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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Fire Prevention Month 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 8-14. 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 also be distributing information concerning the theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year’s theme is “WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT—PREVENT COOKING FIRES!” Incorporating this theme in their lessons, the firefighters will teach the students about the importance of teamwork, which is the key to winning the fight against fire. 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.

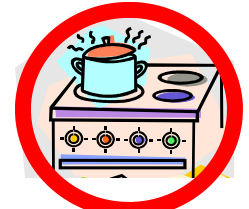
Sincerely,

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

WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT ... PREVENT COOKING FIRES!



Fire Safety Checklist



Cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 reported home fires each year. Most of those fires start because people are not paying attention to their cooking. Firefighters and teachers will give the students helpful safety tips to prevent cooking fires. The information our students learn will educate them about the dangers of cooking fires and how to prevent them. For example:

- ~ Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- ~ If you must leave the room even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- ~ When you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- ~ When you are finished cooking, turn off all burners and ovens.

Safety Tips for Halloween

- ~ 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 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 regarding 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.

