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Make Emergency PREPAREDNESS Your Superpower!

Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency

Community Calendar With Safety And Preparedness Tips

### 2024 Calendar

Preparing for emergencies is key to safe and secure individuals, households, and communities. Three steps you can take to prepare are:

- Make a Plan
- Build a Kit
- Stay Informed

These steps will help you and your family be prepared for the next emergency or disaster.

For the 2024 calendar, Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency asked K-12th graders to create artwork of emergency preparedness actions, severe weather conditions, and man-made disasters.

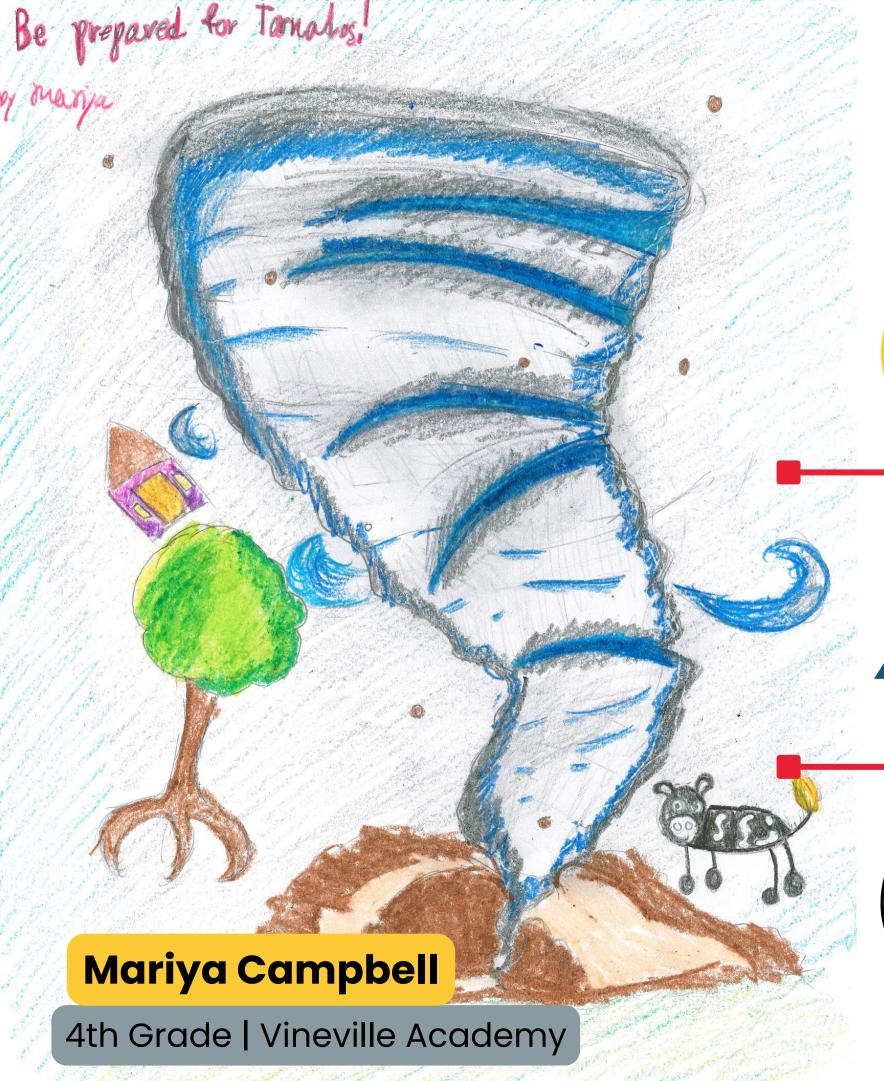
Each month features artwork related to emergency preparedness and checklists that families can work on together. Help your family by planning and discussing the important steps to take to prepare before an emergency.

For more information on emergency preparedness, follow us on social media or visit:

Maconbibb.us/EMA



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## MACON-BIBB



The Emergency Management Agency protects Macon-Bibb County by leading and coordinating activities necessary to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Visit maconbibb.us/ema for more preparedness practices.



Register for MBCAlert to receive emergency notifications from your local emergency management agency.

Be among the first to receive critical community alerts regarding natural disasters, weather warnings, evacuation notices, and more.

Visit maconbibb.us/mbcalert and sign up today.



Macon-Bibb County provides the essential infrastructure, services, and programs, creating a vibrant economic and cultural climate, enabling individuals, families, and businesses to prosper.

Visit Macon-Bibb's homepage at maconbibb.us.



# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
	New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6				
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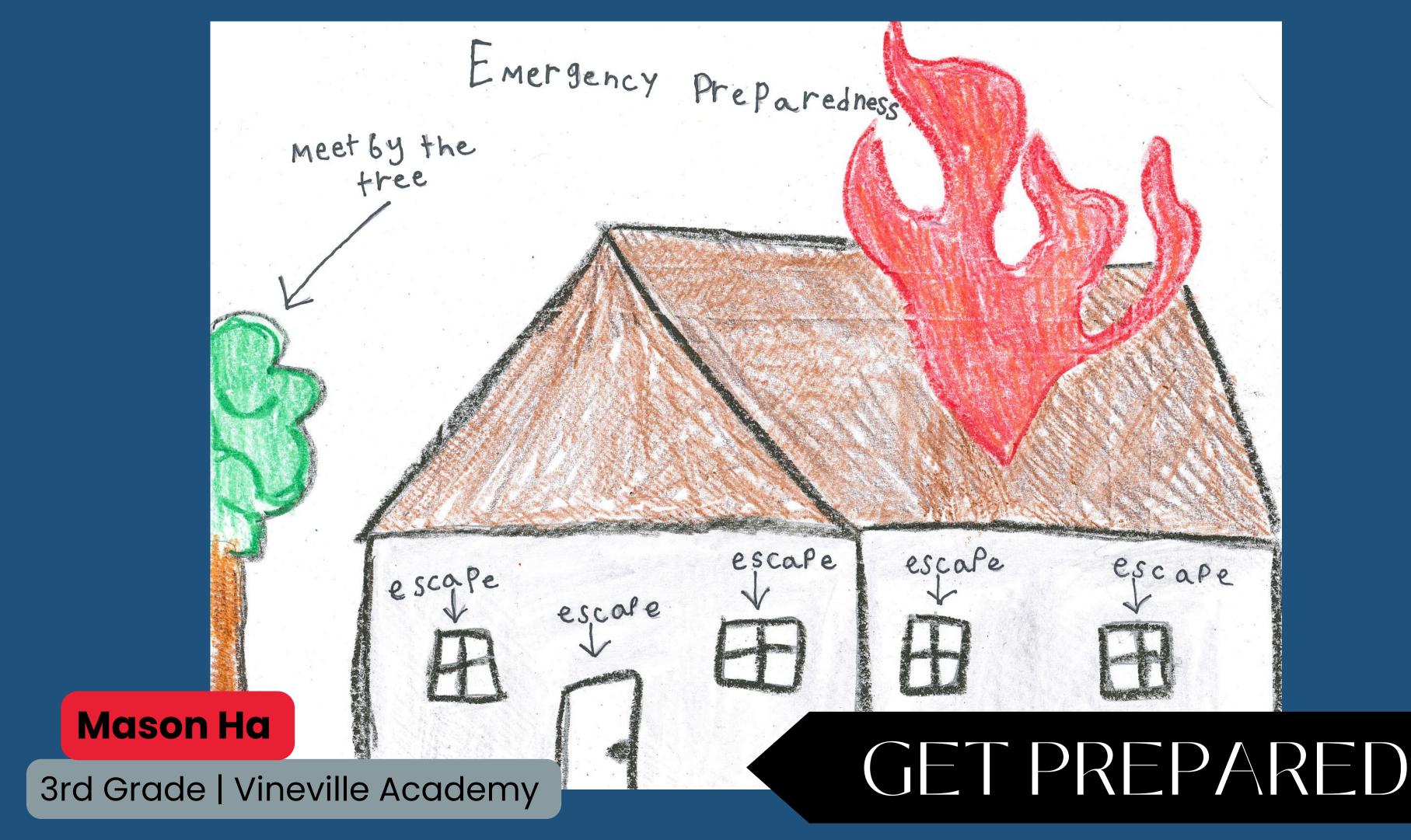
#### **Monthly Action Checklist:**

Keep Your Home Safe!

- Check your emergency kit make sure medications and other items have not expired
- ☐ Test Carbon Monoxide and fire alarms to ensure they work propoerly
- Revew the 4 P's for freezing weather -People, Pets, Plants, Pipes

Did you know space heaters cause one-third of home heating fires and are the second leading cause of home fires after cooking? Stay prepared this winter with these safety tips when using heaters:

- Make sure your heater has an automatic shut-off, in case it tips over
- Keep a metal or heat tempered screen in front of your fireplace
- Move objects at least 3 feet away from a fireplace, wood stove, or space heater



Get Prepared!

- ☐ Review your emergency plans don't wait until disaster strikes to plan!
- Make sure supplies in your
   emergency kit are not expired or
   need to be replaced
- Don't forget your furry friends -make a plan for your pets as well

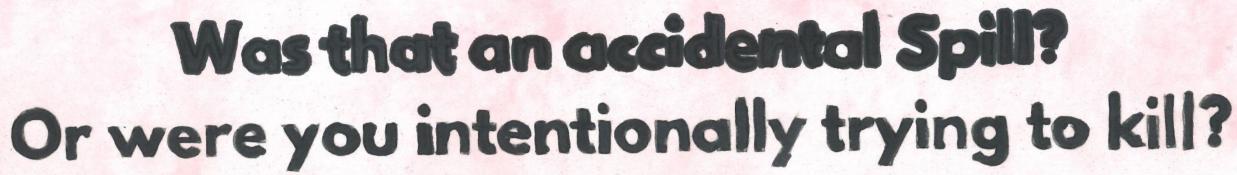
Build your emergency kit
BEFORE the disaster strikes.
Periodically review your kit to
make sure items and
medications have not expired.
Pack items such as:

