

# The School That Cried Fire

by the 4th Grade Class Lubec Elementary School

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## Monday morning,

and back to school. The fog rolls in from the shore. The foghorn by the ocean blows its sound..

In the Fourth Grade Emma says, “We cannot see the sea through the fog, It looks boring outside.” Seth says, “It’s so foggy you can’t even see the grass.”



Suddenly the fire alarm sounds.

Emma complains, “Oh my ears.” Seth says, “Why can’t they turn the volume down?”

The Fourth Grade students rush into the hallway. “Walk slowly, children,” urges the Fourth Grade teacher. “Just like you did for the fire drill last week.”

All the school’s students go outside. The children stand quietly. They look for smoke, but see none.

“This must be a fire drill,” says Emma. “But we

had a fire drill last week,” adds Seth.

The teacher tells the students that this is not a drill, but that there is no fire

Emma says, “Something suspicious is happening.”



## Tuesday morning

and fog rolls in. The foghorn continues its warning.. “Another foggy day,” says Taylor. “I hear the foghorn,”



said Stephanie. The fire alarm goes off. Stephanie says, “Why is the fire alarm going off two days in a row?” Taylor answers, “It’s loud, too.” Everyone in the fourth grade files outside calmly. Everyone in the whole school walks outside calmly. “This is probably a fire drill,” says Stephanie. “I can’t smell any smoke,” says Taylor. “Unless you have a cold,” suggests Stephanie.

There is no fire. This is not a drill. But no one pulled the fire alarm. “This is getting wierd,” says Taylor.



### Wednesday morning

and the fog comes again. The foghorn sounds again. So does the fire alarm. Line up single file,” calls Austin “I’ll lead you out,” says Jacob. “Everything is okay. You will be all right.” Austin, Jacob, and Robert guide the little children and the teachers and aids outside.

“This time it’s probably not a fire drill,” says Austin. “But there’s no fire,” says Jacob. “And look at the fire alarm,” points out Robert. “No one pulled the fire alarm.”



### Thursday morning

and the sky is cloudy but there is no fog. The fire alarm sounds *again*. “Did someone pull the fire alarm?”



asks Emma. “I don’t think anyone turned in an alarm,” says Seth. “Should we pay attention to the alarm?” questions Taylor. “We must go outside,” Stephanie insists.

Austin, Jacob, and Robert ask their teacher to let them see the Principal. She says yes. The other Fourth Grade students leave the classroom and walk outside.

When Austin, Jacob, and Robert reach the Principal’s office they smell smoke. “Quick! Open the door!” says Austin. Robert opens the door. “Go on inside!” says Jacob.

The Principal is not in his office. But smoke is billowing from the wastebasket!

“Quick! Shout for miantenance,” Jacob shouts down the hall. We need help from

maintenance. The Maintenance Supervisor runs in, picks up the wastebasket with a towel, and they all help carry it outside. They pour water into the wastebasket and put out the fire.



### Friday morning

and the sun shines brightly. No fog, no foghorn. No fire alarm..The Fourth Grade teacher tells all the students, “Go to the Principal’s Office.” “Uh-oh,” they all say. Austin wonders, “Perhaps we should have knocked first at the Principal’s door.”

The Principal meets them. He says, “You walked outside quietly when the fire alarm sounded for the fourth day in a row, and the others found the burning waste container.”

The Principal presents an award to the Fourth Grade. “But why did the alarm sound every day?” ask the children.

“Maintenance explained that the fog inside the alarm made the electronics damp,” answered the Principal. “It caused a false alarm each day. You all did the right thing, even though the school cried fire too many times.”

