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Wylie Fire Rescue Designates October as Fire Prevention Month Programs to educate students on preventing home fires

Wylie, TX—Throughout the month of October Wylie Fire Rescue will educate students and adults on the prevention of home fires. Scheduled activities include the Fire Rescue Clown Program, Fire Prevention Poster Contest and Citywide Fire Drill.

“By using a little extra precaution we can prevent cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-material fires,” says Wylie Fire Marshal Steve Seddig. “Wylie Fire Rescue will train WISD elementary children and their parents so they will be better prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire.”

Fire deaths nationally are on the decline, but Wylie Fire Chief Randy Corbin points to statistics when talking about the importance of continued fire education in Wylie. The National Fire Association reports that each year in the United States an estimated 2,800 children age 14 or younger are injured and 850 killed in residential fires, making up 15-20% of all fire deaths. Of these children, over 40 percent are under the age five, 70 percent are under the age of 10. In addition, each year \$200 million in property is destroyed in fires attributed to children playing with fire.

Fire Prevention Month Programs

Wylie Fire Rescue Clown Program

Firefighter clowns Pumper and Blaze return with a new program designed to captivate elementary students and educate them about Fire Prevention. The thirty-minute program will be performed in Wylie Independent School District elementary schools, day cares, and private schools.

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Elementary School Schedule

Smith Elementary	10/8/2008	9:00 am
Birmingham Elementary	10/8/2008	12:20 pm
Tibbals Elementary	10/9/2008	9:00 am
Hartman Elementary	10/10/2008	9:00 am
Groves Elementary	10/10/2008	12:45 pm
Dodd Elementary	10/14/2008	8:15 am
Akin Elementary	10/15/2008	12:30 pm
Cox Elementary	10/17/2008	9:20P pm

Day Care Schedule

Cornerstone	10/6/2008	10:00 am
First Baptist Church	10/6/2008	8:30 am
First Baptist Church	10/7/2008	8:30 am
Barefoot Lodge	10/7/2008	10:00 am
Summit Private School	10/8/2008	10:00 am
Premier Learning Center	10/10/2008	10:00 am
Lighthouse Private School	10/13/2008	10:00 am
Methodist Church	10/15/2008	10:00 am
Methodist Church	10/16/2008	10:00 am

Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Every year the Wylie Fire Rescue Department sponsors a fire prevention poster contest for WISD second and third grade students. This year's winners will be announced in the October 7 edition of the Wylie News. First, second and third place winners from both grades will receive ribbons. The overall winner receives a Grand Prize Trophy.

City-Wide Fire Drill

Wylie Fire Rescue encourages all residents to take part in a city-wide fire drill Thursday, October 17, 6:00 pm. Follow the steps below and put your plan to the test!

- Gather your family together and draw a floor plan of your home.
- Mark all windows and doors.
- Plan two ways out of every room. The first way out should be the door and the second could be a window. Make sure windows open easily.
- Agree on an outside meeting place in front of your house and mark it on your plan.
- Practice your escape plan at least two times a year.

The statistics are alarming: 80% of fires occur in the home; Eight out of ten people who die in a fire die in their home; Children five and under are twice as likely to die in a fire.

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Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Smoke detectors save lives. Wylie Fire Rescue encourages all residents to test your smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries twice a year. It is easy to remember, when you change your clock, change your battery. Every member of the family should know the sound of the alarm and learn to react immediately when it sounds. Smoke alarms should be installed on each floor of the house, in or near every sleeping area.

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