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Jamie McKinnon named Airdrie Fire Department Junior Fire Chief

AIRDRIE, ALBERTA – Jamie McKinnon, a grade five student at Good Shepard School in Airdrie, has been named Airdrie Fire Department’s Junior Fire Chief. Jamie submitted the winning essay to the annual contest that was open to all grade five students in participating schools in Airdrie.

In her essay, the Jr. Fire Chief shared some great advice on how she would keep her family fire safe and what to do in case of a house fire. “I know I am just a kid, but there are many things a grade five student could do to prevent fires,” said Jr. Chief McKinnon.

“We are delighted to have Jamie join our crew,” said Fire Chief Kevin Weinberger. “She highlighted a lot of great safety tips in her essay, including the importance for families to have a home escape plan that includes two ways out of every room. It’s even more important for families to practice their escape plan to ensure everyone is prepared in case of a fire.”

The annual contest is part of AFD’s Fire Week Prevention activities. Grade five students were asked to submit a 50 word essay on the topic “How can I keep my family fire safe.” Teachers selected the winning essay from their class and submitted it to the Airdrie Fire Department. AFD reviewed the finalists and then selected the winning essay.

Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 7 – 13, 2012. For a complete list of local Fire Prevention Week events visit airdrie.ca.

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