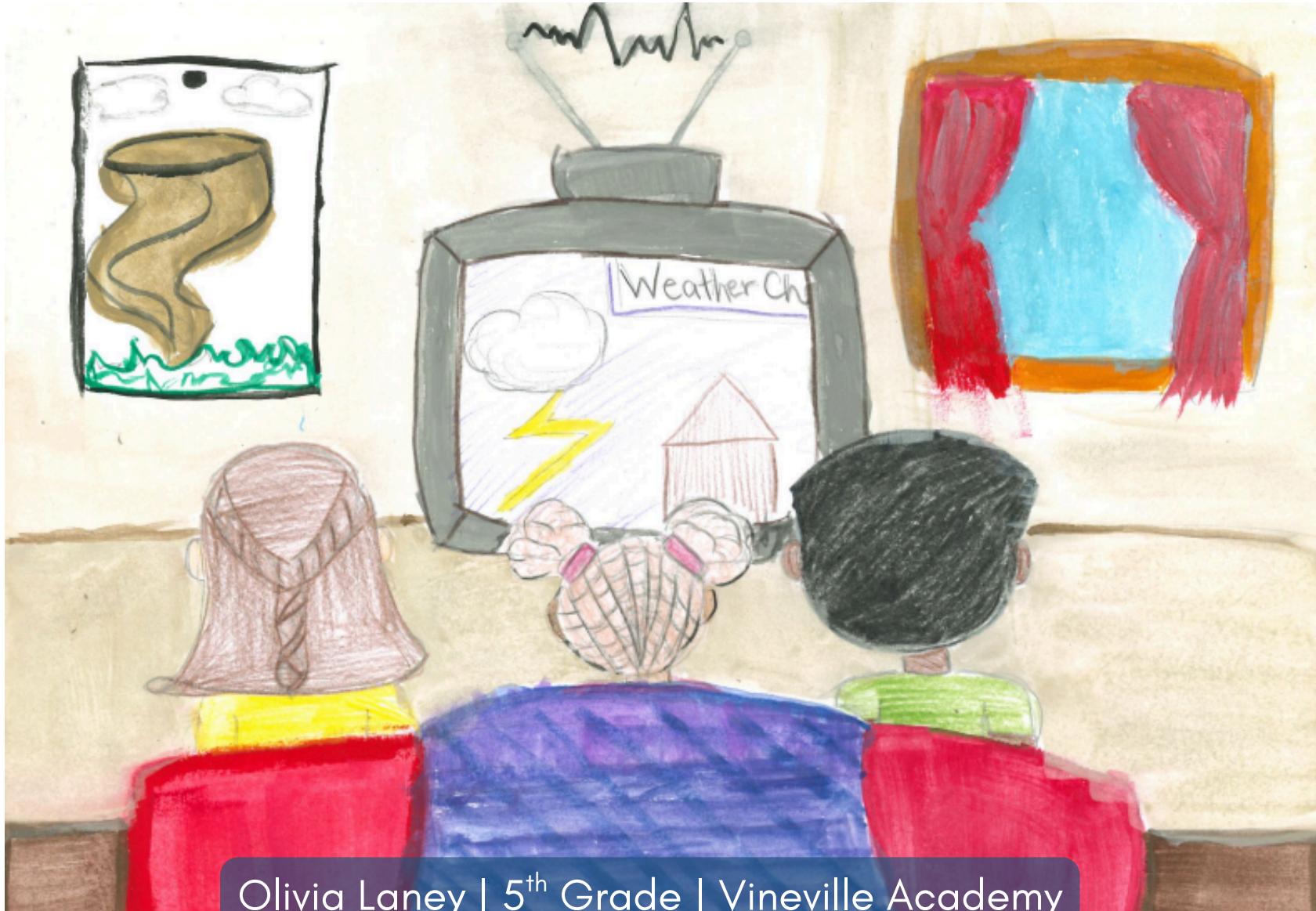
- Gather enough non-perishable food & water (1 gallon per person per day for 3 days)
- Include a manual can opener, paper plates, and utensils
- Include copies of important documents in waterproof bags
- Store your kit in an easy-to-carry bin or backpack in a cool, dry place
- Review and refresh your kit every 6 months

