

Southern Local Elementary School

Fire Prevention Week 2019

The week of September 30-October 4 has been designated as Fire Prevention Week at Southern Local Elementary School. On Monday, September 30 members of the Highlandtown Volunteer Fire Department will present a fire safety program to our Kindergarten, First and Second grade students. The First grade presentation is scheduled from 9:20-10:20, Second grade is scheduled for 10:40-11:40, and Kindergarten is scheduled from 12:00-1:00.

On Thursday, October 3 the Salineville Volunteer Fire Department and the Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Department will present a program to our AM Pre-school students from 9:45-10:45, our third grade students from 10:50-11:50 and our PM Pre-school students and our All Day Pre-school students from 1:30-2:30.

Each program presentation will be divided into two parts. Part one of the program will be presented to students in their individual grade level classrooms and it will pertain to general fire safety within the home. This part of the program will address various causes of fire within the home, ways to prevent these causes from occurring and what to do in the event of a home fire. Firefighters will explain the various pieces of equipment that are used when fighting a fire along with showing the students a firefighter's turnout gear. One of our firefighters will put on their turnout gear while in the classroom so that students will understand those firefighters are their friends and they are not to be feared. Students will also be given the opportunity to design a home fire escape plan that can be used in the event of a home fire.

Part two of the program will be held outside where students will view the fire trucks and rescue vehicles. Firefighters will show and explain to the students the different tools that are found on the fire trucks and what those tools are used for when fighting a fire. Students will have the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher and a fire hose. At the conclusion of each presentation students will be given a fire prevention education bag that contains educational materials regarding fire prevention. The educational materials will be provided courtesy of the Highlandtown VFD, the Salineville VFD and the Franklin Township VFD.

All pre-school through grade six students will receive heat sensitive pencils with a fire prevention theme. During the week our fourth, fifth and sixth grade teachers will touch on the importance of fire safety whether it is within the home, school or community. All teachers have access to Fire Safety Videos and activity books that can be used to reinforce the message that our firefighters shared with our students during their visit to Southern Local Elementary School.