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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 the2023 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 through14th 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**