



FIRE PREVENTION BREAKFAST 2026

3rd & 4th Grade Poster Contest Rules

Posters must include a fire prevention theme. Students are encouraged to use the current Fire Prevention Week theme - “Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower” - or another appropriate fire safety theme. This year’s theme highlights the importance of buying, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely. Past examples of other themes include “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and “Cooking Safety Starts with You.” For more ideas and resources, visit fpw.org for more information.

- Posters should display positive behavior statements of what students can do to prevent a fire at home including:
 - Identifying common places fires start and how to prevent them
 - Showing what steps to take when a smoke alarm sounds
 - How and when to test smoke alarms and when to replace batteries
 - Having fire escape plans with two ways out and a safe meeting place
- Posters must be on 8.5” x 11” paper – **larger sizes will not be considered.**
- Any colors may be used. A white or light-colored background is preferred.
- Crayons, markers, pencils, etc., can be used.
- All artwork must be original. No computer-generated artwork or photographs may be used. Clippings from magazines, newspapers, and books are not appropriate. No traced images are accepted.
- The poster surface should remain flat.
- The back of the poster **MUST CLEARLY INCLUDE:**
 - Name of student
 - Grade and age of student
 - Name of school
 - Classroom or teacher’s name

Please print clearly or attach label

- All posters must be completed and turned over to the local fire department, if participating, prior to the **Sept. 21, 2026 deadline** so that winners can be chosen and presented locally during Fire Prevention Week.
- The Stark County Safety Council will judge finalists. The fire department (or school) will be notified of winners on Sept. 29, 2025. Winners, teacher, parents and principals will be invited to attend the Fire Prevention Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m., where they will be presented with their awards. **Limit: 4 attendees per winner, additional tickets can be purchased.**