# March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## Notes & Tasks



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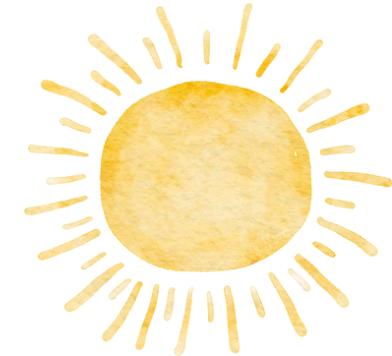
## Stay Informed

Information saves lives during emergencies. Staying informed means knowing what's happening before, during, and after a disaster—and getting your information from reliable, official sources. In Georgia, severe weather can develop quickly, so it's vital to have multiple ways to get alerts—like phone notifications, weather radios, and local news. Power or cell service can fail, so backup methods matter.

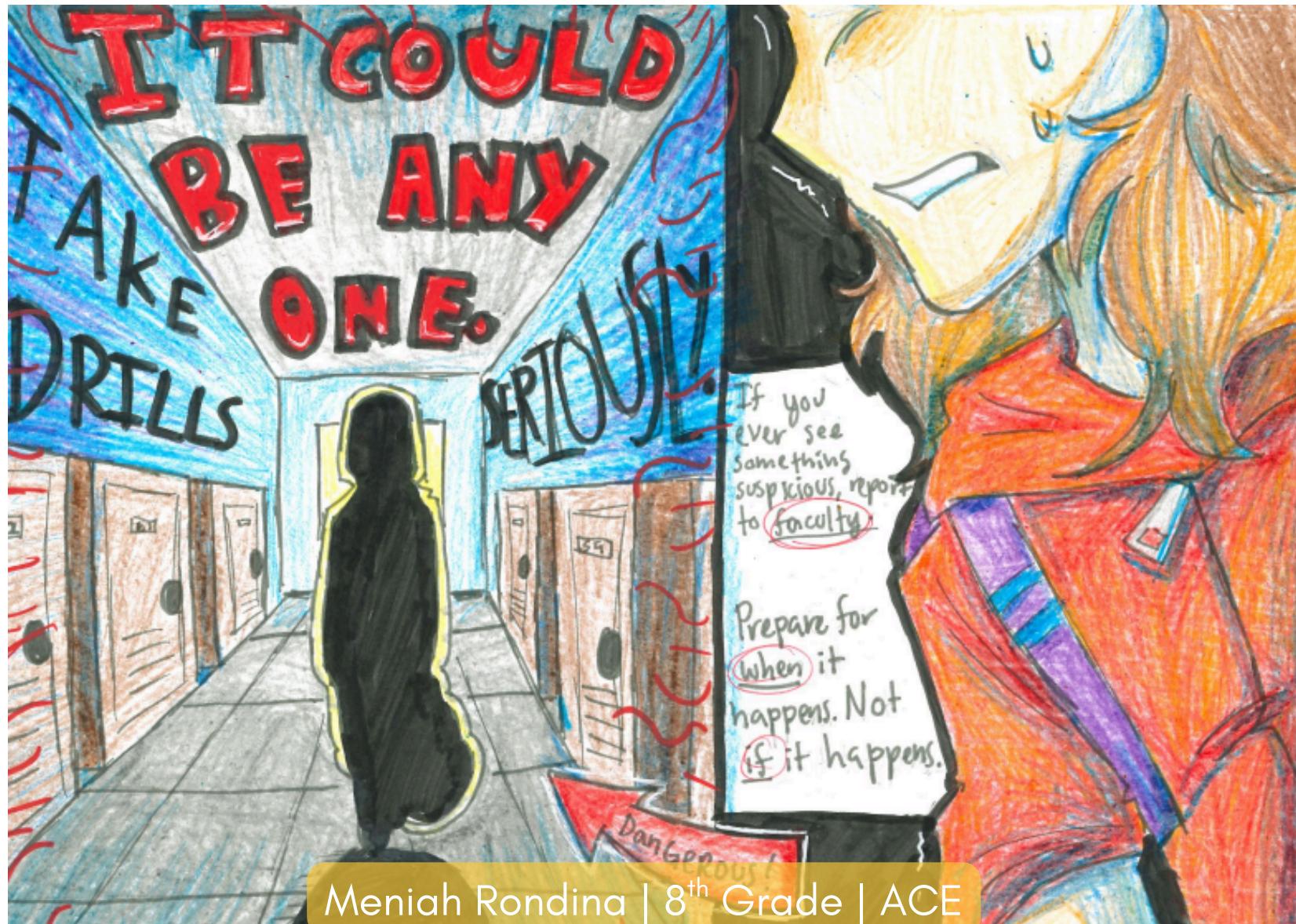
- Sign up for MBC Alert and enable Wireless Emergency Alerts on your phone
- Purchase or check your NOAA Weather Radio (with backup batteries)
- Create a “trusted info list” with official links and phone numbers
- Enable push notifications from trusted weather apps (e.g., NWS, FEMA)
- During an event, avoid rumors—share updates only from official sources

