

*PCS students receive recognition.*

Tornado safety tips were the focus of Hannah Kopersk's winning poster in the 2010 Severe Weather Poster Contest sponsored by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service and Nebraska Association of Emergency Management.

The St. Paul Public School fourth grader cautioned: "Go to a designated safe shelter; cover your face with your arms; don't go under a window; don't go outside to watch a tornado; and do have a radio and a flashlight handy."

The contest was open to fourth grade students in Nebraska schools. The top four finishers were recognized by Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman at a proclamation signing for Severe Weather Awareness Week at the State Capitol March 10.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 22-26.

Receiving honorable mention certificates were Kimberly Belflower, Laura Dreiling and Valerie Perez, all of the Perkins County Schools.

The week is an opportunity to increase awareness of and response to severe weather hazards. The week is designed to encourage Nebraskans to be prepared for severe weather by making a safety plan and reviewing proper safety precautions for protecting their lives during severe weather.

A statewide tornado drill is scheduled as part of the week March 24.

Through the poster contest fourth graders from across the state encouraged Nebraskans to follow weather safety precautions.

