



# TIP sheet

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**NO SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 25 FOR MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.  
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, MAY 28.**

## Tuesday, May 26

**West High School Senior Walk**, 6:15 p.m., 820 S. Osage.

Seniors will participate in the yearly tradition of walking from West to Century II for their commencement ceremony. For more information, contact Lori Doyle, principal, 973-3600.

**West High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., Century II Convention Hall.

**Levy Special Education Center commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., ARC of Sedgwick County, 2919 W. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Tuesday, May 26

**Northwest High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., Koch Arena, Wichita State University.

**Metro-Boulevard Alternative High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., WSU Metroplex – Lowe Auditorium.

## Wednesday, May 27

**Pleasant Valley Middle School sisters surprised with an award from Circle of Friends**, 12:15 p.m., 2220 W. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North.

Circle of Friends is a project that pairs regular education students with special education students. Two sisters at Pleasant Valley Middle School will be surprised with an award from Circle of Friends for their involvement with students with disabilities. The surprise will take place during an all-school assembly. For more information, contact Michael Archibeque, principal, 973-8000.

**Washington Elementary staff donate blood to support ill student**, 1 – 4:30 p.m., 424 N. Pennsylvania.

Washington Elementary teachers are hosting a blood drive in honor of one of the school's second-grade students who has leukemia. Her teacher, Rebecca Gehrler, organized the blood drive. For more information, contact Julie Bettis, principal, 973-1150.

**Gardiner dedicates bench in honor of Claudia and Gisele Mijares**, 2:30 p.m., 1951 S. Laura.

Parents and staff at Gardiner have purchased a bench to honor Claudia and Gisele Mijares, who were killed last fall outside the school by a drunk driver. The bench will be located near the school's prekindergarten entrance of the building. For more information, contact Craig Bright, principal, 973-1700.

**East High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., Koch Arena, Wichita State University.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates will give the commencement address after being invited by an East student. For more information, contact Ken Thiessen, principal, 973-7200.

**Metro-Midtown Alternative High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., WSU Metroplex – Lowe Auditorium.

## Thursday, May 28

**McLean staff vs. fifth-grade students kick ball game**, 8:30 a.m., 2277 Marigold Lane.

Fifth-grade students will take on the teachers at McLean Science and Technology Magnet to celebrate the end of the school year. For more information, contact Keli Gustafson, principal, 973-8250.

**South High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., Koch Arena, Wichita State University.

**Metro-Meridian Alternative High School commencement ceremony**, 7 p.m., WSU Metroplex – Lowe Auditorium.

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**ACT Prep Workshops offered in June**

High school students who would like help preparing for the ACT can take part in an ACT Prep Workshop. Students will learn ACT test taking tips and strategies in one-week classes offered at different high schools. Workshops will be offered four times in June. The workshops will be offered June 1 – 4; June 8 – 11; June 15 – 18 and June 22 – 25. All workshops will be 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Courses will be held at different weeks at East, Heights, North, Northeast, Northwest, South, Southeast and West High Schools. Additional information and an enrollment form can be found online at [www.usd259.com/parents/summer+school](http://www.usd259.com/parents/summer+school).

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SUMMER CAMP**

Students in grades 4 – 7 have the opportunity to learn about different countries and cultures. Students can enroll in either or both sessions.

**Session One:** French and Chinese

June 8 – 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Session Two:** German and Spanish

July 15 – 19, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Both sessions will be held at Allison Traditional Magnet Middle School, 221 S. Seneca..

**PREKINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT**

The Wichita Public Schools offers free prekindergarten programs for children who are turning 4 years old on or before August 31. Enrollment runs through September. For more information, call your school or Early Childhood Learning Services at 973-4708.

Prekindergarten classes are offered at Adams, Allen, Black, Bryant, Buckner, Caldwell, Cessna, Chisholm Trail, Clark, Cloud, Colvin, Dodge, Dunbar, Enterprise, Franklin, Gardiner, Griffith, Harry Street, Irving, Jefferson, Kelly, Kensler, Lawrence, Lincoln, Linwood, Little, Midtown, Minneha, Mueller, Park, Payne, Spaght, Stanley, Washington, White, Woodman and TOP (The Opportunity Project).

**FALL 2009 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

Information about enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is located on the Wichita Public Schools' website, [www.usd259.com/parents/backtoschool](http://www.usd259.com/parents/backtoschool).

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