



VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

32nd ANNUAL ROBERT HOWE

2023 FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR



Artist : Oren Carrier

Rutland Intermediate School - Teacher: Lori Kramer



Artist: Jane Park

Bristol Elementary School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **How & When to call 911**

JANUARY 2023

www.firesafety.vermont.gov

Call 911 to Save a Life, Stop a Crime or to Report a Fire, "Call if you can, Text if you can't"

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>First practical Fire Engine tested, Cincinnati, OH 1853</p> <p>The Fire Chief's Club of Vermont organized- 1940</p> <p>New Year's Day State Holiday</p>	<p>New Year's Day State Holiday Observed</p>			<p>The Vermont State House was gutted by fire Montpelier, VT 1857</p>		<p>Vermont ice storm 1998</p>
	<p>Law Enforcement Appreciation Day</p>					
	<p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day State Holiday</p>	<p>Benjamin Franklin's Birthday - 1706</p>				
COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK						
					<p>VT Snow Storm – 2-4 feet of snow in northeast VT- 1996</p>	
					<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3</p> <p>4 5 6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>11 12 13 14 15 16 17</p> <p>18 19 20 21 22 23 24</p> <p>25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28</p>



Artist: Abby Gouge

Rutland Intermediate School - Teacher: Mrs. Lori Kramer

Topic: **Stay Low & Go**

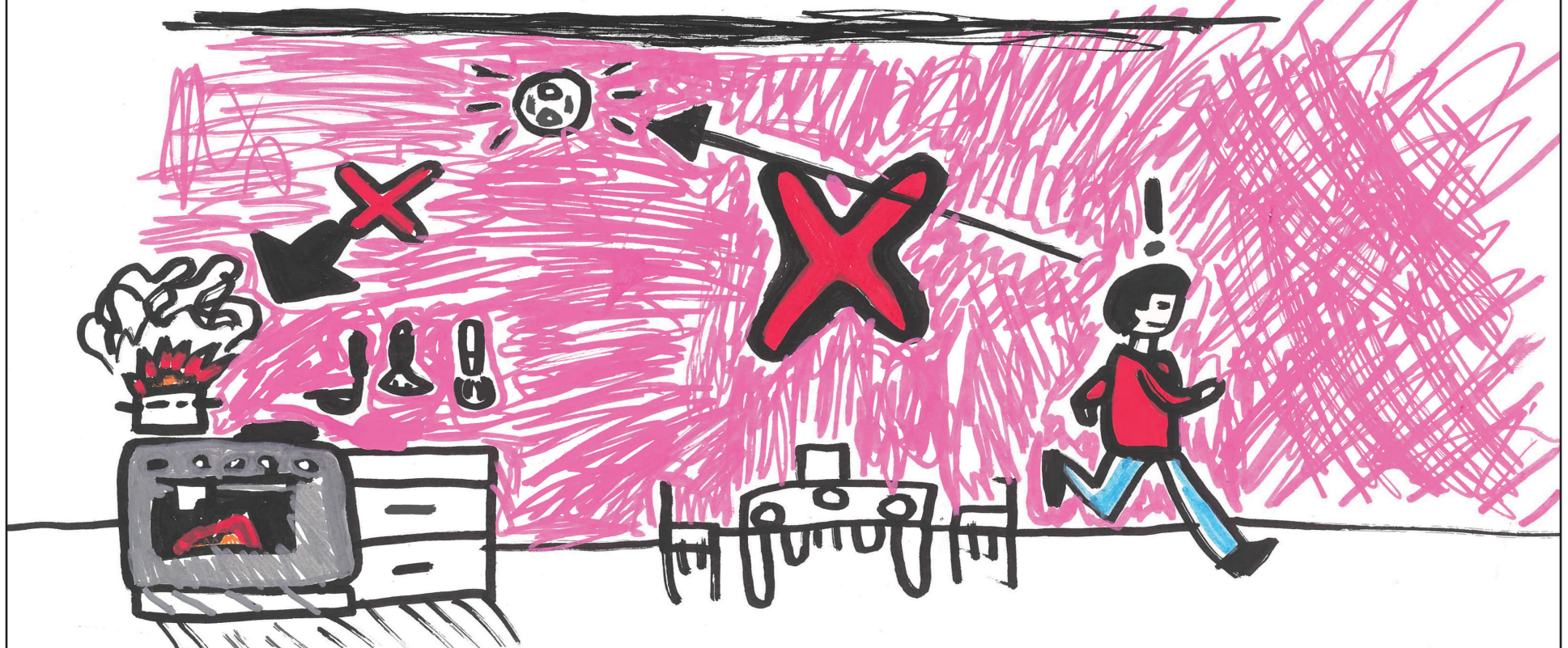
FEBRUARY 2023

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Home sprinklers save lives! 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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5	6	7	8	9	10 First Fire Extinguisher Invented, 1863	11
NATIONAL BURN AWARENESS WEEK						
12	13	14	15 The Lawrence Block Fire Montpelier, VT 1924	16 Beginning of the 911 emergency call system, 1968	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day State Holiday	21 Valentine's Day	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

NEVER leave the kitchen
while cooking!! ok!



Artist: Samuel Fluck

Stowe Elementary School - Teacher: Mrs. Becky Lanfear

Topic: **Kitchen & Cooking Safety**

MARCH 2023

www.firesafety.vermont.gov

Put a Lid on Grease Fires,
Use Caution in the Kitchen,
Watch What You Heat

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5	6	7 Town Meeting Day State Holiday	8	9	10 Employee Appreciation Day	11 Ice Jam floods downtown Montpelier, VT 1992
12 Check and Change the Batteries in your Smoke & CO Alarms, when you change the clocks. Daylight Savings Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Sparky the Fire Dogs Birthday
19	20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 First Steam Fire Engine Tested, NY 1841	28	29	30	31	
NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK NATIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL FACTS WEEK						



Artist: Ayla Shepard

Bristol Elementary School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **Prevention of Grass & Brush Fires**

