



January, 2016

**Re: Burn Awareness Week Poster Contest**

***Attention: All Grade Five, Six, Seven and Eight Teachers***

In recognition of Burn Awareness Week in Manitoba, which is January 31 to February 6; the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund would like to invite students in Grades 5 to 8 to submit original artwork featuring fire and burn prevention safety messages for a provincial poster contest. Each year an estimated 9,000 children in Canada visit hospital emergency rooms for burn treatments, and almost half of these have suffered scalds from hot liquids. Most Canadian parents do not know that the most common cause of burn injuries to children is not from fire but from hot liquid scalds, such as spilled hot drinks and tap water. (Source: Safe Kids Canada)

Prizes will be awarded to four students, one from grade 5, 6, 7 and 8 selected from entries submitted throughout the province of Manitoba. **Winners will receive an iPod Touch, \$500.00 for their school and safety materials for their classmates and teacher.** Winning posters will be displayed on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund websites for one year.

Posters should reflect one area of fire/burn prevention. Some sample topics that students can incorporate have been included with this letter.

The Office of the Fire Commissioner looks forward to receiving a submission from your students for the poster contest. If you have any questions concerning the contest, please do not hesitate to call me, Leanne Erlendson at 1-888-253-1488 or email [Leanne.erlendson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Leanne.erlendson@gov.mb.ca). I have attached a copy of the rules and prize information for you to share with your students. **The deadline for submissions is April 4th, 2016.**

On behalf of the Office of the Fire Commissioner I would like to thank you for being our partners in making Manitoba a safer place to live, learn, work and play!

Sincerely,

***Leanne Erlendson***

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# Burn Awareness Week - January 31st-February 6th

[www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca](http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca) or [www.Firefightersburnfund.mb.ca](http://www.Firefightersburnfund.mb.ca)

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## Poster Contest Rules and Prize Information

### RULES:

- Posters must be drawn on an 8 ½ by 11 inch letter-sized paper, **1 entry** per student.
- Poster artwork may represent any Burn Awareness Week program fire safety subject.
- The contest is open to any student residing in Manitoba from **grade 5 through to grade 8**. Students can participate on their own without the participation of their school.
- **Posters must include the child's name, grade, school & address on the back of the poster.**
- Winning posters are based on age-appropriate skill, and will be judged on message and content.

Judges decisions are final. Judges include representatives from the Office of the Fire Commissioner, Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund, Children's Hospital Burn Unit, and Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Services.

### PRIZES:

Prizes are awarded to four students throughout the province of Manitoba. All selected posters will be displayed on the Office of the Fire Commissioner's and the Manitoba Firefighters Burn Fund's website, [www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca](http://www.firecomm.gov.mb.ca) and [www.firefightersburnfund.mb.ca](http://www.firefightersburnfund.mb.ca).

**Grand Prize Winners** will receive **\$500.00** for their school, an **iPod Touch** for themselves and safety materials for their classmates. The winner's poster will be highlighted on the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Burn Fund websites and used in promotional material where appropriate. The winner will receive a recognition certificate to acknowledge their contribution to burn awareness.

**All entries must be postmarked by no later than April 4, 2016**

Mail entries to: The Office of the Fire Commissioner

1601 Van Horne Avenue East, Brandon, Manitoba R7A 7K2

Winners will be notified after April 15, 2016. Prizes will be awarded by April 29, 2016

