

Safety Comes First at Deane-Porter!



The Deane-Porter School had a visit from our local Fire Department Company 42-2. Fire Chief Luiten, 2nd Lieutenant Berry, and Fireman Bradley shared their expertise with students and staff. The firefighters arrived on their fire truck and dressed in their full gear, which they wear when fighting a fire. Students were engaged in the firemen's presentation and were curious about how they wear the heavy uniform. The firemen demonstrated how they step right into their boots, which were attached to their uniforms! They explained that the rest of their protective gear went over their uniforms. The students were shown how the masks were placed over the firemen's faces to protect them from smoke or other irritants that may be present at the scene of a fire. The students observed how their voices changed while wearing the masks. It is important for children to be informed of fire safety procedures and equipment, and to be familiar with our local Fire Department members. They need to know that Firefighters are community helpers whose job is to protect and provide aide whenever a fire emergency occurs.



Another important, local department also came to talk to our students on being safe. Two members of the Rumson Police Department Senior Patrolman Dougherty and Officer Berger. They discussed being safe at home, riding their bicycles, during Halloween, and when a stranger approaches. The tips were age appropriate and important messages for kids. Officer Berger reminded students that Policemen were there to help them and if they were separated from parents when away from home they could always approach an officer for help. Our Rumson Police do an amazing job of being accessible to the community and allowing students to become familiar with them. They eat lunch occasionally in our school cafeterias, are present during school arrival and dismissal, and are in our schools frequently. Our Rumson Police keep us safe and are always ready to help.



Whether students regularly ride the bus, walk to school, or come to school by car it is important for them to know how to safely ride the school bus. Students will occasionally ride a school bus for field trips and they need to understand the importance of being safe on the bus. Additionally, students need to practice how to evacuate the bus in case of an emergency. Deane-Porter's bus evacuation drill was completed by our students in Kindergarten to grade 3. Students learned all aspects of safety from waiting for the bus, pick up and drop off, and keeping safe while riding. Students were enthusiastic during the drill and were engaged during the discussion. Keeping our students informed on safety is important so they will know what to do in case of an emergency.

Deane-Porter staff and students are Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!