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“SCHOOL HOUSE TO WHITE HOUSE: THE EDUCATION OF THE PRESIDENTS”

“School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents,” an exhibition focusing on the early education of American Presidents from Herbert Hoover through William Jefferson Clinton, will open at the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Kansas on March 3 and will run until May 31, 2008.

Just in time for Spring break, the family-friendly “School House to White House” exhibition will engage visitors of every age and interest. Reproductions of documents and photos drawn from the collections of the National Archives Presidential Libraries reveal fascinating details about the children that would grow up to be Presidents. Journey back to a time of one-room school houses, large public schools, and private tutors. See these future Presidents as young sports stars, choir members, and musicians. Watch them mature into serious college and military academy students. Together these experiences demonstrate the variety of educational and extra-curricular experiences that trained and influenced our nation’s future leaders.

Selected Highlights:

- Discover why John F. Kennedy missed 65 of the term’s 88 days in kindergarten.
- Read what Harry Truman wrote in middle school about “Courage.”
- Peek at report cards for Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Jimmy Carter.
- Learn what the Presidents *really* thought of their teachers.
- Learn which President, while in college, received offers to play professional football.
- See Ike’s original 1909 Abilene High School diploma, his high school yearbooks, West Point yearbook, and Command and General Staff School, June 1926 essay.

“School House to White House” includes more than 150 items from the holdings of the Presidential Libraries, including large photomurals of class photos and graduations.

The exhibit is located in the Library building, and is free and open to the public. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum, located at 200 SE Fourth Street in Abilene, Kansas, was recently named one of the 8 Wonders of Kansas.

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