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Poster 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 4 – 10.

Fire Prevention Week will kick off officially in Oak Park with an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat., Oct. 3 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Ave. The open house will include fun and educational activities, as well as prizes and the chance for children to earn lunch for themselves and their families.

In the meantime, students in kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to participate in Fire Prevention Week by submitting posters and essays with this year's theme, *Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned!*

Kindergarten through third grade students may submit artwork of any fire prevention theme. Fourth grade through sixth grade students also may choose to write an essay of 25 – 50 words on any home fire safety topic.

Seventh and eighth graders may submit an essay of 50 – 100 words using the Stay Fire Smart – Don't Get Burned theme. Artwork may be in a format of up to 12 inches by 11 inches, and 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. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m., Fri., Sept. 25.

Each winner will receive a prize 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. 7 at the Main Fire Station, 100 N. Euclid Avenue.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week activities, call 708.445.3300 or e-mail fire@oak-park.us.

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