- 1 gallon of water per person, per day (3 day supply)
- 3-day supply of non perishable food
- Copy of important documents (license, insurance, birth certificate)
- First aid kit, medications
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, food, medical documents)

# February

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						Chinese New Year
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20	21	22	23	24
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Severe Weather Preparedness Week: February 5-9





HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

11th Grade | Westside

## March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10 Ramadan Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24/31 Easter (31)	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30

### Monthly Action Checklist:

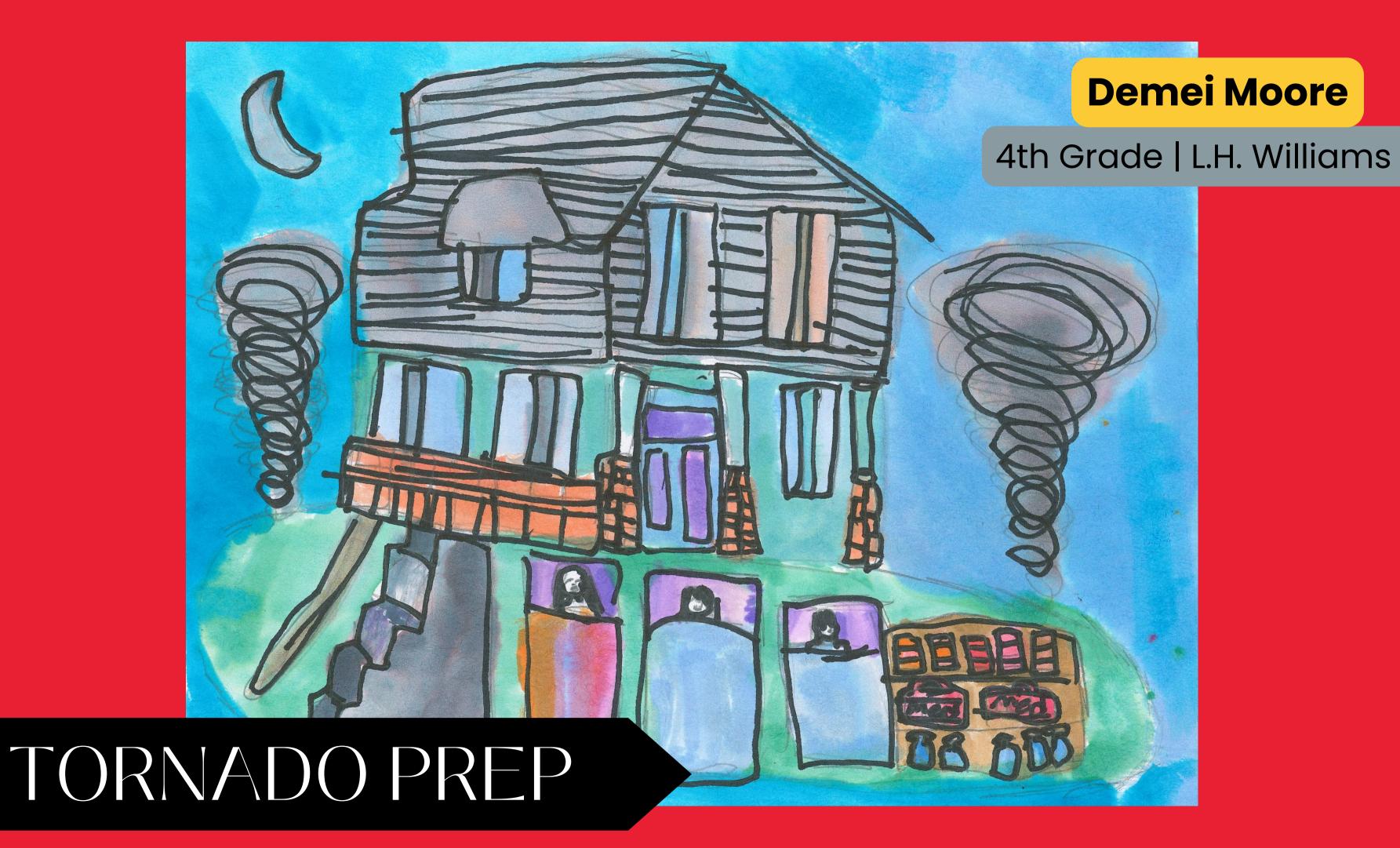
Keep A Close Eye!

- Include duct tape, scissors, and plastic in your disaster kit to cover doors, windows, and vents
- Know how to operate your home's ventilation system
- Identify an above-ground shelter room with as few openings as possible

Chemicals are an important part of our environment that we typically use every day. Under certain conditions, chemicals agents, such as poisonous vapors or aerosols, can also be poisonous or have a harmful effect on your health.

