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Poster & Essay Contest Winners to Appear at City Council

Plantation, FL: November 3, 2008: Citywide Winners of the Plantation Fire Department's 32nd Annual Fire Prevention Poster and Essay Contest will be recognized at the Plantation City Council meeting on Wednesday, October 15th, 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, "**Prevent Home Fires.**" 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, and the impact that the children have on their parents and families, when they bring home the fire safety and prevention message, is our strongest tool," says Marti Terziu, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief, and coordinator of the contest for the past 24 years. "Education is one of our most powerful weapons against fire. 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 members of the Plantation Volunteer Fire Association. Winners are named in various categories including "City-Wide", "Best in School", "Best in Grade," and "Honorable Mention."

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The winning submissions will be on display in the Council Chambers during the Council meeting on the 15th. The winners will be available for photos at 7:00 P.M., before the meeting.

This year's winners include:

City-Wide Poster Contest:

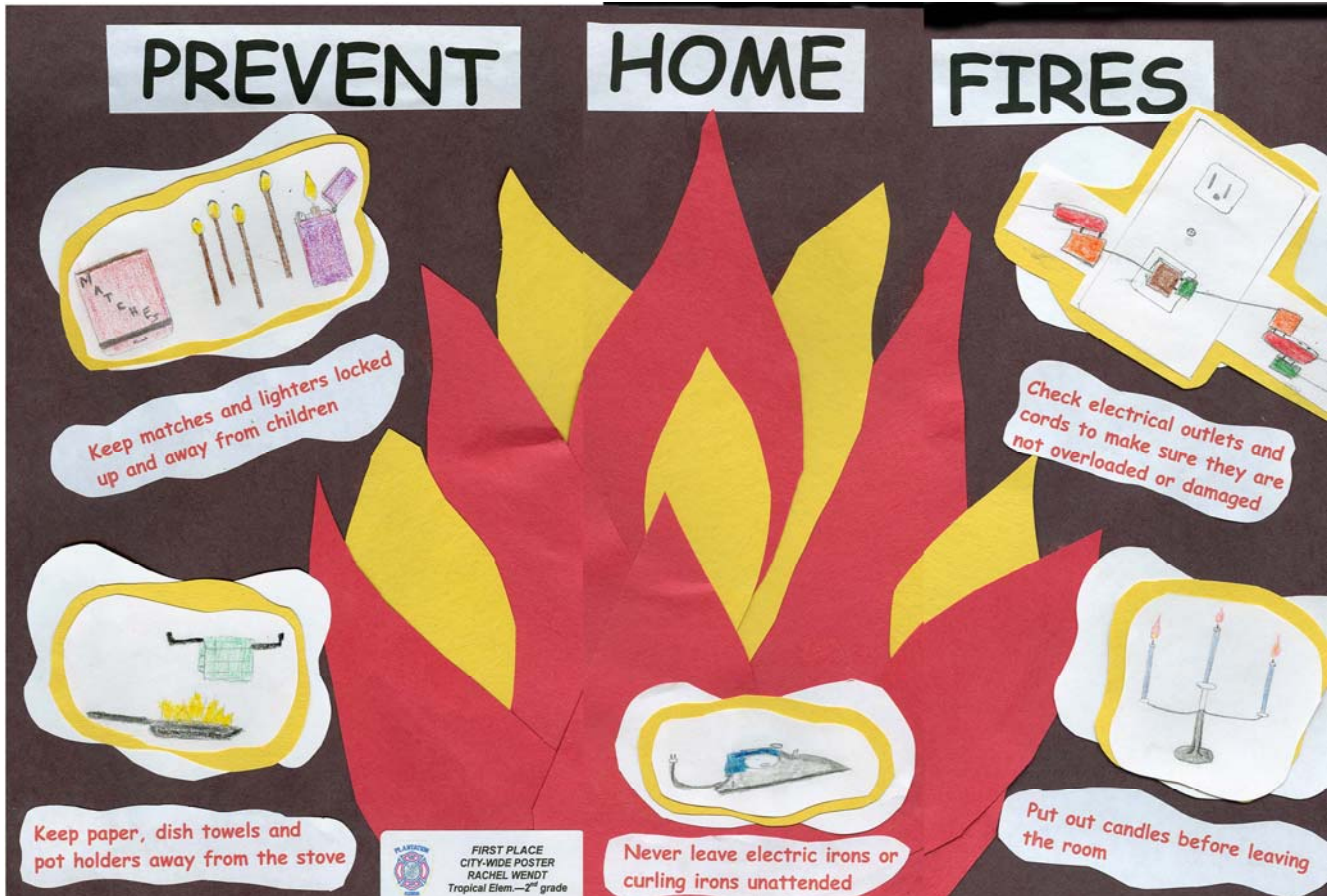
First Place – Rachel Wendt, Grade 2, Tropical Elementary School
Second Place – Kylie Swarzwelde, Grade 2, Plantation Park Elementary School
Third Place – Jazzie Camacho, Grade 1, American Heritage School

City-Wide Essay Contest:

First Place – Jared Lynn, Grade 5, Central Park Elementary
Second Place – Casey Gomez, Grade 5, The Blake School
Third Place – Christopher Reid, Grade 4, Mirror Lake Elementary School

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Plantation Poster & Essay Contest
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The Big Winner: Rachel Wendt, a second grader at Tropical Elementary School, was selected as the City-Wide winner of the Plantation Fire Department Poster & Essay Contest.

Grant, and the other winners will be recognized at the Greater Plantation Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast, on Wednesday, October 8th, 7:30 A.M. at the Jacaranda Country and Gold Club. The winners will also be introduced at the Plantation City Council meeting on October 15th, at 7:30 P.M. at City Hall where the winning posters and essays will be on display.

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