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NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FOR VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.

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

Washington students color with Miss Kansas and Miss America, 9:30 a.m., 424 N. Pennsylvania.

Miss America Katie Stam and Miss Kansas Becki Ronen will visit with Washington students and unveil a new coloring book designed by Miss Kansas. Both will spend time coloring with the students. Miss Kansas supports the importance of arts education for children. For more information, contact Julie Bettis, principal, 973-1150.

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.

Superintendent John Allison gets feedback from parents, 7 p.m., West High School, 820 S. Osage.

Superintendent John Allison will host seven parent engagement meetings this fall as part of his work to get to know important stakeholders in the community. The meetings are organized by high school feeder patterns. Five parents from each school have been invited to participate in the conversation. The first meeting will involve schools in West’s feeder pattern. For more information, contact Susan Arensman, Marketing and Communications, 973-4582.

Wednesday, November 4

Superintendent John Allison gets feedback from parents, 6:30 p.m., Heights High School, 5301 N. Hillside.

Superintendent John Allison will host seven parent engagement meetings this fall as part of his work to get to know important stakeholders in the community. The meetings are organized by high school feeder patterns. Five parents from each school have been invited to participate in the conversation. The second meeting will involve schools in Heights’ feeder pattern. For more information, contact Susan Arensman, Marketing and Communications, 973-4582.

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, 973-7800.

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Thursday, November 5

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

Cloud principal kisses a pig, 3 p.m., 1212 W. 25th St. North.

Cloud Elementary students had a campaign to raise money for the Leukemia Society. The school's goal was \$250 and the students collected more than \$475. As a reward, the principal will kiss a pig during an assembly. For more information, contact Carla Smith, principal, 973-9200.

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.

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.

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.

Tuesday, November 10

JROTC Cadets Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 – 11 a.m., Century II Expo Hall.

More than 2,300 JROTC and Leadership Corps cadets from 8 high schools and 9 middle schools will honor our Veterans in a special Veterans Day ceremony. Students will perform drills and be in formation for review. For more information, contact Colonel Robert Hester, JROTC Director, 866-8190.

Thursday, November 12

Isely Traditional Magnet Veterans Day Ceremony, 3 p.m., 2500 E. 18th.

Students will honor and recognize veterans and those currently serving in the military. For more information, contact Jane Walker, principal, 973-8200.

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.

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