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The Ventura City Fire Department, in a collaborative effort with the Ventura Unified School District, will be hosting a two-day Fire Safety event on October 8th and October 9th at the Ventura City Fire Training Grounds, located at 765 S. Seaward Avenue in Ventura.

Over 1,300 fourth graders within the VUSD will travel to the Fire Training Grounds to participate in the Second Annual "4th Grade Fire Safety Days." Students, parents, and school staff will be witness to live demonstrations of Ventura City Firefighters performing multiple tasks associated with a career in firefighting and paramedicine. Students will travel in groups around the site to multiple teaching stations. The stations will include such topics as engine company operations, fire safety education, ladder and power tool demonstrations, and a grand finale involving the City Fire Department's "hook and ladder" truck.

Firefighters from around the City will serve as both instructors and participants in each of the learning stations. The Firefighters will be focusing not only on the tasks they are responsible to perform during emergencies, but they will also concentrate on the importance of education and its relation to the job. Students will learn how Firefighters operate fire engines, pumps, and hoses that require on-the-spot mathematical calculations, using equations they have memorized and have to complete without the usual "pad and paper." The instructors will explain how an education in chemistry is an essential element of becoming a member of the Hazardous Materials Team. The students will be exposed to the rigors of the Urban Search & Rescue Team, requiring a knowledge base in construction, geometry, and physics. In line with October being Fire Prevention month, the students will also participate in a station dedicated to home fire safety and fire prevention. Students will learn the importance of Exit Drills In The Home (EDITH) as well as how to properly use a fire extinguisher on a live fire prop.

The VUSD will also participate in post-event activities, including an essay-writing contest among the attendees, with the winning school receiving the "Fire Hydrant Award." This trophy will be awarded to the winning school, where it will remain until the following year's winner takes possession of it. Each year, the winning school's name will be inscribed on a perpetual plaque on the front of the trophy. The Fire Chief and the school's local firefighters will deliver the trophy once the winner is determined.

Media is invited to attend this event on any of the two days.



Ventura Unified
School District



Ventura City
Fire Department

4th Grade

FIRE SAFETY DAYS

October 8 & 9, 2014

The Ventura City Fire Department and the Ventura Unified School District present an opportunity for all 4th graders in Ventura Unified Schools to experience hands-on demonstrations, fire science, and fire safety lessons from those who know it as a way of life.



The "Fire Hydrant Award" Essay Contest

Students will have the opportunity to write a summary of their experience, to be read by the VFD Review Committee. The winning student's school will receive the "Fire Hydrant Award," presented by Fire Chief David Endaya and your school's local Firefighters. The Fire Hydrant Award rotates annually, with a perpetual plaque recognizing the current and past award winners. This is sure to be a great learning experience that offers plenty to write about!

Please visit www.venturacityfire.com for more information.