# April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Passover Begins	2	3  Good Friday	4
5  Easter	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## Notes & Tasks



### See Something, Say Something

Community safety starts with vigilance. Everyone has a role in keeping neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, and public spaces safe. If you notice suspicious activity, unattended packages, unusual behavior, or anything that seems out of place, reporting it promptly can prevent harm and help authorities respond quickly. Remember, your awareness can save lives.

- Stay observant in public spaces, schools, parks, and community events
- Take note of key details: descriptions of people, vehicles, locations, and times
- Provide clear information when reporting: what you saw, where, when, & any details that might help responders
- Avoid confronting a suspect—prioritize safety and reporting over intervention
- Trust your instincts—if something feels wrong, it probably deserves attention

# May



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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10  Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24/31	25  Memorial Day	26  Eid al-Adha Begins	27	28	29	30



Tinsley Haynes | 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

### Prepare For Hurricane Season

Even far from the coast, Middle Georgia can feel the effects of tropical storms. Heavy rain, flash flooding, and tornadoes are possible—prepare early. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30, so it's important to take action now to protect your family, home, and property.

- Review your flood risk and update your insurance coverage
- Clear gutters, drains, and downspouts before heavy rain
- Know how to safely turn off electricity, gas, and water in your home
- Never drive through flooded roads (“Turn Around, Don’t Drown”)
- Identify nearby shelters or safe locations and alternative evacuation routes

# June

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1  Start of Hurricane Season	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Father's Day	15	16	17	18	19  Juneteenth	20
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## Notes & Tasks

## Camp Fires During A Drought



## Wildfires



## Preparedness Actions



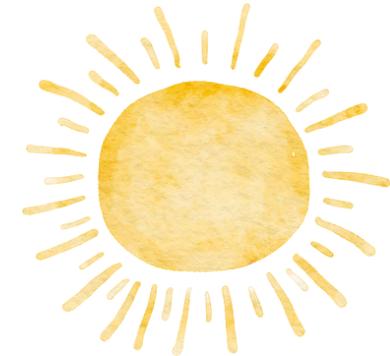
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### Fire Safety And Home Hazards

Summer brings cookouts, fireworks, and outdoor fun—but these activities increase the risk of fires at home and in your community. From grills to electrical appliances, small hazards can quickly become dangerous if precautions aren't taken. Being proactive about fire safety helps protect your family, pets, and property. Regular maintenance, planning, and awareness are key to preventing fires and ensuring everyone knows what to do.