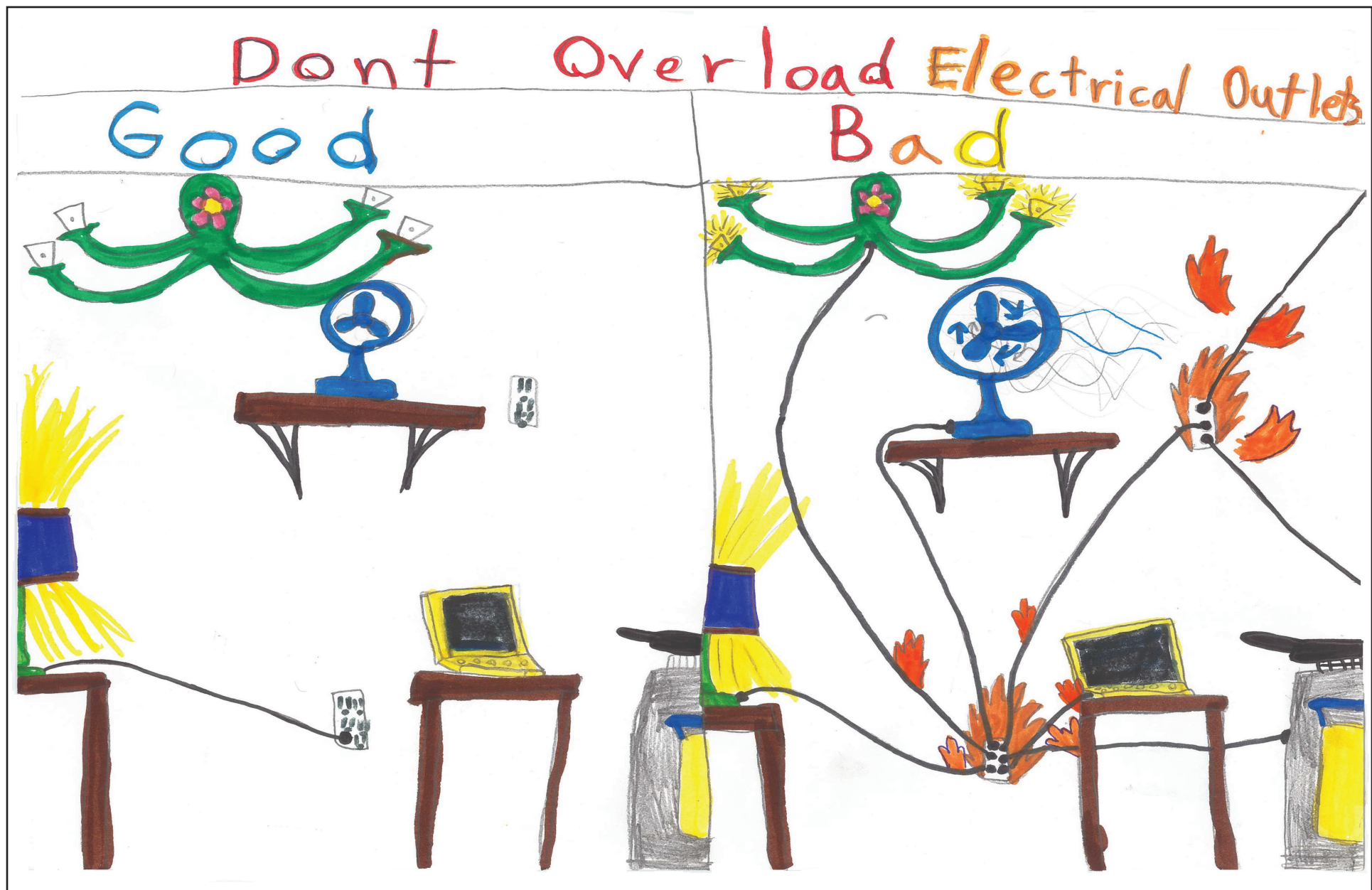
APRIL 2023

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Remember what Smokey Bear says
"Only you can prevent wildfires"

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2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5 Gold Star Spouses Day	6 ○	7 VT State Fire Marshal's Office Established, 1919	8
NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK						
9 Easter	10	11	12 ◐	13	14 Good Friday	15
16	17	18	19 Administrative Assistant Day	20 ●	21 First Firehouse Pole installed, New York, NY 1878	22
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK						
23 30	24	25	26 ◐	27	28	29 First Alarm received from first Fire Box Alarm System Boston, MA 1851

Injury Prevention Month • National Youth Sports Safety Month • National Volunteer Week 16-22 • National Public Health Week 2-8 • nphw.org



Artist: Zoe Webb

Bethel Elementary School - Teachers: Rainville/Timmerman

Topic: **Electrical Safety**

MAY 2023

www.firesafety.vermont.gov

Never Overload Wall Outlets.
Replace damaged electrical cords and
don't use extension cords for heaters or appliances.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend Green Up Vermont Day
7	8	9 America Burning report published, 1973	10	11	12	13
ARSON AWARENESS WEEK						
14 Mother's Day	15 National Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17	18	19 First US Automatic Fire Alarm System Invented, 1857	20 Armed Forces Day
NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS WEEK						
21	22	23	24	25	26 VT Heat Safety Awareness Day	27
NATIONAL EMS WEEK						
28	29 Memorial Day State Holiday	30	31		APRIL S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

National Electrical Safety Month • www.electrical-safety.org • Building Safety Month • www.iccsafe.gov • Emergency Medical Services Week 16-22 • emsweek.org • National Peace Officers Week 14-20



Artist: Juniper Bates

Lincoln Community School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **Home Escape Planning and Home Emergency Planning**

JUNE 2023

Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.

