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Steve Abraira, Fire Chief
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Dear Fire Chief Abraira:

Last month Lt. Bill Leahy of the Palm Bay Fire Department came to our school to teach the children about fire safety. He did such an amazing job that I feel compelled to write to you. A couple days before he came, he dropped off a few fire safety videos for me to watch so I could talk to the children in advance about fire safety. This was a great idea as the children in the school are between the ages of three and five years so a little preparation really helped.

When he arrived he was not dressed in the fire-fighting equipment so the children could watch him put it on. Children this age are easily frightened by anything unusual, so this helped them see that inside the unusual clothes and mask was a man there to help people in trouble. Fireman Bill discussed all the equipment and what he does during a fire and what he does during a normal day at the station and he took a lot of questions. He was very patient with the children and they obviously enjoyed themselves.

I found later that they learned a lot because I had each child draw a picture of what s/he had learned and tell me about it and I was amazed at how much they had retained from his visit. He gave them some great hand-outs to take home too.

This was such a great experience for the children in our school. Lt. Leahy is certainly a great asset to your team!

Chris Quavillon
Director

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