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**Poster & Essay Contest Winners to Appear at City Council**

**Plantation, FL: October 12, 2011:** Citywide winners of the Plantation Fire Department's 35th Annual Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest will be recognized at the Plantation Chamber of Commerce breakfast, at the Jacaranda Country Club on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM, then again at the City Council meeting, that evening, at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall.

The City of Plantation Fire Department and the Plantation Volunteer Fire Association have sponsored the contest, since 1976. This year's fire prevention theme was, "**Protect Your Family From Fire.**"

The goal, of the program, is to encourage school-aged children to help firefighters keep communities safer by preventing and preparing for fire emergencies.

"Fire safety is truly a team effort," said fire chief Joe Harris. "The impact children have on their parents and families, when bringing home the fire safety message, is our strongest tool. Education is one of our most powerful weapons against fire and Fire Prevention Week is the perfect tie-in for our annual competition."

Final submissions are judged by the Friends of the Helen B. Hoffman Library and The Plantation Art Guild. Winners are named in various categories including "City-Wide", "Best in School", and "Honorable Mention."

**Photo Op:**

The winning submissions will be on display in the Council Chambers during the Council meeting on the 12th. The winners will be available for photos at 7:00 P.M., before the meeting.

2011 City-wide winners:

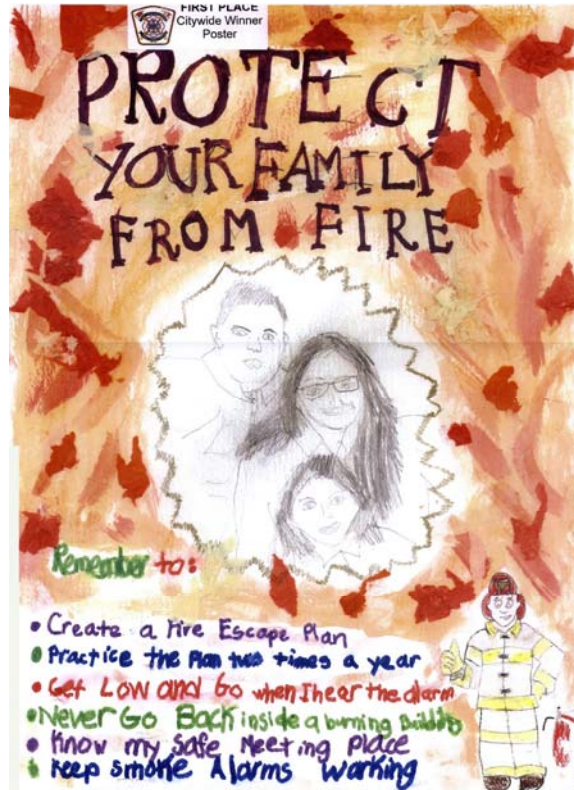
**Essay:** Madison Watkivs – Central Park Elementary  
Second Place – Ysabella Delauro Tropical Elementary  
Third Place – Emily Horvath – American Heritage

**Poster:**

First Place – Nicole Kanakis - Tropical Elementary  
Second Place – Melissa Sotelo – Tropical Elementary  
Third Place – Parker Hirsch – American Heritage

Photo Caption  
Plantation Poster & Essay Contest  
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**The Big Winners:** Nicole Kanakis, from Tropical Elementary School submitted the City-wide, winning poster in the Plantation Fire Department Poster & Essay Contest. Her interpretation of the NFPA theme “Protect Your Family From Fire” (above) was selected among several dozen entries across the City.

Madison Walkivs, from Central Park Elementary submitted the winning essay with her interpretation of the same theme.

Nicole and Madison, along with the other winners will be recognized at the Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast, on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 A.M. at the Jacaranda Country Club. The winners will also be introduced at the Plantation City Council meeting on October 12th, at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall where the winning posters and essays will be on display.

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