

# BRIGHT SPARKS



Igniting the fire of knowledge & safety in our community

WINTER  
2009

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

### COMPETITION

How many times is  
**2009**

written in this issue  
of Bright Sparks?

Drop us a line to tell  
us the total you  
found.

The first **2** correct  
answers will receive a  
kids FFPD

Fire department t-shirt



Its hard to believe that its January already.

Did you make any resolutions?

What about making a green resolution in 2009?

Simple things like conserving water by turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth or cutting shower time by five minutes can make a huge difference in water conservation.

In what ever way you greet this New Year & with every resolution you make we wish you a happy, safe & enjoyable 2009.

### YOUR

### JOKES

Q - Why do birds fly south in the winter?  
A - Because its too far to walk!

Sent in by James T. Age 9 years

Q :What does one star say to another star when they meet?

A: Glad to meteor.

Keep the jokes coming in. We'd love to receive mail from you in 2009.

### Just as you stay away from strangers on the street, be careful about strangers on the Internet.

- Never give your last name, address, or telephone number to anyone. If someone asks for this information (or for your password), don't respond. Log off the computer & tell a trusted adult.
- If anyone mentions things to you online that make you uncomfortable or if anyone uses nasty language, don't respond & log off.
- Never agree to meet with someone you've talked with on the internet without asking permission from your parents first.
- There are places on the internet which are for adults only; if you find yourself anywhere you think you shouldn't be, leave! There are plenty of good "kid places" on the net.



Each joke & drawing sent in & published will win a copy of the book NO DRAGONS FOR TEA . Its full of safety advice for the entire family .

Sparky the dog needs a bit of sprucing up in 2009.

Color Sparky's bunker gear by using lots of color & going wild with patterns. The jazzier the better.

Enter your creation in the competition for a chance to win prizes.



COLORING COMPETITION 2009



BE SMART ABOUT STRANGERS

Never go anywhere with or take anything from a stranger

Always go places with at least one buddy

If a stranger offers you anything, say "NO", get away fast and find a trusted adult

Say "NO" when something doesn't look right or feel right to you

Chinese New Year - January 26th 2009

The year of The Ox.



The Chinese New Year is celebrated after the fall harvest & before the springs plantings. In China the celebration is called The Spring Festival.

People born in the year of the Ox are said to be very dependable, great organizers, loyal, patient as well as strong & responsible.

In what year were you born? According to the Chinese calendar you could have the traits of the rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog or pig.