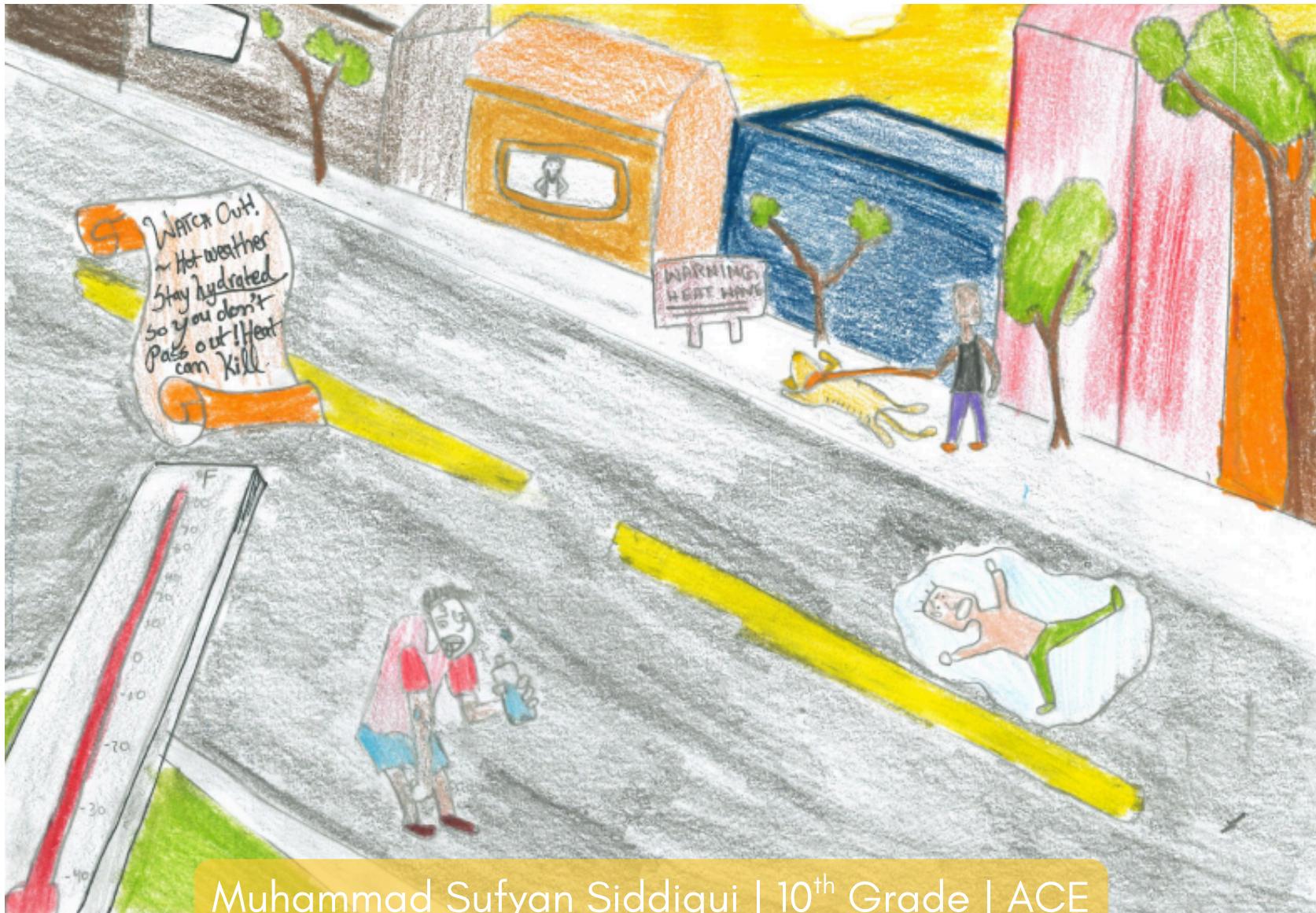
- Check smoke alarms on every level of your home and replace batteries annually
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan, including two exits from each room
- Clear dry leaves, tall grass, and debris from around your home to reduce brushfire risk
- Practice fire drills with children and teach them how to "Stop, Drop, and Roll"
- Make sure your house number is clearly visible for first responders

# July



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Muhammad Sufyan Siddiqui | 10<sup>th</sup> Grade | ACE

## Heat Safety

August in Middle Georgia brings some of the hottest days of the year, and extreme heat can pose serious health risks. Heat exhaustion, dehydration, and heat stroke can happen quickly, especially during outdoor activities or prolonged exposure to the sun. Preparing ahead, staying aware of warning signs, and taking preventive measures can keep you and your family safe during the hottest months.

