WYATT PICKERING
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher
get to safety first

then call 911

JAXSON SAVOY
Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Kramer, Teacher

Topic: How & When to call 911
ASHLIN CURRY
Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Kramer, Teacher

Topic: Residential Fire Sprinkler Protection
Sprinklers are like having a 24-hour Firefighter in your home. Most fires are put out by just one sprinkler head.

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**First Fire Extinguisher Invented, 1863**

NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK

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PUT OUT A GREASE FIRES LID!

XANDER FRANK
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

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LAILANI BELLAMY
Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Kramer, Teacher

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Remember what Smokey Bear says
“Only you can prevent wildfires”

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VT State Fire Marshal’s Office Established, 1919

Good Friday

Earthquake and Fires San Francisco, CA 1906

Bomb explosion at Federal Office Building, Oklahoma City, OK 1995

First Firehouse Pole installed, New York, NY 1878

First Alarm received from first Fire Box Alarm System Boston, MA 1851

Injury Prevention Month National Youth Sports Safety Month National Volunteer Week 18-24
DON'T OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL SOCKETS!

JORDYN RINGEY
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

Topic: Electrical Safety
Never Overload Wall Outlets. Replace damaged electrical cords and don’t use extension cords for heaters or appliances.

ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

NATIONAL EMS WEEK

Safe Boating Week 22-28  National Electrical Safety Month • www.electrical-safety.org • Building Safety Month • www.iccsafe.gov
When there is a fire get out and stay out!!!
### June 2021

**Home Safety Month • www safekids org International Fire/EMS Safety & Health Week Lightning Safety Awareness Week**

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KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM FIREWORKS!

JULIA WILLIAMSON
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

Topic: Fireworks Safety
SMOKE AND CO ALARMS
- Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Install a CO alarm in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home.
- Test them monthly.
- Replace the battery at least once a year.
- Never disable your detector.
- Replace smoke and co alarms that are older than 10 years with new photoelectric AC/DC interconnected detectors.

HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLANS
- Develop a floor plan of your home – identifying all exits (doors and windows) and two ways out of each room. Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure that someone will help them.
- Define an outside meeting place (e.g., neighbors or tree) where everyone can safely meet.
- Practice your escape plan so that everyone knows what to do in an emergency.
- Keep doors closed to help contain the fire and minimize smoke from spreading throughout your home.

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE
- Crawl Low Under Smoke. Remember that in a fire, heat and smoke rise. If you have to escape through smoke, crawl low under the smoke keeping your head just off the floor area where the air is cleaner and cooler.
- Get out & Stay Out! Never go back into a home that is on fire.
- Call 9-1-1 after you’ve left the house, from outside.

ALTERNATIVE HEATERS
- Use heaters only in well-ventilated rooms.
- Place heaters where they will not be knocked over easily.
- Do not use heaters to dry clothing or other items.
- Keep heaters at a safe distance from curtains, furniture and all combustibles.

WOODSTOVES AND FIREPLACES
- Only use seasoned wood, and never use green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- Always use a protective screen.
- Clean interiors, hearths and have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected every year.
- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
- Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from the home.

SAFE COOKING PRACTICES
- Don’t leave food unattended on the stove.
- Keep dangling clothing away from burners.
- Keep appliances clean and free of grease and crumbs.
- Keep towels, curtains and other combustibles away from the stove.
- Make sure the stove is off and small appliances are unplugged before going to bed.

CHILDREN AND FIRE SAFETY
- Keep lighters and matches away from children.
- Teach children how to call for emergency assistance.
- Use safety plugs in electrical outlets.

ELECTRICAL WIRING
- Replace wiring or extension cords if it’s cracked, damaged or frayed.
- Do not place wiring over rugs, over nails or in high traffic areas.
- Avoid overloading outlets and make sure they stay cool to the touch.
- Keep covers over electric outlets and avoid exposed wiring.
- Use extension cords on a temporary basics and use cords that are sized to handle the load.

FIRE SAFETY FOR THE RURAL HOMEOWNER
- Post home address signs that are clearly visible from the road.
- Provide emergency vehicle access with properly constructed driveways and roadways, at least 12 feet wide with adequate turnaround space.
- Make sure water sources, such as hydrants and ponds, are accessible to the fire department during the winter.