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<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Flag Day</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>● 18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>First NFPA Committee on Safety to Life is appointed, 1913</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL FIRE/EMS SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK</p>						
<p>Father's Day</p>	<p>Juneteenth</p>		<p>Summer Solstice</p>			
<p>25</p>	<p>● 26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	
		<p>National PTSD Awareness Day</p>				

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



Artist: Audrey Corrigan

Bristol Elementary School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **Leave the Fireworks Show to the Pros**

JULY 2023

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Fireworks Safety
Leave the Fireworks to the Pros

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		Independence Day State Holiday			Amtrak Train Crash occurred in North Williston, VT 1984	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
					Pet Fire Safety Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Ionization Smoke Detector Invented Switzerland, 1947				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Fireworks Safety Month



Artist: Charlotte Adair

Fayston Elementary School - Teacher: Katleen Pellegrino

Topic: **Stop, Drop & Roll**

AUGUST 2023

Stop, Drop & Roll if fire gets on you.

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13 National Safety Council incorporated by Congress, 1953	14	15	● 16 Bennington Battle Day State Holiday Observed	17	18	19																																																																																											
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27	28 Hurricane Irene hits Vermont & NE, 2011	29	30	○ 31	<p>JULY</p> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> </table>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Back to School Safety Month



Artist: Ivy Aucter

Underhill Central School - Teacher: Mrs. Abbie Bernier

Topic: **Firefighters are Heroes, Don't Fear Firefighters in Gear**

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Never Hide From Fire Fighters
They Help You Escape.

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3 First Fog Nozzle Invented, 1894	4 Labor Day State Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 National Day of Service & Remembrance World Trade Center, Pentagon attacks , NY, PA, VA 2001	12	13 The first recorded fatality from an automobile accident, New York 1899	14	15	16 Tropical Storm Floyd hits Vermont & NE, 1999
17	18	19	20	21 The Great New England Hurricane of 1938	22 Fall Prevention Awareness Day	23
Rosh Hashanah begins						Autumn Equinox
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK



Artist: Hadley Wendel

Bristol Elementary School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **Carbon Monoxide Detectors and Home Heating Safety**

OCTOBER 2023

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Guard Against CO,
It's A Silent Killer.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 First National Fire Prevention Week proclaimed by President Calvin Coolidge, 1925	5	6	7 Peshtigo Wisconsin Fire, Burned 16 Towns, 1871
8 The Great Chicago Fire Burned 17,450 buildings, Chicago, IL 1871	9 Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Boss's Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 National First Responders Day
29 Federal Fire Prevention & Control Act of 1974 creates US Fire Administration, 1974	30	31 Halloween			SEPTEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Halloween Safety Month • Fire Prevention Month • NFPA.org



Artist: Calvin McCarthy





Rutland Intermediate School - Teacher: Mrs. Lori Kramer

Topic: **Smoke Detectors (Maintenance and Replacement)**

NOVEMBER 2023

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Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives
Replace Smoke Alarms
when they are 10 years old

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 5 Check and Change the Batteries in your Smoke & CO Alarms, when you change the clocks. Daylight Savings Ends	6 National Fire Protection Association is founded, Boston, MA 1896	7 The Vermont State Fireman's Association is established.- 1890	8	9 Great Boston Fire Boston, MA 1872	10 Veteran's Day State Holiday Observed	11 Veterans Day
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day State Holiday	24 State Offices Closed Black Friday	25 Small Business Saturday
26 	27 Cyber Monday	28 Giving Tuesday	29	30 The Vermont State Fireman's Association is established.- 1890 Essex Junction - One of the first "known" Haz-mat Incidents in VT occurred 1962		

NATIONAL CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING AWARENESS WEEK

National Elevator/ Escalator Safety Awareness Week • www.eesf.org • National Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week Change Your Clock Change your Battery



