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Essay Criteria

- The essay contest is for 5th, 8th, and 12th grade public, private, and home-schooled students in Macon-Bibb County. The essay must reflect the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme:

“Cooking safety starts with YOU”!

Explain why you feel cooking safety starts with you.

This year, Fire Prevention Week is recognized from October 8th through 14th and seeks to better educate the public on the importance of using safe cooking practices.

- 5th grade essays should consist of 125-250 words.
- 8th grade essays should consist of 200-700 words
- 12th grade should consist of 400-700 words.
- Essays must be submitted through email at jwebb@maconbibb.us with **2023 Fire Prevention Essay Contest** in the subject bar.
- To avoid **disqualification**, each essay **MUST** include the **student’s first and last name, parent’s name and phone number, and their school’s name.**

Selection Process

- Public, private, and home schools may submit this essay. A first, second, and third place winner will be selected from each grade of 5th, 8th, and 12th.
- Fire Safety Essay entries must be submitted by email on or before **September 1st. LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- The winners will receive cash prizes:
 - 5th Grade First place \$100, Second Place \$75, Third Place \$50, Honorable Mention \$25
 - 8th Grade First place \$150, Second Place \$125, Third Place \$100, Honorable Mention \$25
 - 12th Grade two \$500 Scholarships

All winners will be recognized in October during our annual Fire Prevention Week Opening Ceremony