



September 21, 2017

Dear Educators,

Fire Prevention Week 2017 is October 8th-14th. Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of October 8th-9th, 1871. In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, Bryan Fire Department is sponsoring our annual Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest for Kindergarten - 12th Grade students. The theme this year is **“Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out”**.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) tells us that:

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That’s why this year’s Fire Prevention Week theme: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here’s this year’s key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home by **using our grid** in [English](#) (PDF) or [Spanish](#) (PDF) with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Participants are asked to complete a poster depicting any aspect of this year’s theme.

Teachers and parents should discuss fire preparedness with their students.

For more curriculum support go to: <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

Or: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/sfmosafety.html>

Each school should have their finalist posters ready for pickup on Monday, October 23rd.

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This letter is intended for distribution to all K-12 teachers in Bryan Schools both public and private, as well as Bryan K-12 home school families. If you know of any teachers or homeschool families who did not receive a copy, please share with them or contact our office for assistance at [979-209-5964](tel:979-209-5964) or 979-209-5960.

Sincerely,

Marc McFeron
Fire Marshal