# Awards for children, fire prevention training for all

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Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) held an opening ceremony for Fire Prevention month Oct. 3 on the red brick area outside the commissary. The Sullivans School staff, students and families were also at the event to give awards and participate in fire safety education.

"It's fire prevention week in the [U.S.] but for here in Yokosuka, it's fire prevention month for October. Today we had the opening ceremonies and the theme for this year is 'Protect your family from fires'," said George Salcedo Fire Prevention Chief at Commander Naval Region Japan Fire Department. "That's the biggest thing is that we need to keep the parents and families alert on how to prevent fires."

During the weeks prior to the ceremony students from the Sullivan's Elementary School had been working on drawings that illustrated ideas the students had on how to prevent fires or increase fire safety. The three categories; kindergarten to first grade, second to third grade, and forth to fifth-grade students each had a first and second place awards. The first place winners got a $100 savings bond and the second place winners got a $50 savings bond, both got a gift certificates for a fast food restaurant.

Shelby DeVore, a forth-grade student, took second place in her group and explained her drawing of "Sparky the Fire Dog", "In my drawing I put Sparky holding a [fire] hose with a fire truck because I thought it was a neat idea and it would make people remember to be careful."

Shelby's had a plan on what do with the savings bond, "My mom said I have to save it for college."

After all the awardees took their photo with school administrators, fire, CFAY Commanding Officer Capt. David Owen and Sparky the Fire Dog. Then it was time for some hands on training as the students participated in several events set up by the Fire Department. The students took a ride in the "quake cottage," a small room that shakes back and forth, that can simulate an earthquake up to 8.0 in magnitude. They could also see and interact with a real fire truck and there was one other display that was popular with the students.

"Today we were going to do the fire prevention, and there was a real fire we got to put out,"said Amana Leonard, a second grader. The fire was a propane fueled display controlled by Fire Department personnel. The students shot a fire extinguisher at the flames that were doused if the students aimed well enough. "It was like fwoosh and my friend was like "I can't believe we get to do this," said Leonard. "I've never put out a real fire before and like if you know you're safe and you can do that, then that is really cool."

Salcedo added that though the students were learning about fire prevention that day and during the month, fire prevention is everyone's responsibility all year long.

**The winners of the Fire Prevention Month drawing contest pose with The Sullivan's Elementary School principal and vice principal, McDonald's staff, CNRJ Fire Department personnel and Sparky the Fire Dog. The contest was part of the opening ceremonies for Fire Prevention Month and the students participated in some hands on training after the award ceremony.**

# FFSC's Relocation Assistance Program helps plan your move

**From Commander, Navy Installations Command Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON – Fleet and Family Support Centers' (FFSC) Relocation Assistance Program can provide support to help ease the stress of moving to a new location.

Relocating a Navy family is a normal occurrence during a Sailor's career.

When Sailors receive orders for a permanent change of station, they should first contact the installation's Personal Property Office. They should then speak with a relocation specialist who will be able to provide information, workshops and individual counseling about the moving process.

"As soon as a Sailor receives orders, he or she needs to start the relocation process. The FFSC Relocation Assistance Program has relocation counselors available to help and support our Sailors and their families with providing relocation information," said Dede O'Rourke, Commander, Navy Installations Command relocation assistance program analyst.

"Along with contacting the local installation Personal Property Office, Sailors should visit the Move.mil web site. If you are a first time user on this site a video is provided with step by step instructions on how to use this website. The sooner a Sailor starts preparing for the move, the easier the transition will be for the entire family," she added.

The Personal Property Office will provide the family with the paperwork and websites needed for the entire process.

Also, the office will assist with preparing the required documentation, provide information on the option to use The Personally Procured Move Program (PPM) formerly Do-it-Yourself (DITY) Move and include timelines for move completion and household good storage.

Fleet and Family Support Centers are located on Navy installations worldwide, and the programs provided are free of charge.

Their Relocation Assistance Program is one of many transition benefits available to separating Sailors including those affected by the Enlisted Retention Board (ERB).

For the latest ERB information visit Navy Personnel Command's ERB website; www.public.navy.mil/bupers-nps/boards/ERB/Pages/default2/aspx.

To learn more about Fleet and Family Support Center Relocation Assistance Program, visit www.FFSP.navy.mil, or call Commander Fleet Activites FFSC at 243-3372, or 243-6716.

# Yokosuka Fire Deparment brings Fire Prevention Week to Sullivans

**By Steve Parker, The Sullivans School Public Affairs**

The Yokosuka Fire Department brought a wealth of information and experience to students at the Sullivans School during Fire Prevention Week Celebrations the week of October 3-7, 2011.

The week kicked off with an awards ceremony honoring the winners of a Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The prizes were awarded on Monday morning the 3rd of October at a ceremony attended by many base dignitaries, each winner's classroom and their parents. For 3 age groups, K-1, 2-3, and 4-5, a Gold Prize Winner received a 100$ savings bond, and a silver prize winner received a 50$ savings bond. All prizes were donated by the Yokosuka Fire Department. In addition, all participants received a McDonald's gift coupon, courtesy of our local McDonald's resturant.

After the Awards ceremony, children rode in an Earthquake shaker box, which simulated an 8.0 earthquake. Additionally, many children got the chance to actually fight fire as fire department personnel lit a gas grill and stood by to demonstrate and teach the children proper fire fighting technique.

As the week progressed many primary classrooms visited the Fire Department and were allowed to try on fire equipment and visit with Sparky, the base fire-fighting mascot. During their visit, Jackie Cloutier, a 3rd grader from Mrs. Yvette Parker's class tried on a fire fighting backpack, "This is heavy!" stated Cloutier.