

## HAZARDOUS WEATHER PROCEDURES

DCE has been built as a hurricane/severe weather shelter for the community.

In the event we are placed under any weather alert we will abide by the following procedures. The DCE administration will generate a phone message through our automated system. Please listen to any messages sent through this system in its entirety. **Do not call the front office to ask what the message said.** This will tie up our phone system.

- Space House classrooms will be brought into the building to specified locations during hazardous weather.
- Limit phone calls coming into the front office. Expect parent pick-up to be considerably longer than usual. Minimal changes to your child's dismissal will allow pick-up to go more efficiently. Students will be in various locations in the building. Families who are trying to pick up more children than usual may have to park vehicles and come into the building to check out.
- Bikers/walkers **will not** be dismissed until the hazardous weather has cleared. We will contact parents to provide further instructions.
- Please use bus transportation if you are eligible, even if there is a delay. This will alleviate the problems with parent pick-up.
- These procedures are only for Durbin Creek Elementary, not to be confused with any other St. Johns County schools.
- If you receive bus service, transportation will issue their own automated phone messages.
- We do not recommend you come early and wait in the parent pick-up line while under watch/warning. It is not safe! **Students will not be released until the warning is lifted.** Please try to monitor the weather at home to see when the warning is lifted.

Please understand that your child is safer inside of the school versus in your car.