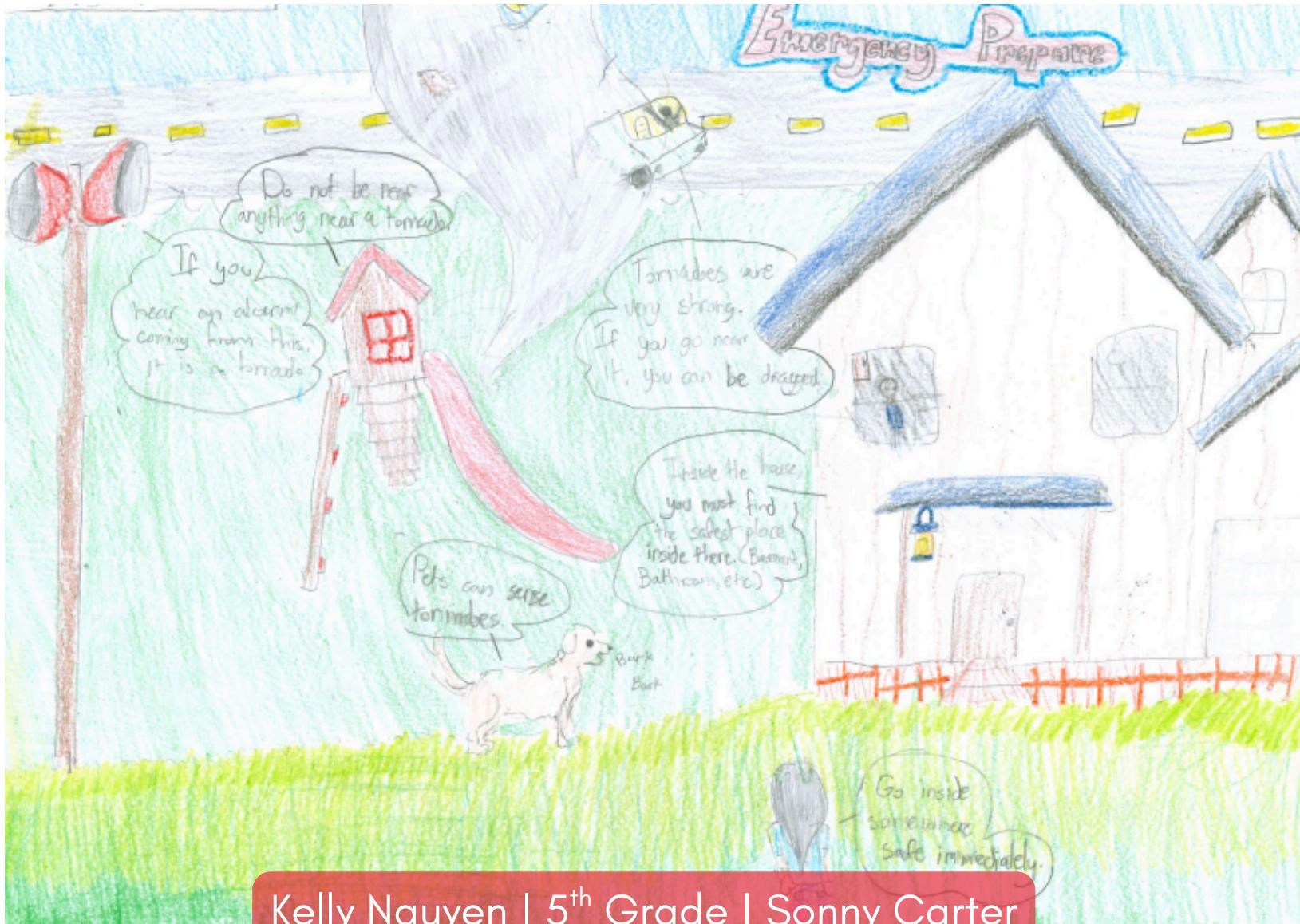
- Learn the signs of heat illness: dizziness, cramps, nausea, rapid heartbeat, or confusion
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty
- Avoid strenuous activity during peak heat hours (10 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- Have a plan to cool off quickly if someone shows signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke
- Check on neighbors, elderly relatives, or anyone who may be vulnerable to extreme heat

# August



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Start of National Emergency Management Awareness Month
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## Notes & Tasks



Kelly Nguyen | 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Sonny Carter

### National Preparedness Month

September is peak hurricane season and all about taking action. Review your family's plan, refresh supplies, and help others get prepared too! Use this month to check that everyone knows what to do in an emergency & that all your contact information is up to date. Encouraging friends, neighbors, and coworkers to prepare can help make your entire community safer.

