



Making public schools great for every child.

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American Education Week- “Raise Your Hand for Student Success”

Teachers, parents, community partners, elected leaders and students can often view issues relating to education from different perspectives. In fact, it is quite natural to understand why this is often the case. However, realizing that it takes all of us working together to make public schools great is something we can all agree upon. Keeping the spirit of collective effort in focus is the purpose of American Education Week.

During the week of November 18 – 22 in schools across Kansas and the nation, activities will be taking place to highlight school efforts, needs, and to recognize the people who make great public schools happen. Following a Monday kick-off, Tuesday recognizes the role of parents, Wednesday honors support professionals, Thursday is a day to invite community partners to be educators for a day, and Friday celebrates the role that dedicated substitute teachers play in our schools everyday.

Since its inception as a collaborative effort between the National Education Association and the American Legion in 1919, American Education Week has sought to encourage public support for education. This year, the Kansas National Education Association is asking each individual to “Raise Your Hand for Student Success”. While we all recognize that major hurdles relating to school finance, curriculum, and bullying exist, now is the time to work together in an effort to invest in our future by investing in our schools and our students.

KNEA President Karen Godfrey has expressed the following, “In Kansas, teachers have demonstrated time and again their dedication to the profession they serve. While facing pressure from a variety of influences, Kansas teachers and students rise to the occasion and strive to achieve. Today, I’m asking for parents, community partners, and elected officials to join teachers and students by raising YOUR hand for student success and to pledge their support in the following ways:”

- Every child in America to have access to quality public education, regardless of family income or where they live.
- All educators to be respected and treated as professionals and participate in key education policy discussions.
- Parents, families, communities, and educators to come together and create partnerships to foster environments that are conducive for student learning.
- Elected officials to do their part to ensure adequate tools and resources for all schools, include educators in key policy discussions, and make sure that students have access to a world class education—from pre-k and beyond.
- Public schools to have smaller class sizes, up-to-date textbooks, and safe and clean environments.

For more information on American Education Week Please Visit: <http://www.nea.org/grants/19823.htm>

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