

# Museum Notes

Winter fundraising events, namely the Kansas Day Chili Supper and the St. Patrick's Day Boiler-Cooked Potato Bake, brought about 300 guests and volunteers into the building. We want to thank those who supported the museum's Operational Expense fundraising efforts. Check out our Upcoming Events article for more fun activities to show your support for McCormick School Museum (MSM).

Make sure you catch a showing of the new movie, "Sod and Stubble" in a local movie theater. Director Ken Spurgeon and his film crew and actors were on the campus of MSM in August of 2023 filming several school scenes in our classrooms and hallways. The premiere showing of the movie was March 28 at the Wichita Orpheum Theater. See the "Sod and Stubble" Facebook page for dates and locations of theater showings.



The 2024 June WARSP Luncheon and program was held at MSM.  
Photographer: Paul Oberg

Calling all gardeners! We hope you are observing the prairie corner of the museum lawn. We are thankful for the intermittent spring rains to soften the slowly warming soil. The late sprouting native warm season grasses should emerge any day, if they have not already. Volunteer opportunities are available.

We want to remind readers and friends to donate old Wichita Public School yearbooks to the museum. We gladly accept elementary, middle, and high school yearbooks to fill out the extensive collection in the MSM library. Extra yearbook copies are available to raise funds for the museum. For information about how you can donate school memorabilia, contact the museum today.



## EVENTS & MUSEUM HOURS

The McCormick School Museum is open Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Park to the north of the building; enter through door #4 (closest entrance to the parking lot). Ring the doorbell if needed. You may call 316-708-0676 to confirm museum hours before your visit or to schedule tours outside regular hours.

The Museum complex is located at 855 S. Martinson in Wichita. Currently, the stairway to the multipurpose room is handicap-accessible for events. Admission is by donation; your support is always appreciated.

## SAVE THE DATES

### MAY 31

**16mm Film Fest.** 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Enjoy freshly popped popcorn and ice-cold lemonade from the concession stand as you watch entertaining and educational 16mm films from the McCormick School Museum film archives. Fun for all ages; families are invited. Watch social media sites for more information as the date approaches.

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER (TBA)

**Back to School Ice Cream Social Fundraiser.**

**4:30 to 6:30 pm**

A late summer afternoon is the best time to relax and celebrate the beginning of school. Come and cool off in the shade of the sweet gum trees in front of the 1890s building with a scoop of delicious vanilla ice cream topped with an array of scrumptious toppings. Live entertainment by community and school groups will be provided. Suggested donation: \$10; children under 12 are \$5. Watch social media sites for more information as the date approaches.

To reserve a room for your event, contact the museum office for reservation information and availability of dates.

**For more information and to contact the museum:**

**Website:** [www.mccormickschoolmuseuminc.com](http://www.mccormickschoolmuseuminc.com)

**Donations:** [www.savemccormick.com](http://www.savemccormick.com)

**Facebook:** McCormick School Museum

**Gmail:** [mccormickschoolmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:mccormickschoolmuseum@gmail.com)

**Telephone:** 316-708-0676 (call or text)

**MSM Office:** 316-558-5804 (leave a message)