

Fire Prevention Week

School Kit

October & November, 2018



- **Fire Safety Starts with You** activity booklet, lesson plans and family letter
- **iPad Contest** –send entries to FNESS by Nov 2
- **National and Provincial Poster Contest**- send entries to FNESS by Nov 30
- **How to Request** school fire safety programs from FNESS

**First Nations Emergency Services
Society of BC (FNESS)
Fire Services**



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Letter to the Principal / Administrators / Teachers

“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere”

FNESS is inviting your school to participate in **Fire Prevention Week**. Here are enough activities and resources to engage your students through October and November of 2018.

- “Fire Safety Starts with You” booklet for Preschool to Grade 3 students. Sample copies are enclosed and you can download the booklet and this School Kit for photocopying at www.fness.bc.ca
- “Fire Safety Starts with You” iPad contest information and entry forms. Students work on the activities in school and at home, then return the entry form signed by their parent/guardian to your school by October 23, 2018. Send your school’s completed iPad entry forms to FNESS no later than Friday, November 2, 2018. The BC Office of the Fire Commissioner will make the province-wide draw on November 16, 2018. Schools will be contacted by November 30, 2018.
- 2018 National/Provincial Poster Contest information and entry forms. This is our annual poster and multi-media contest for Preschool to Grade 12 students. Send your school’s entries to FNESS by Friday, November 30, 2018.
- “Fire Safety Starts with You” lesson plans
- School Fire Drill Checklist: FNESS encourages your school to schedule a fire drill during Fire Prevention Week (October 7-13). Share your results with FNESS by faxing us the School Fire Drill Checklist.
- Is your school interested in additional fire safety education for your students? Complete the Fire Safety Public Education form and send it to FNESS.
- For more Fire Prevention Week Resources, go to the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/fire-safety/public-education/fire-prevention-week> and National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/fpw/about

Thank you and good luck!

“Fire Safety Starts with You” iPad Contest

FNESS, the Fire Prevention Officers’ Association of BC, and the BC Office of the Fire Commissioner are helping students to learn more about fire safety.

The “Fire Safety Starts with You!” booklet is for Preschool to Grade 3 students. Sample copies are enclosed. The booklet can be downloaded for photocopying at www.fness.bc.ca

Lesson Plans are included in this kit.

Students will learn critical life-saving fire safety skills and have a chance to win one of **six iPads!**

One iPad will be awarded to a child attending a band-operated school and the other five will be awarded to students in each BC region.

Once your class has completed the activity booklet, send the booklet home along with the Family Letter and iPad entry form. Then the entire family can work on the activities. Students need to return the completed entry form to your school by Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

Please send all of your school’s completed iPad entry forms to FNESS no later than Friday, November 2, 2018. The BC Office of the Fire Commissioner will make the province-wide draw on November 16, 2018.

Thank you for your commitment to fire safety education.





Dear Family,

Your community and school have teamed up for safety! Students have been learning about home fire escape planning, smoke alarms, fire and burn hazards, and ways to prevent home fires.

“LOOK” for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

“LISTEN” for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from your home and where everyone knows to meet.

“LEARN” two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Please spend time with your child to do the activities in the “Fire Safety Starts with You” booklet. Fill in the iPad entry form and return it to your school by Tuesday, October 23.

Family Fire Safety

- Create a home fire escape plan showing two ways out of every room.
- Practice a home fire drill with your family.
- Pick a meeting place a safe distance away from your home.
- Choose one person to go to a neighbour’s house or the nearest phone in a safe location to call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number.

Smoke Alarms

- Make sure everyone in your home recognizes the sound of the smoke alarm and knows exactly what to do when it sounds.
- Install working smoke alarms near sleeping areas and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms should be tested once a month by pushing the test button and listening for the alarm.

For more Fire Prevention Week information and activities, go to www.nfpa.org/fpw/about. Thank you for making fire safety a priority in your home.

2018 National/Provincial Poster Contest

The **2018 Poster Contest** is open to full time students attending a band or federally-operated school, from Preschool to Grade 12.

Get your students involved. Your participation will help communities stay fire-safe.

How to Enter:

- A. Have your students produce posters on 11" x 17" paper (category 1-3) or produce a multimedia project (category 4) on this year's Fire Prevention Week theme:

"Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere."

- B. Put the FNESS Entry Label on the back of each student's poster or CD (multimedia) with the student's name, grade, school, and parent or legal guardian name and contact information.
- C. Mail the posters (Grades 9-12: multimedia posters, video, digital art, music, mixed media, etc.) to:

FNESS

102- 70 Orwell Street, North Vancouver, BC V7J 3R5

Please send all of your school's entries to FNESS by Friday, November 30, 2018.

Contest Categories

- Category 1 – Preschool to Grade 2
- Category 2 – Grades 3 to 5
- Category 3 – Grades 6 to 8
- Category 4 – Multimedia project for Grades 9-12

The winning entries will be decided upon using these criteria:

- Creativity (Use of Fire Prevention Week Theme)
- Overall fire safety knowledge
- Artistic quality

Prizes

Winners in each contest category:

1 st	\$100	Pre-paid Visa Gift Card
2 nd	\$50	Pre-paid Visa Gift Card
3 rd	\$25	Pre-paid Visa Gift Card