

A special day



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Ethan Christy takes a stroll between classmates and friends with members of the Lebanon City Fire Department after receiving a ride to school in a fire truck.

Firefighters bring fire safety, Christy to Esther

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Tuesday was not a normal day for Esther Elementary School student Ethan Christy.

A Lebanon City fire truck arrived at his front door to give him a ride to school, where his classmates and friends came out to welcome him.

"(This morning) we were all watching out the windows. Ethan wanted to wait outside, but it was too cold," said Cynthia Truitt, Ethan's mother. "He has been so ecstatic all week and all weekend."

Ethan said the best part was being picked up and being able to speak on the loud speaker.

The ride was a reward.

According to Principal Shelia Moore, after students at Esther Elementary completed the Terra Nova test, which is similar to the MAPs testing in the higher grades, teachers recommended one student that had worked hard during their testing for a drawing.

"Out of a drawing of those names, Ethan was picked out," said Moore.

Tuesday afternoon, the fire department returned to hold an assembly about fire safety for students in kindergarten and first grade.

Assistant Chief Andy Jordan reminded students to call 911 in a case of an emergency and to have an emergency exit plan.

He also reminded to students about the need for smoke detectors in their homes.



Lebanon Fire Assistant Chief Andy Jordan speaks to students about

smoke detectors and when to call 911. Lebanon City Fire Department and Farmers' Insurance Group are partnering to teach students in the Lebanon R-3 area about fire safety through an interactive program with firefacts.org.

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Kindergartner and first-grade students wait patiently to listen to the firefighters talk about fire prevention.

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Students and teachers also were given a CD from firefacts.org that offers more activities about fire safety for students and teachers.

Tuesday was the first time an assembly with the use of firefacts.org in the nation, said Jeff Bethurem with Farmers Insurance Group. Lebanon

was chosen to be the pilot for the program was the first to conduct the program. Though the program is just began, Bethurem said he wants to see the program continue.

The Farmers' Insurance Group and the Lebanon City Fire Department have partnered to present the new fire

safety program, which is not associated with Farmers' Insurance Group.

Jordan said the program will be back in the fall during fire prevention week.

For more information about the program, go online to www.firefacts.org or call Jordan at 532-2104.