FIRE SAFETY TECHNOLOGY
- Only adults who know how to use portable fire extinguishers should use them. Keep a fire extinguisher handy, especially near the kitchen, place it close but not in the kitchen.
- Consider installing residential fire sprinklers.
The Essentials of Fire Prevention

**PREVENTION**
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Routinely perform a simple visual home safety inspection and repair any problems.
- Be careful when using candles or any open fire.
- Follow manufacturer’s instructions and any code requirements for equipment and use the equipment properly.
- Check electrical cords for cracks, breaks, damage, or overheating. Repair or replace when needed.

**DETECTION**
- Install photoelectric smoke alarms that are hard wired, with a battery back up, in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms close to where you sleep.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home.
- Maintain alarms by regular testing, cleaning and replace the batteries twice a year.

**ESCAPE**
- Identify at least two ways out of every room. Make sure all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Make a home escape plan. Draw a floor plan of each level of the home, discuss and practice it with all members of your household.
- Have a plan for anyone who may need assistance in your home, such as young children, older adults and people with disabilities.

**SUPPRESSION**
- For small fires keep a fire extinguisher handy and know how to use it.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, install a home fire sprinkler system.
- If you live in a rural area, locate the closest reliable water supplies like a dry hydrant, pond or river. Provide clear year-round access to water supplies that might be required for firefighting.

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Now is the time to get fired up for next year’s Fire Safety Calendar

Each year in recognition of fire prevention month, the Division of Fire Safety sponsors a statewide fire safety poster contest. The poster contest is open to all third grade students. At the end of October panels of judges choose thirteen posters to appear in the next calendar. Thousands of calendars are printed and delivered to schools throughout the state.

Students can work on the posters before or on fire prevention week, depending on the schools schedule they should prepare posters on white paper not exceeding 12 by 20 inches in size with the students’ name, teachers name and school on the back. Posters must be submitted flat to the division of fire safety by the end of October to be included in the judging for the next calendar.

For additional information on the Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar program, or how your organization can help support this program, contact the:

Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Central Office
1311 US Route 302, suite 600
Barre VT -05641-2351
800-640-2106
or www.firesafety.vermont.gov
Home Fire Escape Plan

Memorize your fire department’s emergency phone number and write it here: ______________________

Use the space below to create your home fire escape plan.

- Draw a floor plan or a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Mark two ways out of each room.
- Mark all of the smoke alarms with a 5A. Smoke alarms should be on every level of your home. Make sure there is an alarm outside every sleeping area.
- Pick a family meeting place outside where everyone can meet.
- Remember, practice your plan at least twice a year!

Check out www.sparky.org for fire safety games and activities.

Grown-ups: Children don’t always awake when the smoke alarm sounds. Know what your child will do before a fire occurs. Get more information on smoke alarms and escape planning at www.nfpa.org/factsheets.
Thank You to all of the fire departments and schools who participated in fire prevention activities this year.

Posters for the 2021 Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar were received from the following schools:

- Johnson Elementary
- Bristol Elementary School
- Albert Bridge School
- Franklin Central School
- Castleton Elementary
- Monument Elementary
- Eden Central School
- Underhill Central School
- Ludlow Elementary
- Mater Christi School
- Mallet’s Bay School
- Bennington Elementary
- Rutland Intermediate School / R I S
- Sheldon Elementary
- Guilford Central School
- Castleton Elementary
## July 2021

**Leave the Fireworks Show to the Pros**

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- **6** Ringling Bros, Barnum & Bailey Circus Tent Fire Hartford, CT 1944
- **7** Amtrak Train Crash occurred in North Williston, VT 1984
- **8** VT Dept of Public Safety Established, 1947
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*Pet Fire Safety Day*
MIKKO LAZARE
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

Topic: Stop, Drop and Roll
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- **August 2021**
- **Be Smart Don’t Let Fires Start.**
- [www.firesafety.vermont.gov](http://www.firesafety.vermont.gov)
- **Bennington Battle Day**
  - State Holiday Observed
- **Smokey Bear’s Birthday, 1944**
- **First Sprinkler Head patented, 1874**
- **National Safety Council incorporated by Congress, 1953**
- **Hurricane Irene hits Vermont & NE, 2011**

**Back to School Safety Month**
Firefighters are here to help you when you're in Danger.
September 2021

Never Hide From Fire Fighters
They Help You Escape.