There are 3 ways that you can be exposed to a chemical:

- 1. Breathing the chemical
- 2. Swallowing contaminated food, water, or medication
- 3. Touching the chemical or items the chemical has come in contact with



## Monthly Action Checklist: Spring Cleaning!

- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place
- ☐ Take pictures of your property and make an inventory for insurance
- ☐ Update your pet's microchip registration in case you get separated

### Tornado Watch vs. Tornado Warning

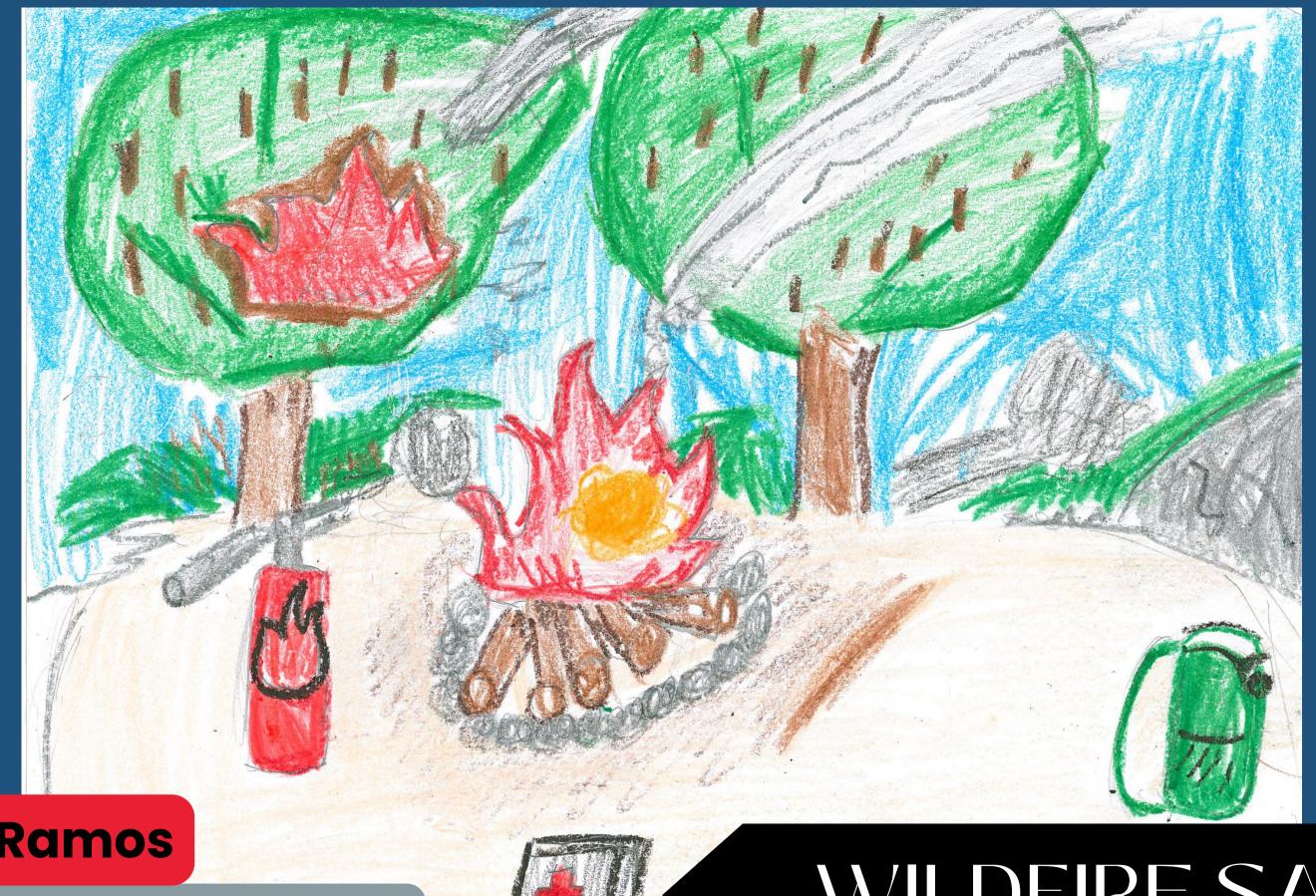
A Tornado Watch means conditions for a tornado exist and one could be possible.

Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or indicated by the weather radar and you should seek shelter immediately!

Tornado season for Georgia typically occurs between the months of March through May, but it is important to note that tornadoes can occur anytime of the year if conditions are right.



