



Armada Area Schools

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Superintendent

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Dear Parents,

Keeping parents informed and involved helps to assure student safety and improve student success. With today's on-the-go lifestyles, it has become more difficult for schools to reach families quickly and effectively. This is why our school has decided to implement a new system called Honeywell Instant Alert[®] for Schools.

Instant Alert for Schools is an essential tool for notification and communication. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. Instant Alert can also be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. It's an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes.

Instant Alert is Internet based, allowing each family to maintain a secure, password protected online profile. You can log into your profile at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com> at any time (after November 1) to update your contact information. Click on the Parent link just below the User Login block. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system as an integral part of Armada's school-to-home communication. Maintaining the accuracy of your profile will increase the ability of the school to keep you informed. The system has been set up using your home phone number on record. Please set your e-mail spam filter to receive e-mail from Honeywell.com.

Your online profile will enable you to:

- Input your personal contact information
- Select which type of school information you would like to receive on each of your contact devices
- Add contact information of other caretakers of your children, such as a grandparent or neighbor
- View the alerts that have been sent to you in the past

Please be advised that you will be receiving a "test" communication message from me the last week in October. Additional information is available on our district website armadaschools.org under the "Instant Alert Program" link on the home page.

My sincere appreciation is extended to Mr. Sutton, Krause Later Elementary Principal, for his efforts in obtaining the grant that underwrites the cost of this program. We hope you enjoy this new service!

Sincerely,

Arnold A. Kummerow, Ph.D.

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