Artist: Caroline Gates

Lincoln Community School - Teacher: Deb Mager-Rickner

Topic: **Safe Use of Candles & Holiday Safety**

DECEMBER 2023

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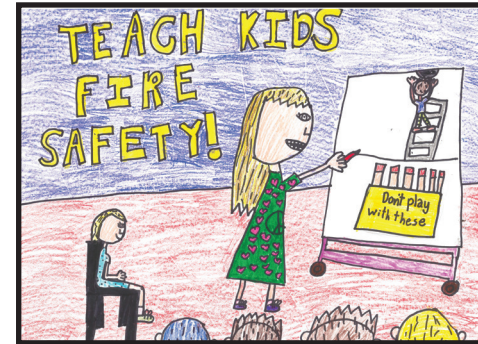
Decorate Safely.
Never Leave Burning Candles Unattended.
Fire Safety Never Takes a Holiday

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National Maple Syrup Day Christmas Eve 24 30 New Year's Eve	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas State Holiday				Iroquois Theater Fire, IL 1903	

Honorable Mention Artists



COVER



ANNA ZELONIS

Bristol Elementary School
Deb Mager-Rickner, Teacher

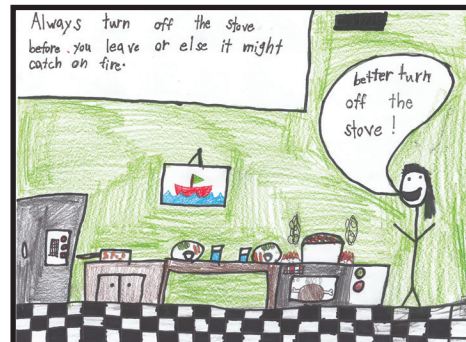
JANUARY



MATTHEW PRIOR

Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Lori Kramer, Teacher

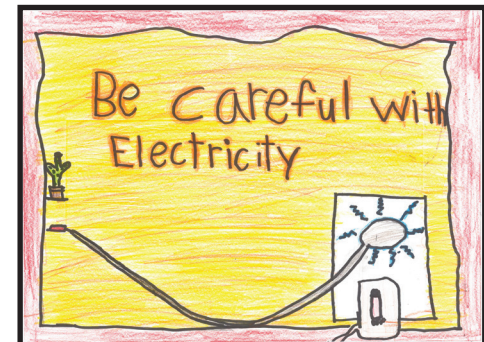
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ESME KOICUBA

Robinson Elementary School
Kerry Lake, Teacher

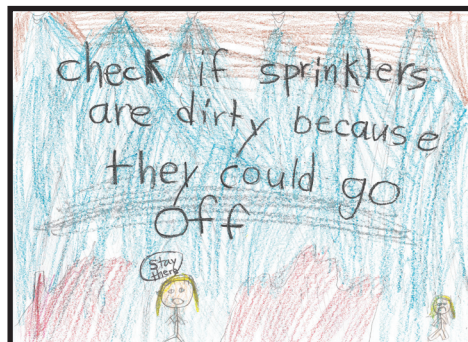
MAY



LUCY TANNER

Underhill Central School
Mrs. Abbie Bernier, Teacher

FEBRUARY



NETTI WILSON

Shrewsbury Mountain School
Mrs. Levins, Teacher

APRIL



MCKENNA BRIDE

Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Lori Kramer, Teacher

JUNE



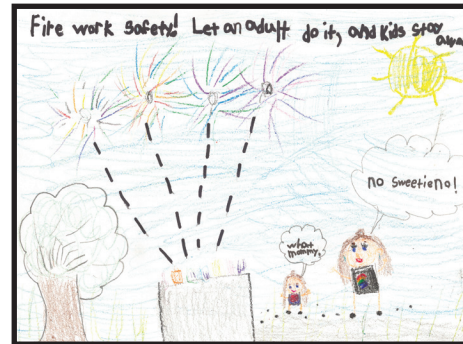
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Rutland Intermediate School
Mrs. Lori Kramer, Teacher