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WILDFIRE SAFETY



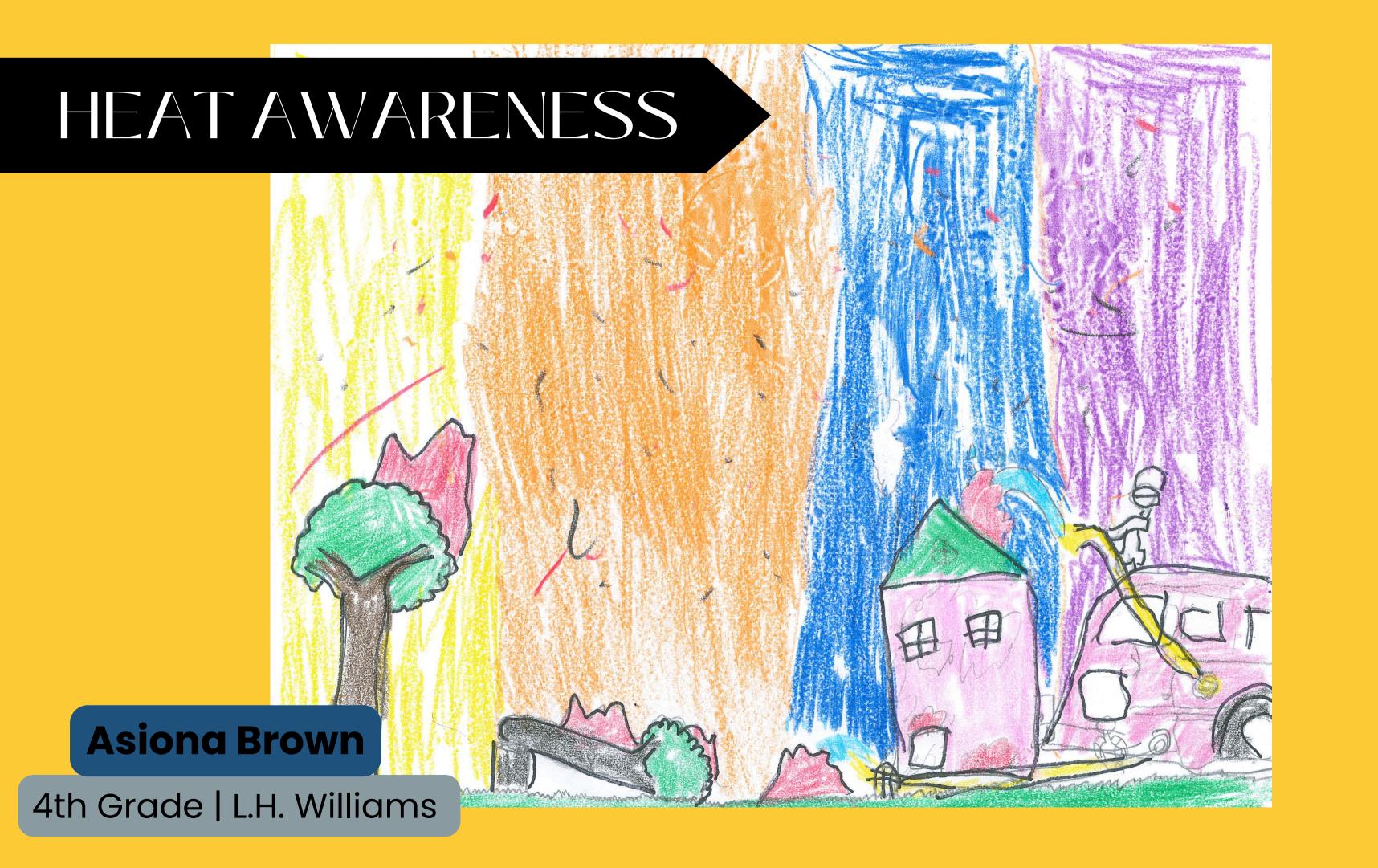
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26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

#### Wildfire Preparedness!

- ☐ Have several ways to receive alerts in case immediate evacuation is needed
- ☐ Create a fire-resistant zone free of leave, debris, or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home
- Know evacuation routes and practice with your family where you will go

It is important to stay aware of outdoor hazards to prevent fires. Do your part and stay safe by practicing the following safety tips:

- Check if a burn ban is in effect. Dry conditions can lead to fires starting easily.
- Clean gutters and other debris from around your home and yard.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
- Make digital copies of important documents and keep them in a secure location.



### Monthly Action Checklist: Beat the Heat!

- Learn the difference between
   Excessive Heat Watch, Warning,
   and Heat Advisory
- Protect your pets by providing plenty of water and shade
- Stay cool by wearing loose-fitting, light colored clothes

