



## Burn Awareness Week 2023 in First Nations' Communities

Dear Principal,

Each year across Canada thousands of people suffer burn and scald injuries and our young children and Elders are most at risk. The good news is that these injuries are preventable and that's why we need your help.

Burn Awareness Week 2023 is February 5-11<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual, National campaign intended to heighten awareness about devastating burn injuries and educate the public about how to prevent and treat them.

### **Burn Awareness Week School Poster Contest**

For this year's Burn Awareness Week campaign, FNESS has created a Poster Contest for schools!

The purpose of the Contest is to engage ALL students, kindergarten through grade 12, in an art activity to learn about preventing burns and scalds.

The contest is simple, and a winning poster from each grade will be chosen to receive a \$50 VISA gift card!

Details about the Poster Contest, quick tips for teachers, potential poster ideas, and a *Burn Awareness Education Poster* for parents/caregivers and the community have been provided. Let's get everyone involved in preventing burn and scald injuries!

Burn Awareness Week school materials discussed above have been included as attachments in the email containing this letter. All materials can also be found on the FNESS website at [www.fness.bc.ca](http://www.fness.bc.ca).

Please share this information with teachers so that their students can participate. We are looking forward to seeing your students' posters!

Thank you so much for working with us to keep children in First Nations communities safe from burns and scalds. If you have questions, please contact me at [ajuma@fness.bc.ca](mailto:ajuma@fness.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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