- Test your emergency plan with a family drill
- Check and replace expired supplies in your kit (batteries, food)
- Re-evaluate your risks and update your plan
- Review and update emergency contact information for all family members
- Share your preparedness plan with extended family or caregivers

# September



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
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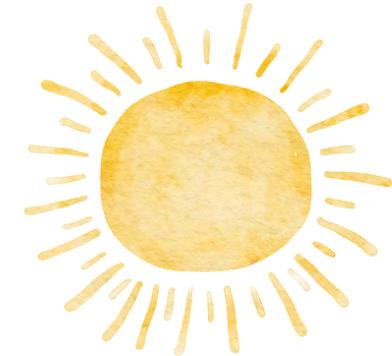
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### Prepare for Flu Season

Flu season typically peaks in the fall and winter, but preparing early can protect your family and community. Annual flu vaccination, good hygiene, and planning for potential illness help reduce the spread and severity of influenza. Being proactive ensures your household stays healthier and reduces strain on local healthcare systems.

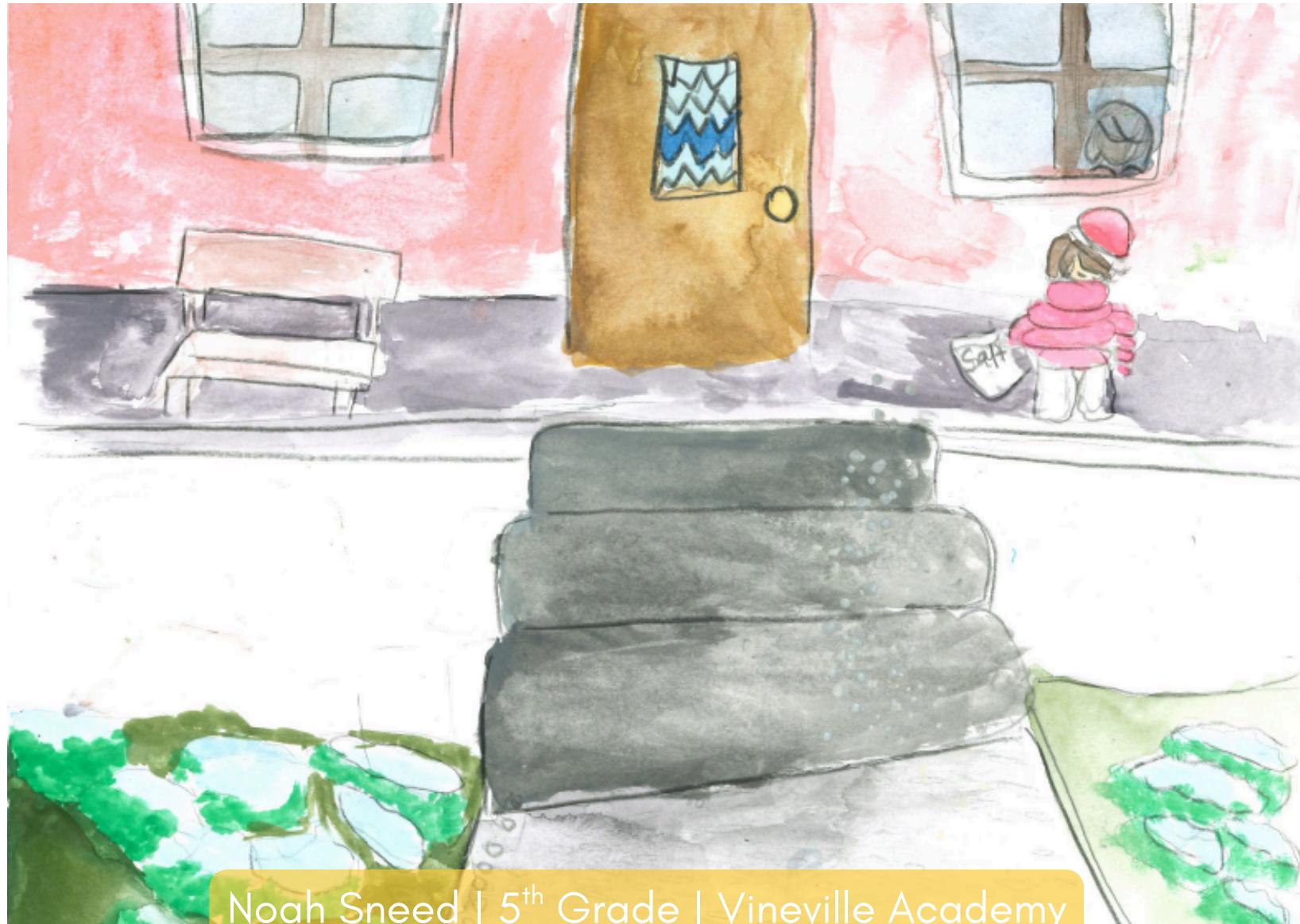
- Get the annual flu vaccine for everyone in your household who is eligible
- Stock basic supplies at home: thermometer, medications, tissues, & hand sanitizer
- Make a plan for childcare, work, or school if someone in your household becomes sick
- Check insurance coverage and know how to access telehealth or urgent care
- Keep important documents accessible: medical records, insurance cards, and vaccination records

