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**Poster design contest, essay competition and open house to celebrate 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 5 - 11.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to participate in Fire Prevention Week by submitting posters and essays with this year's theme, *Prevent Home Fires*. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Wed., Oct. 1.

Kindergarten through third grade students 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 this year's *Prevent Home Fires* theme.

Fourth grade through sixth grade students also may choose to write an essay of 25 - 50 words on the escape plan 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. Each entry must include the printed name of the contestant, school and grade, and home telephone number on the back.

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. 9 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave.

Fire Prevention Week will kick off in Oak Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct 4 with an open house at the Main Fire Station. The open house will include fire extinguisher training and developing a home escape plan. Prizes and lunch for children and their families also are planned.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week, call the Oak Park Fire Department at 445.3300 or e-mail [fire@oak-park.us](mailto:fire@oak-park.us).

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