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The graphic features a red background with a white vertical stripe. In the top left corner, there is a graphic of a smoke alarm with the words 'BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!' written in yellow, stylized letters. To the right of this, the words 'Smoke Alarms' are written in large, white, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a black silhouette of a firefighter standing and talking to three children (two adults and one child) who are sitting on the floor. At the bottom of the graphic, the slogan 'A Sound You Can Live With!' is written in white, italicized, sans-serif font.

Fire Prevention Week

October 3 - 9, 2010

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fire Prevention Week and Halloween occur during the month of October. In collaboration with the City of Bayonne Fire Department, the Bayonne Board of Education has developed this brochure to ensure safety for parents and students.

The "Learn Not To Burn" educational program was implemented in 1975. The district continues to make a strong commitment to fire safety education by coordinating efforts between the Fire Department, school, and community to improve all aspects of public safety.

This year, Fire Prevention Week will be held October 3-9. As part of the week-long celebration, Bayonne firefighters will be visiting each school to discuss various fire prevention and safety skills. The firefighters will be distributing information concerning the theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is **"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"** Firefighters will also stress the importance of this year's theme and discuss basic fire facts and home hazards.

It is important to improve safety through education. Coordinating efforts between the Fire Department, schools, and the community will improve all aspects of public safety. Our hope is that our students will utilize and share with their friends and family what they learn in school about fire safety.

Please take the time to review this very important information about fire safety and important tips for Halloween.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. McGeehan, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Halloween Safety Tips

- ~ Parents should set a good example by being excellent role models for children: be a good pedestrian - instruct children to use sidewalks and cross at crosswalks.
- ~ Children should carry a flashlight. Costumes should be brightly colored or have reflective tape to highlight them. Check to make sure that all parts of the costume are labeled flame retardant.



- ~ Adults should walk with their children door-to-door.
- ~ Children should wear comfortable, sturdy shoes and temperature-appropriate clothing in regards to the child's costume.
- ~ In order to avoid crowds or any potential encounters with strangers, you may want to attend a planned Halloween event.
- ~ Any treats that are brought home by your child should be checked before your child eats a single treat.
- ~ Use flashlights in jack o'lanterns...it is safer than candles.



It's Fire Prevention Week:

"Smoke Alarms... ...A Sound You Can Live With!"

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As part of Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9, 2010), "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!", your child is learning about the importance of smoke alarms, the sound of a smoke alarm, and what to do if a smoke alarm sounds in your home. Below are important safety tips to help ensure proper placement and testing of smoke alarms.

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home (including the basement), outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms. **Never** remove or disable smoke alarms.
- Interconnection of smoke alarms is highly recommended; when one smoke alarm sounds, they all do. A licensed electrician can install hard-wired multiple-station alarms. Wireless alarms can be installed by the homeowner.
- There are two types of smoke alarm technologies – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires – like a pan fire or the smoke from cooking. A photoelectric alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires – like a cigarette, overheated wiring or something hot like a space heater. Install both types of alarms in your home or combination alarms that take advantage of both technologies.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly by pushing the test button. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- All smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and those that are hard-wired alarms, should be replaced when they're 10 years old (or sooner) if they do not respond properly when tested.
- Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year so everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds, and can get out safely.