



TIP sheet

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Friday, October 23

Minneha students hear from movie director Kevin Wilmott, 3 p.m., 701 N. Webb.

Kevin Wilmott, director of the movie, “The Only Good Indian” will talk to students about his movie and about the movie-making process. Much of the movie was filmed in Kansas and the movie will be previewed at the Tallgrass Film Festival. For more information, contact Linda Hope, principal, 973-8800.

Buckner principal “dunked” to celebrate school reaching their United Way goal, 3:15 p.m., 3530 E. 27th Street N.

Buckner students reached their goal of collecting \$1,000 for the United Way. The principal will be dunked as a surprise reward for students reaching their goal. For more information, contact Lichelle Alford, principal, 973-9350.

Saturday, October 24

Earhart Environmental Magnet Fall Festival, 5 – 8 p.m., 4401 Arkansas.

Families and community members are invited for food, prizes and activities including hay rack rides and a spook-walk. For more information, contact Chris Waterbury, principal, 973-3250.

Monday, October 26

Wichita High School Band-o-rama, 7 p.m., South High School’s Carpenter Stadium, 701 W. 33rd St. South.

The Marching Bands from East, Heights, North, Northwest, South, Southeast and West High Schools will showcase their talents during this performance. For more information, call Shawn Chastain, Fine Arts Executive Coordinator, 973-4440.

Tuesday, October 27 ***** *Possibility date will change* ***** *Will share information as it becomes available******

Southeast High School opens Credit Union bank branch, 10:30 a.m., 903 S. Edgemoor.

Southeast and Credit Union of America will have a grand opening for a student-run branch that will be located at Southeast. The Buffalo Branch will serve students and faculty and will provide hands-on applications of business skills and teach financial literacy. For more information, contact Leroy Parks, principal, 973-2700.

Wednesday, October 28

Curtis Middle School Fall Festival, 5 – 7:30 p.m., 1031 S. Edgemoor.

Students and parents will enjoy food and games together. The evening gives families an opportunity to enjoy time together and with the teachers and staff. For more information, contact Stephanie Wasko, principal, 973-7350.

Thursday, October 29

Coleman Middle School PROWL Night, 6 – 8 p.m., 1544 N. Gouverneur.

Coleman’s PROWL Night (Promoting Reading of Wonderful Literature) is filled with adventures, fun, food and literature. Students can wear their Halloween costumes and can stroll through a haunted house on the school’s third floor. As part of the school’s 25 Book campaign, the school will ask parents who have not yet pledged to read 25 books with their child to do so at the event. For more information, contact Gil Alvarez, principal, 973-6600.

Friday, October 30

Bryant “Red Ribbon” parade, 9:05 a.m., 4702 W. 9th.

Bryant students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by parading from their school to Hadley Middle School and back. Parents will cheer on their children to support their pledge to be drug free. The parade will conclude in the school gym where they will hear from an inspirational speaker. For more information, contact Bill Savage, principal, 973-9700.

Park Elementary “wax museum,” 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., 1025 N. Main.

Third-grade students will dress up like a book character and remain frozen. The characters will come to life and talk about their story when other students press a button on their hand. For more information, contact Jeanna Hernandez, principal, 973-5250.

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Friday, October 30

College Hill Halloween parade, 3:15 p.m., 211 N. Clifton.

Students will parade around the school in their Halloween costumes. The students will also have parties in their classrooms. For more information, contact Kathy Stybr, principal, 973-9600.

Gordon Parks “Trunk or Treat,” 5 – 6 p.m., 2201 E. 25th Street N.

Teachers and staff will have treats in the trunks of their cars in the school’s parking lot to allow students to trick or treat in a safe place. The students will also complete graphs focusing on the candy they receive. For more information, contact Stephanie Stovall, principal, 973-7500.

Monday, November 2

Jardine students watch spray paint artist, 1:20 p.m., 3550 Ross Parkway.

Martin Martinez, a spray paint artist known as “Cosmo,” will show off his talents by creating artwork with spray paint to a techno beat. Martinez will also talk to students about staying in school and the importance of getting a good education. For more information, contact Dave Saunders, principal, 973-4300.

Tuesday, November 3

Futures Fair for high school juniors, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Century II Exhibition Hall.

High School juniors and their parents from around Sedgwick County are invited to learn about their options after graduating high school. More than 100 colleges, universities and branches of the military will be represented. For more information, visit www.futuresfair.org.

Thursday, November 5

Hadley students watch spray paint artist during fall festival, 6 – 8 p.m., 1101 Dougherty.

Martin Martinez, a spray paint artist known as “Cosmo,” will show off his talents by creating artwork with spray paint to a techno beat. Martinez will also talk to students and families at the school’s fall festival about staying in school and the importance of getting a good education. For more information, contact Charles Wakefield, principal, 973-8700.

Wichita Public Schools and Connecting Point’s “Screen for Success,” Westlink Church of Christ, 10025 W. Central.

Children ages birth to five who are having difficulty walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning can be screened free of charge. Staff will assist parents in identifying any special concerns their child may have and the resources parents can use to help their children succeed. Screenings will be available twice a month. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 267-3535.

Friday, November 6

Southeast, Curtis and Coleman students perform with the Dallas Brass, 7 p.m., 903 S. Edgemoor.

The Dallas Brass will perform a public concert. Band students from Southeast, Curtis and Coleman will perform as special guests. For more information, contact Leroy Parks, principal, 973-2700.

Wichita Public Schools and Connecting Point’s “Screen for Success,” WSU Speech and Language Facility, 5015 E. 29th North.

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Saturday, November 7

Mueller students will get free plane rides, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Jabara Airport.

Mueller students will be able to take rides in an airplane and participate in aviation-themed activities at Jabara Airport. The plane rides are provided by the local members of the EAA Chapters 88 Young Eagles. Mueller’s Aviation Day supports the school’s new Aerospace and Engineering magnet focus. For more information, contact Anne Clemens, principal, 973-8300.