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UNION COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

"EDUCATION TO MEET TOMORROW'S CHALLENGES"

"ALL IN - EVERY CHILD - EVERY DAY"



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Next Week's Schedule

- Mon. Oct. 8** - 31st Day of School - Day 1
- National Fire Prevention Week
- Tues., Oct. 9** - 32nd Day of School - Day 2
- Kdg. To Ride Fire Truck to LPC Fire Station
- Wed., Oct. 10** - 33rd Day of School - Day 3
- Regular Day of School
- Thurs., Oct. 11** - 34th Day of School - Day 4
- Regular Day of School
- Fri., Oct. 12** - 35th Day of School - Day 5
- Fire Safety Poster Contest

Fire Prevention Week 2018

Fire Prevention Week takes place October 7-13, 2018. This year's theme is: Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen in anywhere. Through three simple calls-to-action, this year's theme identifies basic but essential ways people can reduce their risk to fire and be prepared in the event of one:

- **Look** for places fire can start
- **Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm
- **Learn** two ways out of each room

Paying attention to your surroundings, looking for available exits in the event of a fire or other emergency, and taking the smoke alarm seriously if it sounds can make a potentially life-saving difference in a fire or other emergency situation. This year's Fire Prevention Week messages apply to virtually all locations. However, NFPA continues to focus on home fire safety, as the majority of U.S. fire deaths (four out of five) occur at home each year. Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware - fire can happen anywhere works to remind the public that fires can and do still happen - at home, as well as other locations. There are basic but vitally important steps people can take.

Upcoming October Dates

- Oct. 2 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00pm
- Oct. 8-12 - National Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 9 - K to Ride Fire Trucks to Fire Station 8:30-9:30
- Oct. 15-19 - National School Lunch Week
- Oct. 18 - PTO Pumpkin Painting 6:00-7:30 pm
- Oct. 22-26 - Bus Safety Week
- Oct. 23-30 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 22-25 - Book Fair
- Oct. 23 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
- Title I Parent Meeting 6:30-7:00 pm
- Oct. 25 - 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 3-7:00 pm
- Oct. 26 - No School: Professional Development
- Oct. 26 - End of the 1st Quarter
- Oct. 31 - Halloween - Room Parties - Costume March

Fire Safety Prevention Tips

Listed below are some Fire Prevention Tips to look over:

1. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.
2. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.
3. Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
4. Make sure everyone can hear the smoke alarms.
5. Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Design a meeting place outside. Practice your safety plan twice a year.
6. When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.
7. Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms to avoid risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
8. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year. Be careful when using candles.
9. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding, and furniture at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
10. Turn portable space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room & keep matches/lighters out of the reach of children.

PTO Pumpkin Painting - October 18

The PTO will be hosting a Pumpkin Painting activity coming up in two weeks on Thursday, October 18 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the elementary gym. Once again the Hanson family will have some pumpkins available to purchase. You may also bring your own pumpkins. Paints and brushes will be provided by the school for families to decorate their pumpkins. We ask an adult to accompany all children attending. See you all there!!! It will be a fun night!



Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

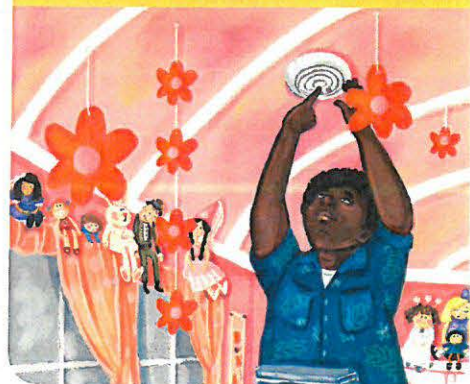


SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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