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Preschool Story Time Engages Children about Fire Safety in Pleasant Hill

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – October 7, 2015 – In observance of National Fire Prevention Week, the Pleasant Hill Fire Department visited with children about the importance of fire prevention and home safety during preschool story time today at the Pleasant Hill Public Library.

Two firefighters visited the story time class today to educate children about fire safety rules, explain why firefighters wear certain gear and teach them not to be afraid of a firefighter if they come to their home. This year, the National Fire Protection Association's theme is 'hear the beep where you sleep.' The Pleasant Hill Fire Department is reminding families why it's so important to install sufficient smoke alarms and test them regularly.

"Most fires are preventable and our department is committed to educating residents on proper ways to keep their homes and families safe," said Tom Solberg Fire Chief. "As winter approaches, we encourage residents to properly clean their chimneys, furnaces and keep items that could easily catch fire away from heating equipment."

As a part of Fire Prevention Week, the Pleasant Hill Fire Department's Association Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 10 from 6:30 to 11 a.m. at Fire Station Headquarters, 5151 Maple Drive in Pleasant Hill. Fire Department personnel will serve breakfast that includes pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, milk and coffee. Admission to the event is free, but the Fire Department Association will be accepting free will donations.

The Pleasant Hill Fire Department would like to remind those attending to Pancake Breakfast to help spread the warmth through the 'Warm Kids, Warm Hearts' campaign. The items collected will be given to kids in the Southeast Polk School District. Donations of gently used winter clothing, including winter coats, jackets, hats, scarves, boots, shoes, waterproof gloves and snow pants – toddler through adult are needed.

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