# October



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	 Columbus Day					
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				 Halloween		



Noah Sneed | 5<sup>th</sup> Grade | Vineville Academy

### Winter Weather Ready

Even in Middle Georgia, freezing rain, ice, and occasional snow can cause power outages, travel problems, and hazardous conditions. Preparing your home and vehicle before temperatures drop can keep your family safe and comfortable. Winter storms can happen suddenly, so having a plan in place reduces stress and ensures everyone knows what to do.

- Insulate pipes and learn how to safely shut off water to prevent freezing
- Have a backup heat source or plan to stay with family/friends if you lose power
- Check space heaters for proper ventilation & safety; never leave them unattended
- Prepare your car with blankets, ice scrapers, water, snacks, and a full gas tank
- Protect pets with warm shelter and extra food and water

# November



## Notes & Tasks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30  End of Hurricane Season					



## Holiday Safety

The holiday season is a time for celebration, travel, and togetherness — but it's also a time when safety risks can increase. From decorating and cooking to winter travel and gatherings, taking a few extra precautions helps keep the season merry and bright. Planning ahead ensures your home, family, and community stay safe throughout the festivities.

- Inspect holiday lights for frayed wires or broken bulbs before hanging
- If using a live tree, keep it well-watered and away from heat sources
- Keep candles and space heaters away from flammable decorations and curtains
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors before hosting guests
- Revisit your family's emergency plan for the new year

# December

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	 Hanukkah Begins
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	 Christmas Eve	 Christmas Day
27	28	29	30	31	 New Year's Eve	



## Notes & Tasks

# HONORABLE MENTION SUBMISSIONS



Khiley Robinson | 2nd Grade | John R. Lewis



Herra Buenaventura | 6th Grade | Howard Middle



Keatynn Diaz | 4th Grade | Springdale



Addelyn Hodor-Stevenson | 3rd Grade | Vineville Academy

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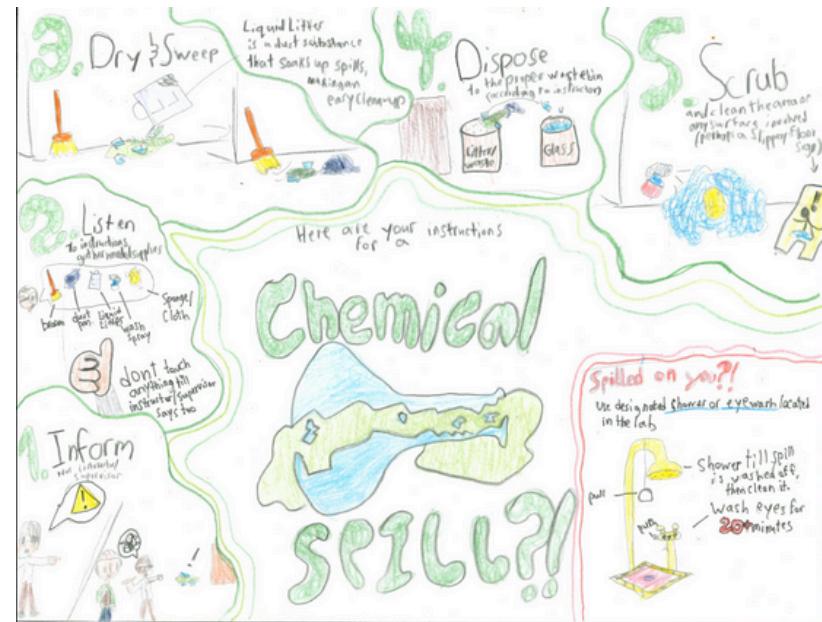
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Justice Wright | 4th Grade | Southfield



