



January 25, 2021

Re: Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest

Attention: All Grade Five, Six, Seven and Eight Teachers

This year, National Burn Awareness Week takes place February 7th to February 13th, 2021 and is dedicated to reminding and educating all age groups about burn safety and what steps should be taken in case of a burn to yourself, or someone around you.

Did you know that children are more likely to be hospitalized for burns after contact with steam or hot liquids (scalds), including tap water? Children are at high risk for burns because their skin is thinner than an adult's skin. A child's skin burns **four times more quickly and deeply** than an adult's at the same temperature does. (Source: Parachut)

The Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund is holding a Provincial Poster Contest and would like to invite students Grades 5 - 8 to submit their original artwork featuring any fire or burn prevention safety message.

Prizes will be awarded to four students, one from each grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 from selected entries submitted throughout the Province of Manitoba. **Winners will receive a prize valued at \$200.00, safety materials for their classmates and teacher as well as a cash prize from the Firefighters' Burn Fund for their school.** The winning posters will be displayed on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters' Burn Fund websites for one year as well as published on the Fire Prevention Week Brochures in the fall of 2021.

Posters should reflect one area of fire/burn prevention. You can see examples on our website:

www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca/safety_baw.html

The Office of the Fire Commissioner looks forward to receiving a submission from your students for the poster contest. If you have any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at firesafety@gov.mb.ca. Please see the rules and prize information for you to share with your teachers and students.

The deadline for submissions is April 9, 2021

On behalf of the Office of the Fire Commissioner, I would like to thank you for being our partners in making Manitoba a safer place to live, learn, work and play!

Sincerely,

Kelly McLean

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