



May, 1, 2023

Dear P.S.234 Families,

The safety and welfare of our students is always our highest priority and we continuously strive to provide a safe learning environment for them. As you are aware, we conduct regular fire drills and discuss fire safety at school.

As an extension to what we provide our students daily, we have invited the FDNY Fire Safety Education Program, over a course of three days, May 8, 2023 to May 10, 2023 to visit our school and speak to our students on fire safety including, fire safety tips, alarms, escape planning and much more. In addition, students in grades 2-5 will have the opportunity to experience a fire simulation in a Smokehouse Bus.

We are excited to be able to provide this opportunity to our students.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our parent coordinator Mr. Brown, at [jbrown112@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jbrown112@schools.nyc.gov).

Home fires can start and spread quickly, so just a little bit of planning can make a big difference. The FDNY recommends creating a home fire escape plan, and practice it regularly with your family. Please see below for some more recommended tips by [www.fdnysmart.org/safety/](http://www.fdnysmart.org/safety/).

#### Top Tips for Fire Safety

- Check smoke alarms. Make sure there is a working smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and near sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms every month and replace them every 10 years or when the battery is low.
- Create and practice a fire escape plan. Create a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room. Choose a place to meet outside that is a safe distance away from your home.
- Practice a home fire drill at least twice a year. Practice a home fire drill with your family during the day and at night. Practice escaping in under two minutes. Sometimes that is all the time you will have to get out of the house safely.
- If there is a fire, leave home immediately. If there is a lot of smoke, get low and crawl out of the house as quickly as possible. Call 911 after you are a safe distance away from your home.

Thank you,

Dora Danner  
Principal

