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### **Third Grade Students participate in Swim Lessons at YMCA**

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In February, Florence third graders are looking forward to participating in free swimming lessons which are funded by 100-plus Women Who Care in partnership with the YMCA with transportation provided by the Florence School District. These lessons aim to teach basic swimming and general water safety. A signed permission form is required to participate.

Fatal drowning is one of the leading causes of unintentional injury-related deaths for those under 14 years of age, according to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention. Research shows that participation in formal swimming lessons can reduce that risk of drowning. Water safety in rural areas includes not just pools but rivers and lakes as in our local area.

For questions or more information, please contact the school or Allison Krueger/Public Health Assistant at 715-528-4552. The Florence County Health Department is located on the first floor of the courthouse.

For photo: Florence County Health Department staff presented third grade classes a backpack and towel for their upcoming swim class

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Schmoll's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class pictured with Left – Public Health Nurse Sidnie Graff.

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