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SAFETY TOWN

The Akron Police Department, in partnership with the Akron Fire Department, Akron Children's Hospital Safe Kids Coalition, Akron Public Schools, Fairlawn West United Church of Christ, and Akron Metro RTA hosted the final two Safety Towns of the summer July 10th-14th and July 24th-28th, at Seiberling CLC and Findley CLC. The children learned about 911, fire safety, bicycle safety, dog safety, Stranger Danger, playground safety, bus safety, and much more. There were many fun, educational activities, as well. The children were also visited by K9 Justice. Akron Children's Hospital Safe Kids fitted each child with their own bicycle helmet. The weeks concluded with a special graduation ceremony.



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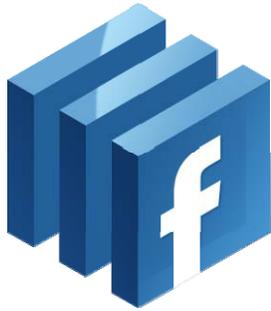
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K.N.A.F.F. PICNIC



Since 2000, the KNAFF (Kids Need a Firm Foundation) Program and the Victim Assistance Program have teamed up to host the KNAFF/Victim Assistance Picnic to provide children who have been victims of/or witnesses to crime and trauma, a fun-filled day free of violence. This year’s annual picnic was held Friday, July 28th, at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. Guests were treated to food, music, archery, fishing, games, face painting, crafts, and an appearance by Akron K-9 Midnite. Members of GASP (Grandparents Against Sexual Predators) also discussed safety tips, and provided fingerprinting and ID packets for the children. One lucky attendee won a bicycle, which was donated by Elves and More Northeast Ohio. A good time was had by all!



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COP FOR A DAY



On Wednesday, July 19th, Harrison Summerville had the opportunity to find out what it's like to be a Junior "Cop for a Day". Officer James Conley greeted Harrison on his arrival to the Akron Police Department. He received a tour of the building and the Police Museum; and met Deputy Chief Michael Caprez, who swore him in as a Junior Police Officer. Throughout the day's experience, Harrison learned about being a police officer and heard many interesting stories about former and current police officers and some of the criminals they encountered.



POLICE VS. FIRE CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME



On July 23rd, at Canal Park, the Akron Police Department challenged the Akron Fire Department in a softball game to benefit the Akron Noon Optimist Club. The benefit raised money to be used for programs like “Respect for the Law”; dictionaries for third graders and U.S. Constitution booklets for fifth graders. These programs benefit youth in Summit County and Akron. The Akron Noon Optimist Club also recognizes an Officer, a K-9 Officer, a Fire Medic and a Deputy Sheriff each year. Just so you know, the Akron Police Department won the game 7-3.



Photos submitted by
Officer Jason Beck



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY CHECKLIST

The National Safety Council offers the following Back to School safety tips:

Transportation Safety

Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it is extremely important that they take proper safety precautions. Here are some tips to make sure your child safely travels to school.



Walking to school

- Review your family's walking safety rules.
- Walk on the sidewalk, if one is available. When on a street with no sidewalk, walk facing the traffic.
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming.
- Never dart out in front of a parked car.
- Practice walking to school with your child. Cross streets at crosswalks when available.

Riding a bicycle to school

- Make sure your child always wears his/her helmet when leaving the house.
- Make sure helmet is fitted and secured properly.
- Teach your children the rules of the road.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in a single file.
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street. Walk bike across street.

Riding the bus to school

- Go to the bus stop with your child to teach them the proper way to get on and off the bus.
- Make sure your children stand six feet away (or 3 giant steps) from the curb.
- If your child and you need to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the side of the road until you are 10 feet ahead of the bus. You always should be able to see the bus driver, and the bus driver always should be able to see you.



School Safety

Many school-related injuries are completely preventable. Follow these steps to ensure your child's safety at school.

Preventing backpack-related injuries

- Choose a backpack for your child carefully. It should have ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort.

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- For example, a child that weighs 60 pounds should carry a backpack no heavier than 12 pounds.
- Ask your children to use both straps when wearing their backpack to evenly distribute the weight on their shoulders.

Preventing playground-related injuries

- Encourage your child to use playgrounds with a soft surface. Avoid playgrounds with concrete surfaces, as they are too hard if your child falls.
- Children under the age of four should use climbing equipment with assistance and adult supervision, and watch older children when they're climbing, especially on monkey bars.

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