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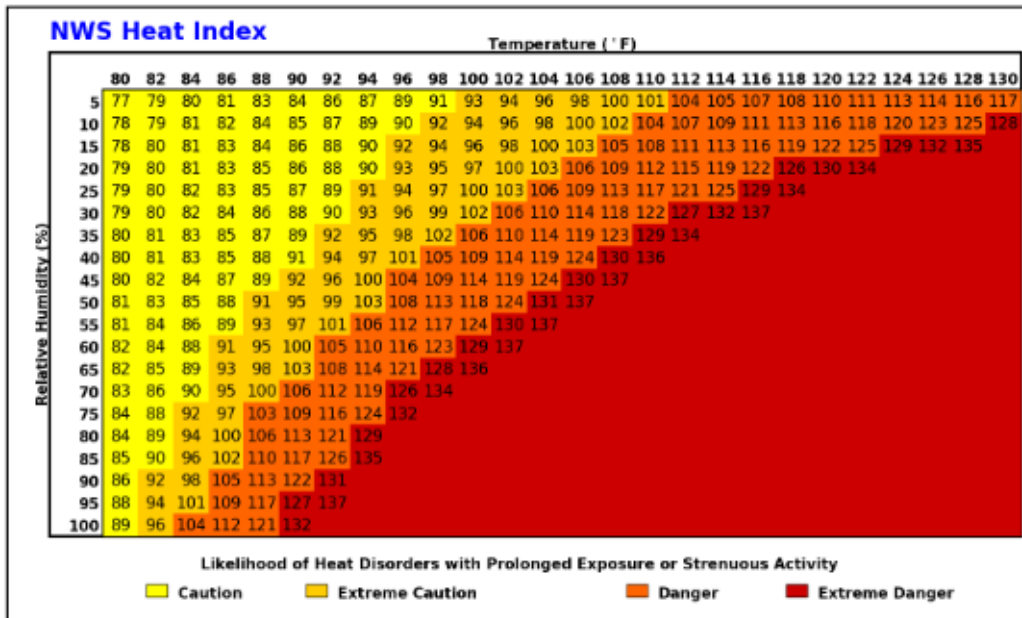
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, the daily temperatures can reach the high 80s and low 90s during the months of August and September. These high temperatures present a unique set of challenges to our students and staff at Lenkerville Elementary since the school does not have air conditioning in the classrooms.

The reason for this letter is to share with you some of the resources that will help guide our decision to announce an early dismissal due to excessive heat at Lenkerville Elementary. The process below should be considered a guide.

1. The administration will utilize Accuweather.com to determine the forecasted temperature and to also calculate the relative humidity.
2. The administration will reference the Heat Index Chart below from the National Weather Service to arrive at a heat index number.



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3. Using the NWS Heat Index chart above, administration will determine if an early dismissal is warranted once the heat index number is predicted to fall into the "Danger" or "Extreme Danger" range.
4. If it is determined that an early dismissal is warranted, the administration will do its best to make the announcement the night prior so families can prepare and make arrangements for childcare, etc.
5. The district will utilize our ThrillShare service along with posting the information to our district website to announce an early dismissal due to excessive heat.
6. The exact time of an early dismissal will be on a case-by-case basis and will be dependent upon each of the factors above.
7. Middle and High School students who have siblings at Lenkerville Elementary and are needed to provide childcare will be provided an excused absence. Families should notify their child's respective principal if a sibling is needed for childcare at home.

My goal is to share information, so our families, faculty and staff are all on the same page. It is my hope that you find this letter informative and worthwhile.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Amber J. Owen
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