What a week! Summer Safety Boot Camp was held at Eagle Creek Elementary in Pike Township from July 26th to July 29th. Fifty-seven children participated in the four day camp designed to provide them with intensive safety training. Safety topics covered include the following: sun, first aid, fire and burn, internet, water, stranger danger, bicycle, pedestrian, animal, railroad, gun, motor vehicle occupancy, home, bus, playground, poison, and sports. We incorporated a bicycle rodeo, two community walks, and a “Spot the Tot” exercise into the camp as well. Children enjoyed daily crafts, activity time, and interactive activities designed to improve their safety smarts!

Camp leaders included the following: Don Bickel, Teri Crooks, Pat Fitzgerald, James Garner, Erika Anderson, Sharilyn Wagner, Paige Crooks, Alyx Crooks, Autumn McNichols, and Eileen Orban and firefighters from Pike Township Fire Department. A very special thank you to all of the children and volunteers, as well as FedEx, who provided the funding for this great event through the NFL Player of the Week Contest.
The 2011 Indiana Injury Prevention Conference will be held on Monday, June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th at University Place Conference Center and Hotel in downtown Indianapolis. It promises to be an extraordinary event once again. Please forward speaker or topic suggestions to any staff member. Hope to see you there!

Photojournalism Project with Loving Care

Safe Kids Indiana, FedEx, and Marion County Traffic Safety Partnership partnered with Loving Care in Pike Township to conduct a photojournalism project with children ages 5-12. Pike Township school police officers assisted with the project, as children walked the local area identifying dangers to pedestrians and bicyclists. The children then wrote corresponding essays to accompany the photos. The selected projects will be used to create posters for a child pedestrian safety awareness campaign that will kick off in October 2010 in conjunction with International Walk to School Day. Materials will be distributed to schools, hospitals, and local businesses throughout Indianapolis.

FedEx To Deliver Funding For Safe Kids Organizations On Behalf of Winning Players

Many of you have probably voted for the FedEx Air NFL Player of the Week and Ground NFL Player of the Week on www.nfl.com. Once again this year, FedEx will be delivering safer kids by making weekly $2,000 donations in the winning players’ names. The funding directly benefits local Safe Kids coalitions in that team’s city to fund pedestrian safety improvements throughout the year. So, each time a COLTS player is nominated, please know that your vote is needed. If the COLTS player wins, Safe Kids Indiana wins! This money will be used by coalitions to build programs and provide resources to local chapters. So, get voting!

Go Colts!