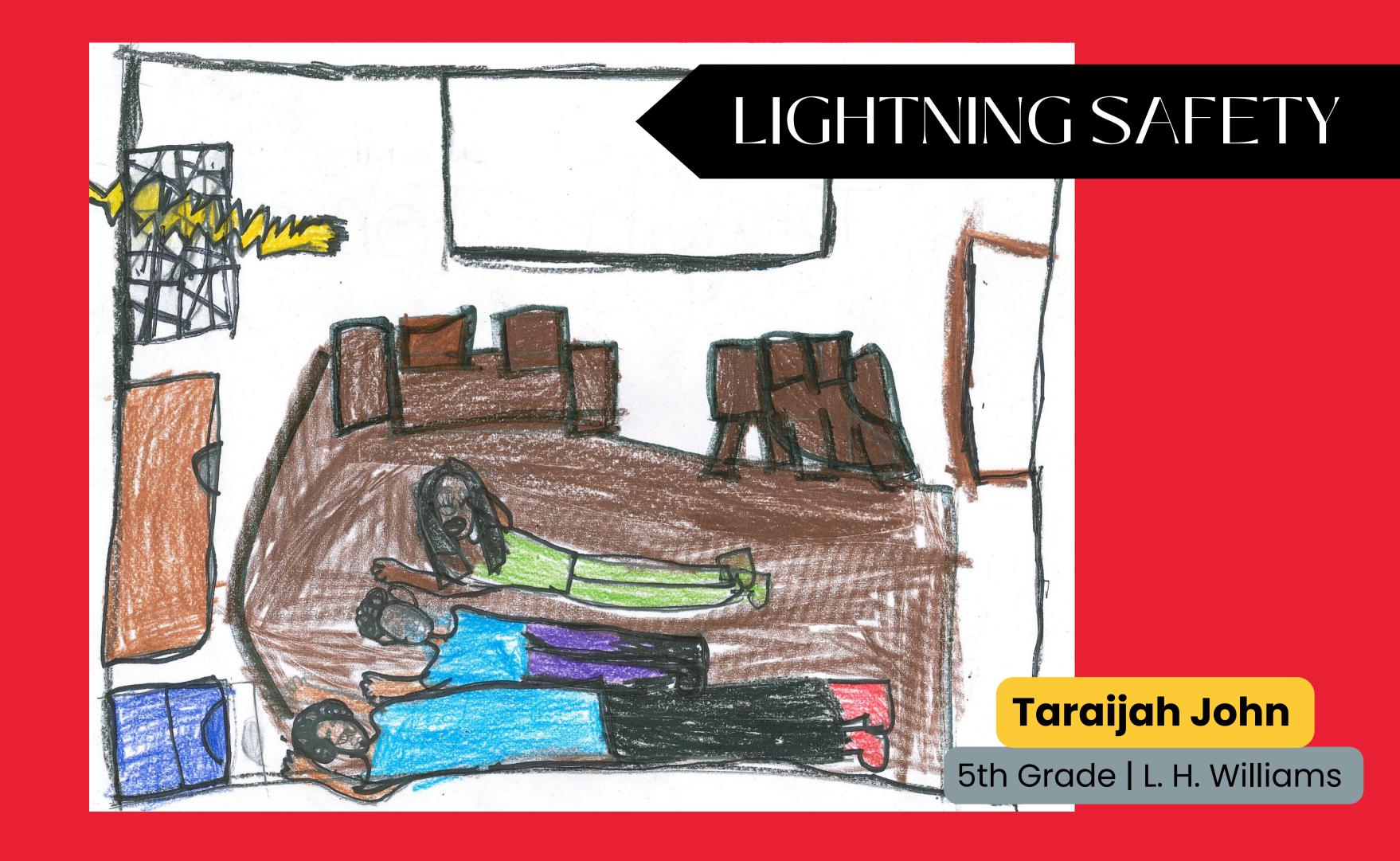
Extreme heat is one of the most dangerous factors during summer months and should be taken very seriously. Practice heat safety tips wherever you are:

- Know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Limit outdoor activity to early morning or late evening.
- Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle for any leangth of time.



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Start of Hurricane Season: June 1 (Ends November 30)





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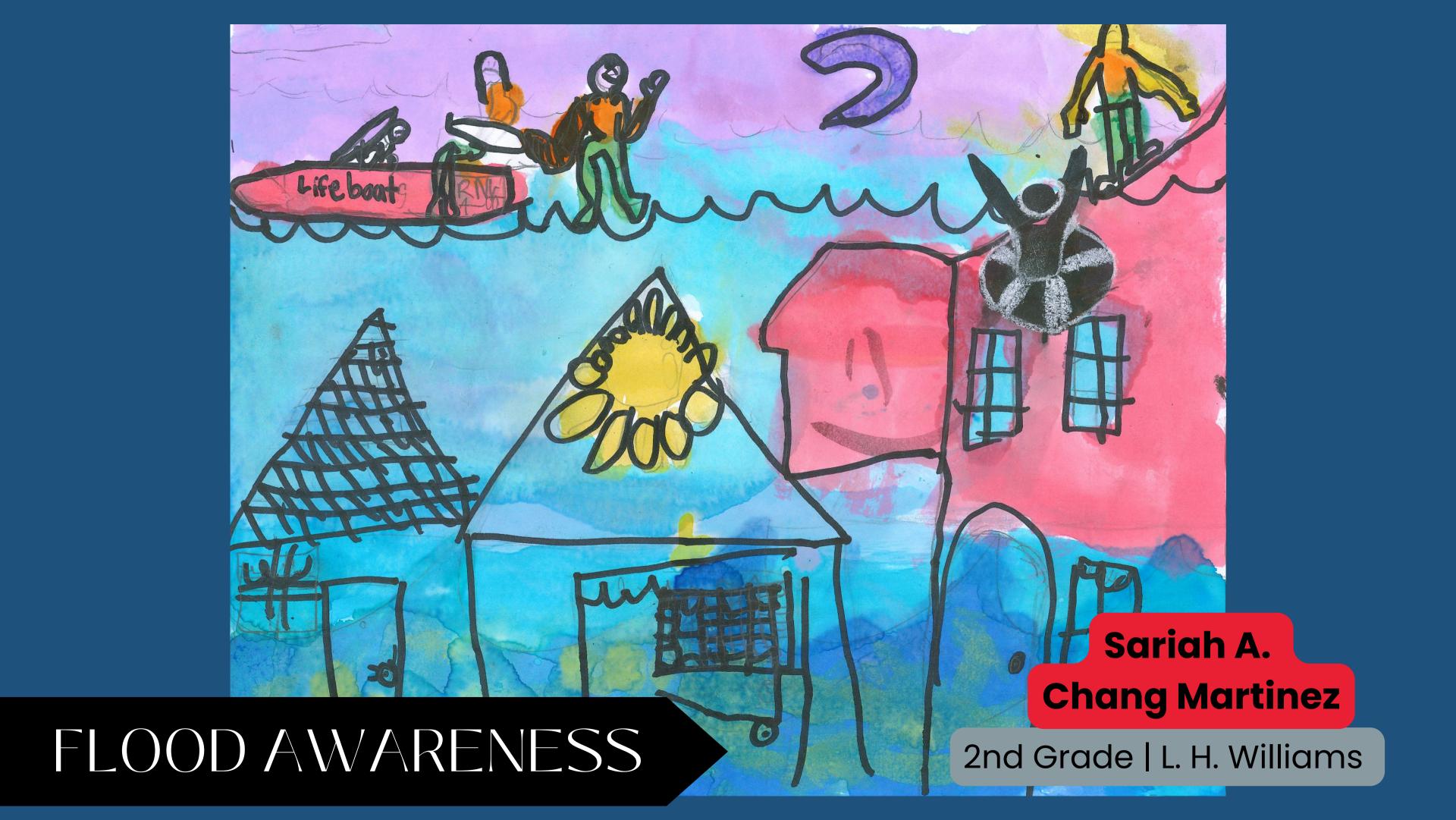
Severe Weather Preparedness!

