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L.S. Fire partners with Granite Falls for Risk Watch program

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Starting in November, Lake Stevens Fire and Granite Falls Fire have combined resources to implement the Risk Watch program in Granite Falls elementary schools.

Risk Watch is the first comprehensive injury prevention curriculum designed for use in the classroom. This program provides teachers with community safety experts and materials to effectively teach kids the skills and knowledge they need to prevent unintentional injuries.

The program has been in Lake Stevens schools for eleven years and is possible through the Assistance to Firefighters

“The Risk Watch program creates opportunities for schools, families and children to be safe in their everyday activities. Lake Stevens Fire is excited to be able to extend that arm of safety education to our neighbors in Granite Falls,” Lake Stevens Fire Marshal Robert Marshall said.

The first year of Risk Watch in the Lake Stevens schools yielded a 15 percent knowledge gain in the area of injury prevention. Lake Stevens Fire and District 17 are hoping for similar results in Granite Falls. This program is a great way to partner with our neighbors in order to share knowledge on life safety.