

STATE OF NEBRASKA

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Nebraska statehood birthday parties scheduled

Nine Nebraska statehood birthday parties for fourth-grade students are scheduled throughout the state starting Feb. 25.

Here is the schedule of the parties:

- **Grand Island**, Feb. 25, 9:15 a.m., Stuhr Museum, 3133 W. Highway 34.
- **North Platte**, Feb. 25, 1:30 p.m., Mid-Plains Community College, Gym, 601 W. State Farm Road.
- **Scottsbluff**, Feb. 26, 9:15 a.m. MT, Western Community College, Cougar Palace.
- **Chadron**, Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m. MT, Chadron State College, Student Center.
- **O'Neill**, Feb. 27, 9:15 a.m., O'Neill Public School, Elementary Gym, 1700 N. Fourth St.
- **Norfolk**, Feb. 27, 1:30 p.m., Northeast Community College, Lifelong Learning Center, 801 E. Benjamin Ave.
- **Omaha**, March 1, 9:15 a.m., Durham Western Heritage Museum, 801 S. 10th St.
- **Wayne**, March 1, 1:15 p.m., Wayne State College, Ramsey Theatre, Peterson Fine Arts Building.
- **Lincoln**, March 1, 1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Rotunda.

The parties are hosted by the secretary of state's office, NEBRASKAland Foundation and Nebraska Humanities Council.

There were six statehood parties held last year. Secretary of State John Gale said the increased number of parties this year would allow more students to attend. Fourth-grade students study Nebraska history, and some 3,500 students are expected to attend the parties this year.

Participating students will enjoy musical entertainment, sing-a-longs and people in historical costumes, as well as have fun showing off their Nebraska history knowledge.

Gale will be at all the parties except for the Lincoln event. Gov. Mike Johanns is scheduled to attend the Omaha and Lincoln parties.

The parties are not open to the public. Students attending the parties will be there by reservation.

The actual Statehood Day is March 1.