- Have local media access and a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed
- ☐ Sign up for local emergency alerts at maconbibb.us/mbcalert
- Conduct severe weather drills regularly

When Thunder Roars, Go
Indoors! If you can hear
thunder, you are close enough
to be struck by lightning. When
there is lightning it is important
to immediately find a safe and
enclosed shelter to protect
yourself from the weather.

#### **Fun Facts:**

- There are approximately
   25 million lightning strikes
   per year.
- Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun and can reach temperatures around 50,000 degrees
   Fahrenheit.



Flood Safety!

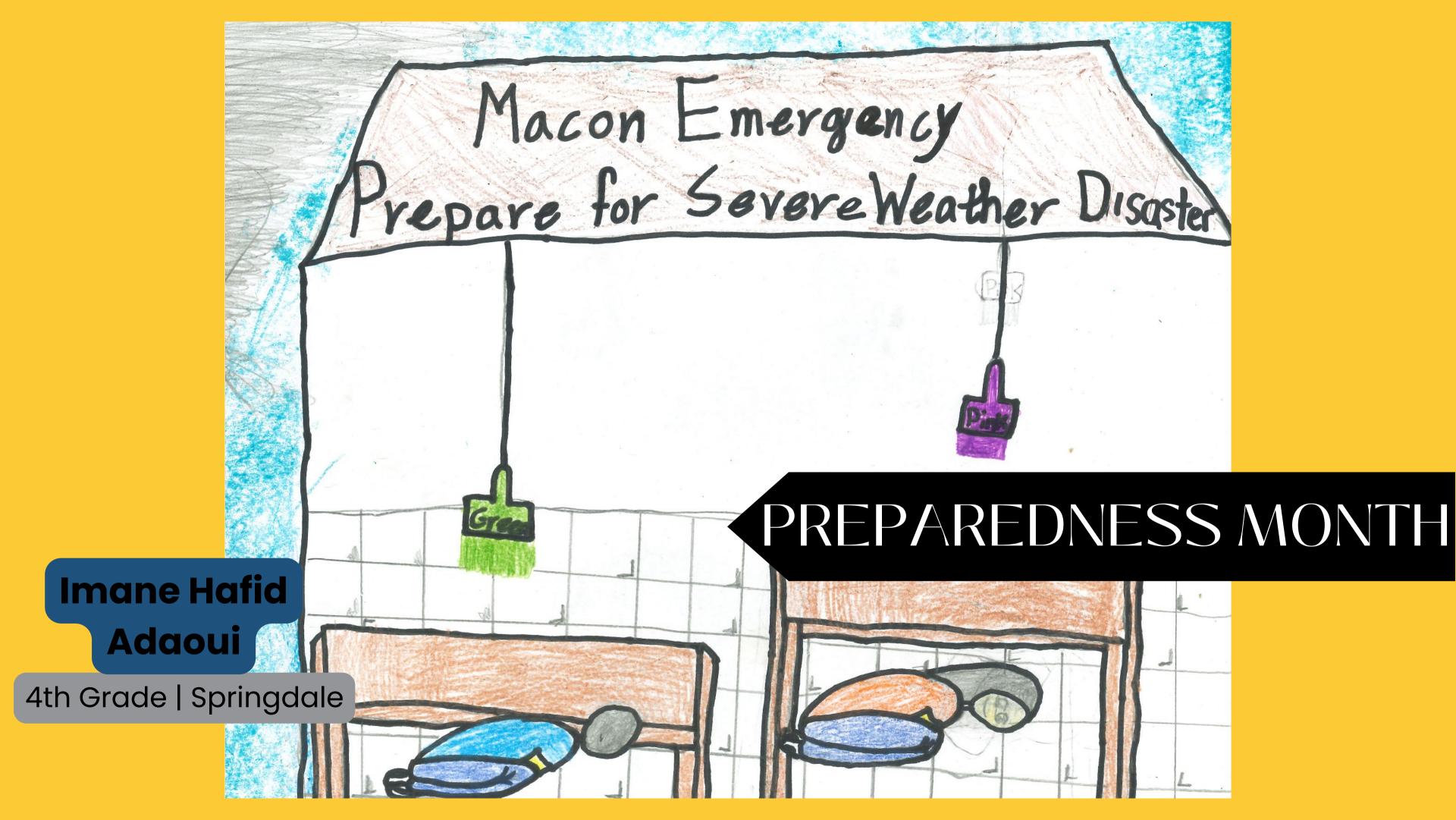
- ☐ Check to see if your house is in a flood zone
- Learn Watch (Be Prepared)vs.Warning (Take Action!)
- Pack in advance; flooding happens rapidly and leaves little time to get prepared

