



Fire Prevention Week October 8-14, 2023

Dear Principal,

Fire Prevention Week (FPW) is fast approaching and FNESS wants to help you to support your school and community to stay fire safe!

This year's FPW theme is 'Cooking Safety Starts with YOU! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention'™. Cooking related fires are a leading cause of home fires and injuries and sadly, our babies, children, and Elders are at greatest risk. The good news is that most cooking fires are preventable, and we can teach children how to stay safe in the kitchen.

First Nations' Emergency Services Society is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to support First Nation communities across BC to develop and sustain safer and healthier communities. My name is Alisha Juma and I am the Fire Services Coordinator at FNESS. I am reaching out to you to discuss this year's FNESS FPW School Program and seek your support for teachers to deliver a few simple but important fire safety activities.

The 2023 FPW School Campaign

Building on last year's success, our 2023 campaign leaves no child behind. The School Program reaches all students from kindergarten through grade twelve, with lifesaving fire safety information and activities. It's easily accessible on the FNESS Fire Prevention Week webpage @ fness.bc.ca/resource/fire-prevention-week-2023 and includes everything teachers need for classroom delivery including an introductory letter, classroom activities, poster contest, and prizes!

Thank you in advance for sharing this information with your teachers and encouraging them to teach their students to stay fire safe! Should your teachers need support and/or resources, please reach out – we are always here to help!

Requesting a Fire Safety Presentation

It's always great to hear messages that are taught in the classroom reinforced by fire professionals. If your school would like a presentation or visit from the Fire Department or a FNESS representative, please contact me.

In closing, I want to thank you for your time and your interest in supporting FPW activities in your school. Together, through education, we can make a big difference in the lives of many. Schools participating in Fire Prevention Week activities will be recognized with a *Fire Safety Education School Certificate*, presented by FNESS following Fire Prevention Week activities.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact me at ajuma@fness.bc.ca. For more information about FNESS, our programs, including the Fire Prevention Week campaign, please visit our website at www.fness.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Alisha Juma

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