



Goosehill Primary School
Weekly Notes-October 16, 2015



Dear Parents,

In observance of Fire Safety and Prevention Month, one of our local volunteer firefighters, Mr. Tom Buchta, visited Goosehill to speak to our students. The purpose of his visit was to help the children understand and respect the dangers fire represents, and to remind them of all the ways adults work together to keep them safe. The children learned many things from "Firefighter Tom," including:

- ⇒ If there is an emergency in your home, dial 911.
- ⇒ Children should know their home address and phone number.
- ⇒ If your home's smoke alarm ("Mr. Nose") sounds, get out of the house quickly. If the alarm sounds when you are sleeping, roll out of bed onto the floor. Crawl to the door. (smoke rises) Feel the doorknob with your hand. If it is cool, open the door slowly to see if you can exit that way. If it is hot, go to the window and shout for help.
- ⇒ Never hide or go back into the house to retrieve an object or pet.
- ⇒ It is best to sleep with the bedroom door closed.
- ⇒ Families should discuss an emergency exit plan and establish a meeting spot outside of their home.

When talking with young children about fire safety, we are careful to present information without causing fear. Mr. Buchta provided age-appropriate information and helped the children know that in the event of an emergency, a firefighter or other emergency worker would be there to help them. We appreciate Mr. Buchta's time and the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department's commitment to our children's safety.

We were very proud of how attentive and thoughtful our students were during the presentation. I hope you'll ask your child to tell you what s/he learned this week about fire safety. Just a note---Firefighter Tom invited all of the children to tomorrow's Fire Prevention Open House (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) at the Cold Spring Harbor Fire House! *(free popcorn!)*

Enjoy the weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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