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Children in Perkins County joined their counterparts nationally in recognition of Fire Prevention Week Oct. 3-9.

The week's theme was "Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with," promoted with movies, fire truck demonstration, classroom instruction and art projects sponsored by local fire departments.

The campaign headed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) emphasizes the importance of fire safety to inspire action in preventing fires and avoiding the deaths, injuries and destruction they cause.

According to the NFPA, home fires killed 2755 people in 2008 and injured 13,160. Sadly, two of every five home fire deaths were in a home with no smoke alarm.

One in five deaths was in a home where the smoke alarms were not working. Thus this year's theme focusing on the importance of smoke alarms.

Youngsters from the Little Learners Preschool, Hugs-n-Teddybears, and the Perkins County Christian School took field trips to the Grant Volunteer Fire Department where they watched a movie, got a close-up of a fully equipped fireman, and got to explore the fire trucks.

Firefighters also went to Perkins County Elementary to educate students on fire safety.