Myrah Reeaves | 3rd Grade | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Tucker Tyner | 9th Grade | ACE

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Journey Hall | 3rd Grade | Vineville Academy



Zarai'Yah Miller | 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade | John R. Lewis



Jordyn Latimore | 4th Grade | Sonny Carter



J.D. McCord | 6th Grade | Mount de Sales

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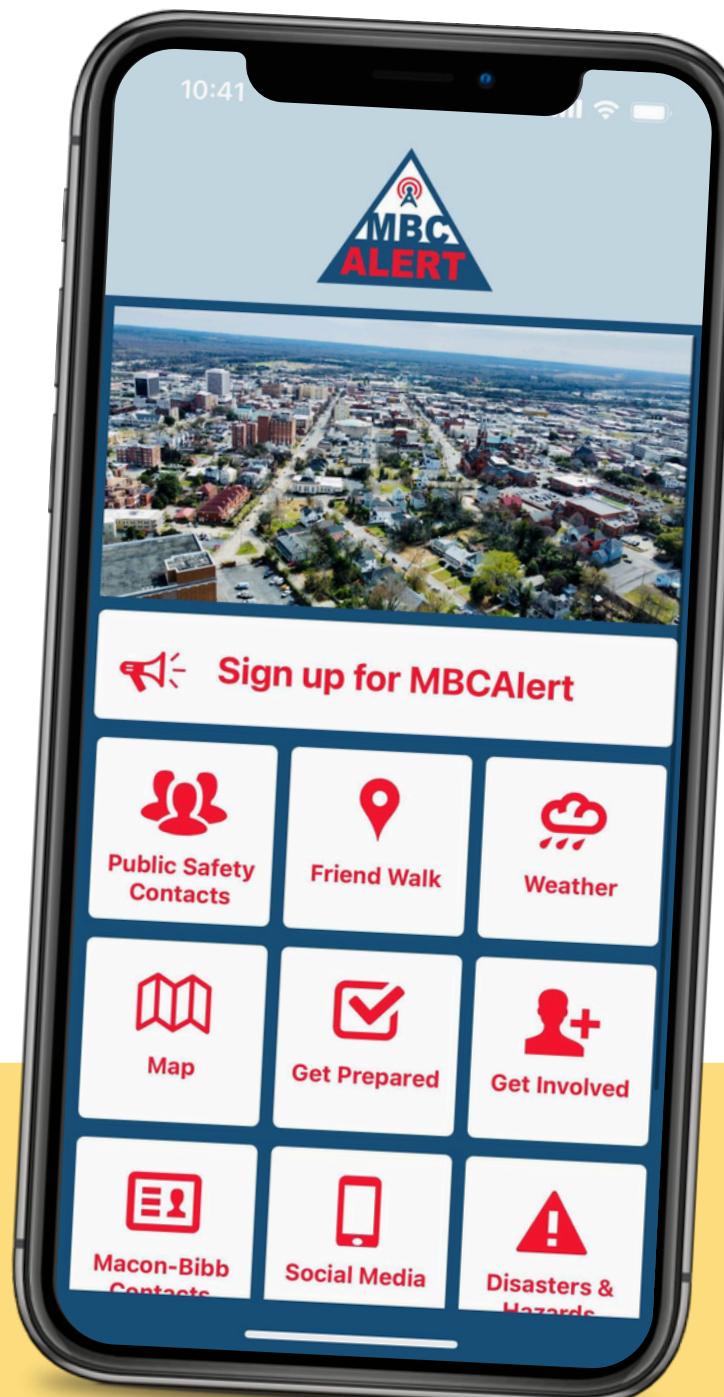
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