

Fire safety a priority with Dunlop family

Great escape plan wins brother jr. firefighter trek

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For nine-year-old Ryan Dunlop, the prospect of putting out a real fire with a firefighter's hose makes his eyes light up.

He'll have his chance to do that and face some of the other challenges firefighters deal with

on the job Tuesday. That's when he and other young winners from municipalities throughout York Region attend the York Region Junior Fire Fighters Day in Markham.

Ryan was chosen to represent Whitchurch-Stouffville for completing the best fire escape plan of all Grade 3 students in the municipality last year. Ryan was at Orchard Park Public School last year and now attends Summitview Public School.

In his plan, Ryan outlined

where the family would meet in case of a fire or emergency (across the street) and gave two escape routes from every room in his house.

BROTHER ALSO WON

"I showed how you would get out of the room...and I showed them where our meeting place is," Ryan said.

Awareness of fire safety has a high priority in the Dunlop household: Ryan's brother, who is now 12, was a junior firefighter three years ago.

The family talked about fire safety when the children were smaller and "they reinforced it in school," Ryan's mom, Kim Dunlop, said.

As soon as the family moved to Stouffville, they determined what their safe meeting place would be in case of an emergency.

When firefighters visited Ryan's classroom last week to tell him he had won, fire prevention officer Jeff Bignell had no trouble picking him out.

"We were asking the class

simple fire safety questions," Mr. Bignell said. "Right off the bat, I knew who he was. He had all the answers."

The Junior Firefighters Day is at the Markham Fire and Emergency Services Station on Bur Oak Drive.

As well as receiving their own firefighter's uniform and helmet, the youngsters will demonstrate how to operate a portable fire extinguisher, learn how to unroll and roll up a big fire hose and get to ride in a fire truck.

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Ryan Dunlop was visited by firefighters Jeff Bignell (from left), Gord Ridout, Ryan Dunlop, Dave Wilson and Jeff Harman at Summitview school and named Whitchurch-Stouffville's junior firefighter.

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