Schools That Participated This Year

Mater Christi School
Williamstown Elementary School
Monument Elementary School
Newbury Elementary School
Richford Elementary School
Robinson Elementary School
Underhill Central School
Bennington Elementary School
Bethel Elementary School
Rutland Intermediate School
Shrewswsbury Mountain School
Shelburne Community School
Clarendon Elementary School
Franklin Central School
Fayston Elementary School
Castleton Elementary School
Stowe Elementary School
Bristol Elementary School
Lincoln Community School
Home School - Fairfax

JULY



SOPHIA HINTON
 Castleton Elementary School
 Ms. Grace Redding, Teacher

AUGUST



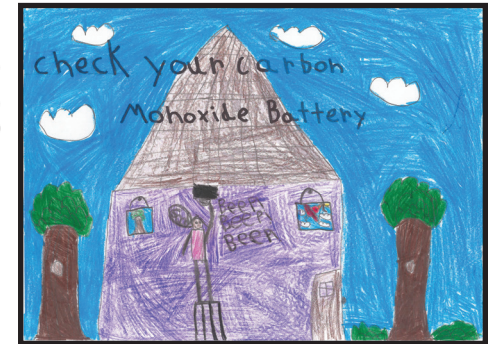
AMAYA FREUND
 Lincoln Community School
 Deb Mager-Rickner, Teacher

SEPTEMBER



MARLEY BARCLAY
 Rutland Intermediate School
 Mrs. Lori Kramer, Teacher

OCTOBER



MADDALYN LAFOUNTAIN
 Monument Elementary School
 Colleen Marcoux, Teacher

NOVEMBER



EMMA TAYLOR
 Castleton Elementary School
 Mrs. Becky Lanfear, Teacher

DECEMBER



OAKLEY GEBO
 Bristol Elementary School
 Deb Mager-Rickner, Teacher

THE 32ND ANNUAL 2023 ROBERT HOWE FIRE SAFETY CALENDAR



Student Artists

This calendar is produced from the winning posters from the statewide fire safety poster contest that is held during Fire Prevention Month



Do Your Part to Make Everyday a Fire Safe Day
firesafety.vermont.gov





HOME FIRE SAFETY GUIDE

The best way to fight a fire is to prevent it from happening in the first place.
There are several things families can do to lessen the chances of a fire starting in their homes.

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 under 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 basis 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.

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.

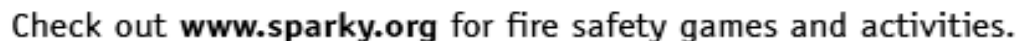
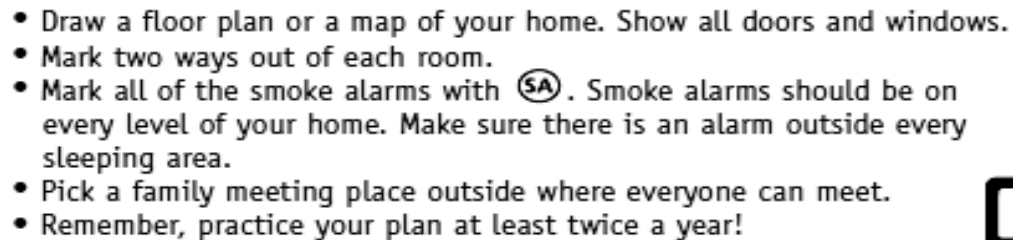
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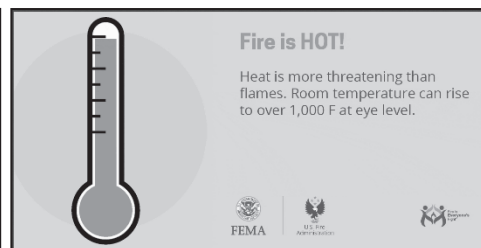
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