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Fire Safety for Kids Program Offered Again In Parksville

Parksville – The Parksville Fire Department is once again giving local grade 1, 2 and 3 students at Winchelsea and Parksville Elementary Schools, the opportunity to participate in an educational fire safety program designed to prevent fire-related injuries and fatalities. This is the fourth time that the Parksville Fire Department has committed to bringing the safety program to area kids.

Produced by Gateway Community Safety Net, *Fire Safety for Kids* is a 116-page book that features information on how to avoid fire, plan an escape route from your home and what to do if fire breaks out. It also offers health and first aid information, along with important safety tips for parents, teachers, and babysitters. Also included is an educational DVD that features animated characters, interactive games, and quizzes. It connects to the Community Safety Net website, where kids can enter online contests and win great prizes.

The materials have been provided thanks to the generous support of 55 local businesses and organizations whose names are listed in the books. An excellent resource for parents, the programs contain important information and websites for more help.

House fires are the third leading cause of death among children – mostly as a result of smoke inhalation. Kids start 30% of these fires. Such sobering statistics illustrate the need for fire safety education among young people.

“The Department appreciates the support of the many local businesses who continue to make this project possible, we couldn’t do it without them,” said Assistant Chief Tyrone Heigh.

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