



# TIP sheet

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## **NO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FOR VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY.**

### Friday, November 6

#### **Allison students launch rockets, 9:45 – 11:15 a.m., 221 S. Seneca.**

Seventh-grade students at Allison will shoot off rockets that they created in class. The rockets are the culminating activity from students October Sky unit. For more information, contact Amy Champlin, principal, 973-4800.

#### **Cloud principal kisses a pig, 3 p.m., 1212 W. 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Cloud Elementary Veteran's Day ceremony, 2:30 and 3 p.m., 1212 W. 25<sup>th</sup> St. North.**

Students will honor veterans and those currently serving. Veterans will speak to students and the Pleasant Valley Middle School Leadership Cadets will present the colors. For more information, contact Carla Smith, principal, 973-9200.

#### **American Idol finalist Jason Castro performs at Heights High School, 2:40 p.m., 5301 N. Hillside.**

Jason Castro, an American Idol finalist, will give a small concert for the students at Heights High School. The school won a contest to have Castro perform at their school. For more information, contact Bruce Deterding, principal, 973-1400.

#### **Lincoln Elementary class has pizza party with firefighters, 3:30 p.m., 1210 S. Topeka.**

Earlier this year, Wichita Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell encouraged students to hold its first United Way campaign. The class that collected the most money will be treated to a pizza party with firefighters. For more information, contact Laura McLemore, principal, 973-9300.

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Thursday, November 12

**Northeast Magnet Fire Science students study burn cells**, 10 – 11 a.m., 4700 E.31<sup>st</sup> St. South.

Students in the Fire Science program at Northeast will watch firefighters set two burn cells on fire. The cells, which were built by East High School construction students, represent rooms of a house. One cell has sprinkler system and the other does not. After the fire is extinguished, the students will study the difference between the two rooms. For more information, contact Joel Hudson, principal, 973-2300.

**Isely Traditional Magnet Veterans Day Ceremony**, 3 p.m., 2500 E. 18<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**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.

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.

Thursday, November 19

**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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