

On Friday, April 26, the entire grade school student body and teachers/staff/PTO board will be going on an all-day Box Top field trip! The funds to make this field trip possible come from the Box Tops that you--the students, families, and community members have been diligently collecting over the past year! Thank you so much for your work in this effort! (Additional funding for this field trip was made possible by our school designation as a Title I program and a transportation grant from Historic Wichita CowTown., Inc.)

We are excited to be going to the Old CowTown Museum in Wichita for this year's field trip experience! CowTown is a living history museum where we'll experience life in the 1870s. Students will be immersed in a sampling of the sights, sounds and activities common to a Midwestern cattle town.

We have a great full day of activities planned including special grade-based hands-on learning programs led by the CowTown staff. Kindergarten-grade 2 will be investigating--"**Farm Life: 1880s style**". Students will examine the link between food and farm to discover the role of the farmer from 130 years ago and today. They will also learn about the life of children from the 1870s at the DeVore farm house on the museum grounds. Grades 3-5 will experience "**Trails & Rails: The Settling of Wichita**". Students will learn how the people of the 1860s and 1870s traveled the Prairie Desert and the hardships they faced, to call the Great Plains and Kansas their Home. The other half of the day will allow student/staff small groups time for self-guided exploration around the living history museum grounds, including a scavenger hunt!

We will be leaving at 8:30 am for Wichita and returning to the school around 3:00 pm. **Students will need to bring a sack lunch, including a drink, for the noon meal.** We hope to enjoy a picnic outside, but if the weather is inclement, it will be moved indoors. A special cookie break will be served to the students upon their arrival back at school.

If you have any questions, please let one of the board members know!

We are looking forward to a great day of stepping back into the past together!

Sincerely,  
The PTO Board

Susan Nafziger  
Sarah Simington  
Becky Miller  
Keela Nickel  
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