



# TIP sheet

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**NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 FOR FALL RECESS.**

## Friday, November 13

**Benton Elementary “America Rocks” program**, 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m., 338 S. Woodchuck Lane.

Students will celebrate the U.S. Presidents and other important historical figures with music, art and presentations. The students will dress up as U.S. Presidents and give an oral report about the President they researched. For more information, contact Ann Welborn, principal, 973-3300.

**Pleasant Valley Middle School Toys for Tots campaign kickoff**, 11 a.m. 2220 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North.

Pleasant Valley Middle School will have an assembly to kick off its annual Toys for Tots collection campaign. PVMS has traditionally collected thousands of toys for children. The kick-off event will also recognize the school’s Leadership instructor, Major Andy Trager, who started the school’s involvement with Toys for Tots and who just returned from serving in Iraq. Major Trager’s recognition is a surprise. For more information, contact Michael Archibeque, principal, 973-8000.

## Saturday, November 14

**McLean Science and Technology Magnet garage sale**, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., 2277 Marigold Lane.

McLean parents will have a garage and bake sale to raise money to upgrade technology at the school. For more information, contact Keli Gustafson, principal, 973-8250.

## Monday, November 16

**Superintendent John Allison reads to First Things First class**, 1:30 p.m., Exploration Place.

Wichita Parents As Parents is celebrating Children’s Book Week and the Little Read event. As part of the event, Superintendent John Allison will read the book, “Olivia” to the First Things First class at Exploration Place. For more information, contact Nancy Rasmussen, Parents as Teachers, 973-7930.

## Tuesday, November 17

**Transition to Middle School activity for Gammon, Jackson, Spaght and Buckner students**, 7 p.m., Boys and Girls Club.

Sixth-grade students and middle school principals from Brooks, Gordon Parks and Stucky middle schools will talk with Gammon, Jackson, Spaght and Buckner fifth-grade students and their parents about success in middle school. The fifth-grade students will also perform as a combined choir. For more information, contact Kamiel Evans, Jackson principal, 973-1200.

## Wednesday, November 18

**Governor Mark Parkinson visits Allen Elementary**, 3:30 p.m., 1881 S. Elpyco.

Governor Mark Parkinson will participate in Allen Elementary’s High Flying Aero Awards Assembly. The assembly honors students who have made good choices. For more information, contact Molly Nespor, principal, 973-1750.

## Thursday, November 19

**McLean students race wind racers**, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.; 1 – 3 p.m., 2277 Marigold.

Every student at McLean had to create their own vehicles that can travel at least 6 feet by wind power. The students came up with their own designs and will be testing to see if their creations will work. For more information, contact Keli Gustafson, principal, 973-8250.

**Metro-Boulevard Alternative High School Chili Cook-Off**, 6 – 7:30 p.m., 751 George Washington Blvd.

Students and staff create their own chili recipes for fellow students, parents and community members to enjoy. There is also a competition between the staff members’ chili. For more information, contact Lisa Wyatt, principal, 973-0500.

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Friday, November 20

**Marshall Middle School Community Literacy Day**, 1 – 1:30 p.m., 1510 Payne.

Members of the community will read the book, “Boxes for Katje,” to students in different classes. “Boxes for Katje” is Marshall’s Book of the Month. For more information, contact Ron Stubbs, principal, 973-9000.

Monday, November 23

**North High School Winter Sports Kick-Off Chili Feed**, 5 – 7:30 p.m., 1437 N. Rochester.

The community is invited to a chili feed to raise money to support North’s athletic fund. For more information, contact Sherman Padgett, principal, 973-6300.

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