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Contests and Open House Planned for Fire Prevention Week

A poster design contest, essay competition and open house are planned by the Oak Park Fire Department in celebration of National Fire Prevention Week, October 8 - 14.

Winners will receive prizes and a *Certificate of Merit* from the Fire Department, as well as join their immediate families as guests at a dinner ceremony scheduled for Oct. 11 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave. In addition, winning entries will be displayed at Village Hall.

Students in kindergarten through third grade may submit artwork of any fire prevention theme in a format of up to 12 inches by 11 inches. Fourth grade through eighth grade students may submit artwork using the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, *Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat*.

Fourth grade through sixth grade students also may choose to write an essay of 25-50 words on the preventing cooking fires theme. Seventh and eighth graders may submit an essay of 50-100 words on any home fire safety topic. All essays should be on standard letter-sized paper of 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

Entries may be brought to any of Oak Park's three fire stations. The name of the contestant, school, grade and home telephone number must be printed on the back of each entry. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Wed., Oct.4.

The Fire Department also will host an open house from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 14 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave. The Division XI Fire Safety House, the Northern Illinois Fire Sprinkler Trailer and the Nicor Gas Safety Exhibit will be on site. The Oak Park Police and Health Departments also will have booths, and demonstrations of fire extinguishers are planned.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, call the Oak Park Fire Department at 445.3300 or email fire@oak-park.us.

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