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. It is important to stay weather aware and remember: if you approach a flooded roadway, **Turn**Around, Don't Drown.

Fun Fact: Creek beds and low water crossings can flood in a matter of minutes. It only takes six inches of moving water to knock you down, and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

# August

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# September

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#### Monthly Action Checklist: Preparedness!

- Make a Plan: Make, review, and discuss emergency plans with your family
- ☐ Build a Kit: Get and update any needed supplies in your kit
- Stay Informed: Sign up for emergency alerts, watch local news, and stay updated on social media

September is **National Preparedness Month!** This is the perfect time to review your emergency plans and supplies to make sure you prepared properly. Be prepared by:

- Reviewing how your family will receive emergency alerts (texts, news, etc.).
- Check your supplies: water, medication, update legal documents.
- Gather critical financial, personal, household and medical information.
- Consider household needs including individual or pet special items.



STAYALERT

4th Grade | Williams

#### Know What To Look For!

- Observe warning signs, such as unusual or violent communications
- Learn lifesaving skills such as CPR, first-aid, and Stop the Bleed
- ☐ If you see something, say something to local authorities

Active shooter incidents are often undpredictable and evolve quickly. Because these situations are often over within 10-15 minutes, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

Make sure to remain calm during a shooting event and remember these three steps to survive: Run, Hide, Fight.

## October

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## November

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

End of Hurricane Season: November 30 (Begins June 1)

## Monthly Action Checklist: Holiday Safety!

- Decorate smart by checking lights for frayed wired and never leave candles unattended
- ☐ Ensure proper placement of objects around electric heaters
- Don't plug too many things into one outlet or extension cord

Winter months can bring the happiness of holidays, but can also bring severe storms. It is important to be prepared before, during, and after severe weather happens. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Monitor local news and social media for updates as weather changes.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Familiarize yourself with the safest location in your home, typically a middle hallway, bathroom, or basement.

### Playing on a Semi Frozen Lake Can be a Big Mistake



Nazish Ali

Resolve to be Winter Ready!

- Learn the signs of and actions to take when preventing frostbite and hypothermia
- Understand how and when to use a generator at your home
- Review your emergency contacts and make sure they are memorized, written down, or saved on a phone

As winter brings freezing temperatures, it is important to make sure you have the proper emergency supplies at home and in your car.

- Check the 4 P's when it drops below freezing -People, Pets, Plants, and Pipes.
- Be careful of ice on overpasses and elevated areas when driving in freezing conditions.
- If possible, stay off roads when they are iced over.
- Practice proper hygiene to make sure you don't spread the flu or other illnesses.

## December

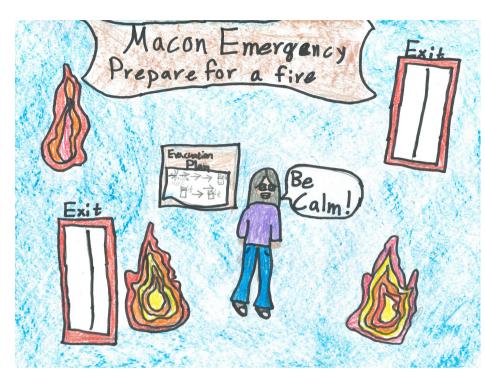
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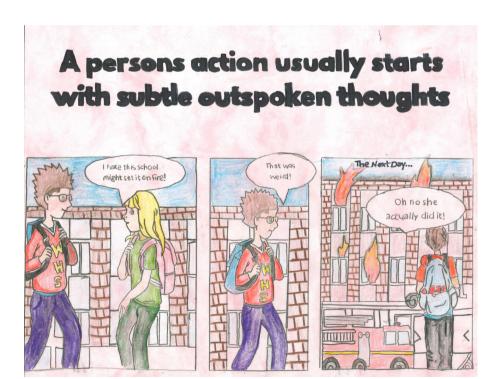
Winter Weather Preparedness Week. December 2-6

#### HONORABLE MENTION SUBMISSIONS













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