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Dr. Robert Fraser, Supt. of Schools
Council Rock School District
The Chancellor Center
30 N. Chancellor St.
Newtown, PA 18940

RE: "FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME" CONTEST – 2019

Dear Dr. Fraser:

Hope you are enjoying the summer break.

This October we will be conducting our 36th annual "Fire Safety in the Home Contest" and, as usual, request that you get the word out to all elementary schools.

Traditional rules and regulations continue, as well as restricting the contest to the elementary grade levels one through six. There will again be three levels of competition and four awards given to the winners of each of the three levels. Each of the 12 winning students will receive cash, movie theater passes and plaques as well as citations from our Congressman, State legislators and municipal officials.

Please advise all Principals to make sure that each teacher makes the students aware of this contest so that **all children will have an equal opportunity to participate. Although participation is voluntary, all elementary schools in the district are eligible to compete in the contest and that includes Wrightstown, which traditionally did a similar project for their local volunteer fire company.**

Enclosed is the schedule and criteria that should be communicated to all teachers. **We ask that each school follow the rules and ensure that no more than the maximum number of finalists be submitted (5 from each category).**

We thank you and the Board for your continued cooperation and support in this popular life saving educational event which benefits the community and gets the children and their parents thinking about fire safety. It's hard to believe that this will be our 36th year and we are delighted in knowing that this project helps continue to make our communities safer with regard to fire safety.

Director Joseph Hidalgo will again be the judge representing the School Board. Should you have any questions you can call me at (215-322-1153) home or (267-981-4725) cell or email peteypal@aol.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter F. Palestina".

Peter F. Palestina, CPCU
Contest Chairman, Philadelphia Chapter CPCU Society

cc: Andy Block, CRSB, Joseph Hidalgo, CRSB, Frank Fenton, Northampton Fire Marshal, Paul Griffing, CPCU, President, Philadelphia Chapter CPCU Society, CPCUSocietyNews@CPCUSociety.org



**COUNCIL ROCK - PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER CPCU SOCIETY
JOINT FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME CONTEST
SCHEDULE, CRITERIA AND MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS**

All elementary school students should be advised of the contest and asked to write their essay, poster, or combination of both, during **National Fire Prevention Week - October 6th through 12th**.

Essays, posters, creativity, or any combination thereof may be on any aspect of fire safety in the home. 1,000 words or less is suggested and may include posters, drawings, or other creative item. An award will be given for each of the winning entries in each level of competition ranked 1st place through 4th. Please note that the work must be done solely by the student **(no joint projects or parental participation allowed)**.

Each school should appoint a coordinator. Each participating teacher should screen their students work and present their coordinator his or her best five entries. **The coordinator for each school should then select no more than five entries in each of the three grade level categories (grades 1&2, 3&4, and 5&6)** and deliver them to Northampton Fire Marshal Frank Fenton at the Northampton Administration building located 55 Township Rd, Richboro. Mr. Fenton can be reached at 357-6800 for special pickup arrangements. **Please make sure that each submission identifies the student, school and teacher so that we may send congratulatory letters to all students who were finalists but did not win one of the top four awards.**

Deadline for submission of essays to Fire Marshal Frank Fenton is Tuesday, October 22nd.

All entries received will be judged for selection of winners by a panel comprised of Pete Palestina (representing the CPCU Society), School Board Director Joseph Hidalgo and Northampton Fire Marshal Frank Fenton.

At this time it is anticipated that the awards will be presented to the winners on November 14th before the Council Rock School Board at 7:00PM and at the November 20th Northampton Township Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:30PM. Both ceremonies will be broadcast over cable television. Dates or times for presentations may be changed if necessary, but if so, will be announced in sufficient time prior to the presentation ceremonies. The awards will be as follows:

<u>GRADE LEVEL</u>	<u>FINISHER</u>	<u>PRIZES TO BE AWARDED</u>
Grades 1 and 2	First Place	\$100, plaque and movie passes
	Second Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Third Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Fourth Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
Grades 3 and 4	First Place	\$100, plaque and movie passes
	Second Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Third Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Fourth Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
Grades 5 and 6	First Place	\$100, plaque and movie passes
	Second Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Third Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes
	Fourth Place	\$ 50, plaque and movie passes

In addition to the above awards, individual commendations will be presented by our Congressman, Brian Fitzpatrick, PA State Senators Tommy Tomlinson and Steve Santarsiero, State Representatives Wendi Thomas and Perry Warren, as well as local municipal officials from where the student resides.

Questions on the contest may be directed to Pete Palestina at 215-322-1153 home or 267-981-4725 cell.