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First Day of Autumn

Never Hide From Fire Fighters
They Help You Escape.

First Fog Nozzle Invented, 1894

National Day of Service & Remembrance
World Trade Center, Pentagon attacks, NY, PA, VA 2001

Patriot Day

Rosh Hashanah begins
Labor Day
State Holiday

The first recorded fatality from an automobile accident, New York 1899

National Farm Safety & Health Week

Tropical Storm Floyd hits Vermont & NE, 1999

Yom Kippur Begins

The Great New England Hurricane of 1938

Fall Prevention Awareness Day

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK

First Day of Autumn

National Preparedness Month www.ready.gov • Campus Fire Safety Month www.campusfiresafetymonth.org • National Farm Safety & Health Week
Fireplaces can be dangerous!

Electrical ones can be dangerous too!

Oh no, there's a fire!
### October 2021

**www.firesafety.vermont.gov**

#### Fire Prevention Week
- **3rd to 9th October**
  - **3rd October**: Fire Fighters Memorial, first held Sunday 1979
  - **4th October**: Fire Prevention Week
  - **5th October**: Columbus Day
  - **6th October**: The Great Chicago Fire Burned 17,450 buildings, Chicago, IL 1871
  - **7th October**: Peshtigo Wisconsin Fire, Burned 16 Towns, 1871
  - **8th October**: International Association of Fire Chiefs Founded, Baltimore, MD 1873
  - **9th October**: Boss’s Day

**Halloween Safety Month**

- **31st October**: Halloween

**Fire Prevention Month**

- **1st to 31st October**
  - **1st October**: First National Fire Prevention Week proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson, 1920
  - **National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Weekend**

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SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES!

SAYLOR GODDARD
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

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- **Check and Change the Batteries in your Smoke & CO Alarms, when you change the clocks.**
- **Daylight Savings Ends**
- **MGM Grand Hotel fire, Las Vegas, NV 1980**
- **Cocoanut Grove night club fire, Boston, MA 1942**
- **Chanukah Begins**
- **Thanksgiving Day State Holiday**
- **State Offices Closed**

**Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

**Replace Smoke Alarms when they are 10 years old**
KEEP CANDLES AWAY FROM PETS!

HANNAH GERROW
Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager Rickner, Teacher

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- **December 2021**
  - Kwanzaa Begins

- **January 2022**
  - Our Lady of the Angels School Fire, Chicago, IL 1958
  - Great New York City Fire, New York, NY 1835
  - Iroquois Theater Fire, IL 1903

**Holiday Notes**

- Last day of Chanukah
- First Day of Winter
- Christmas
- New Year’s Eve
- Christmas State Holiday Observed
- New Year’s Eve

**Decorate Safely.**

Never Leave Burning Candles Unattended.

Fire Safety Never Takes a Holiday

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January
Jaxson Savoy

February
Ashlin Curry

March
Xander Frank

April
Lailani Bellamy

May
Jordyn Ringey

June
Nathan Picon
The 30th annual 2021 Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar

This year Hundreds of posters were received from 16 schools. The posters were initially sorted into 13 categories with approximately 10 - 20 posters selected from each category to be included in the final judging. After this initial sorting by division staff, the posters for the calendar were put into a virtual Judging format and selected by a team of judges representing educators, parents and firefighters. The judges were not aware of the student’s name or school at the time of the selection.

In 29 years over 575,000 fire safety calendars have been given to elementary school children since the start of the program. The calendar gets fire safety messages to the parents and families every day of the year in thousands of homes across the state. This year due to the challenges of Covid-19 we have had to change our process a little. We will have 500 hardcopies of the 2021 calendar printed to distribute to the families and schools of the winning students. We will also be sending out an electronic version of the calendar to all schools and posting it on our Website so that anyone can print and distribute to as many as they would like.

A lot of people have contributed to the success of the Robert Howe Fire Safety Calendar program including school administrators, teachers, nurses, coaches, aides, fire and emergency service personnel, Division of Fire Safety staff and the many sponsors that support the costs of printing for the calendar. Thanks goes out to all of these people involved in this worthwhile project to help keep our children safe from fire throughout the year.

~Thank you for your continued support through these tough times,
We continue to look for ways each year to make this program bigger and better with each year.
We look forward to next year’s posters!~