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### Don't forget to vote!

The deadline to register to vote is less than a week away! The deadline is October 18.

Here are some helpful hints! Check if your voter registration is active [here](#). Make sure you know your polling place [here](#). Register to vote [here](#).



## We made a mistake!

We just sent out our WWU and in the section "Don't forget to vote", mistakenly had written the deadline to vote is October 18. It should have said, the deadline to register to vote is October 18. We corrected that in this newsletter version. We apologize!

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## Celebrate National Dental Hygiene Month

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) and the Wrigley Oral Healthcare Program (WOHP) are partnering to bring [National Dental Hygiene Month](#). Encourage parents and children to do the daily four:

1. Brush twice a day
2. Chew sugar free gum
3. Floss daily
4. Rinse with mouthwash

Its important for hygienists to reach families and educate them on their oral

## Halloween goodies are not just candy!

What type of snack are you handing out for Halloween? Is it on our [list](#) of "not so bad" candy? Take a look and see!

Don't forget, if you want to hand out some goodies at Halloween, you don't have to give out candy!

Some simple ideas:

- Halloween bubbles
- Stickers
- Mini playdough
- Erasers
- Halloween pencils
- Slime
- Wax lips
- Kaleidoscopes
- Plastic bracelets
- Hot chocolate packets
- Glow necklaces
- Stamps



Find more ideas [here](#)!

## Sugary Drink Display

Our drink displays are getting around! We are almost all booked for the month of October. People are reserving them for their clinic waiting rooms or health fairs.

Our sugary drink display contains 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is

health needs. Oral health is part of your overall health. Everything we do has an effect on our well being. Take care of yours!

**Start the conversation.**



**Take this time to thank your hygienist for their hard work!**

## Earn up to 8.75 Continuing Education Units

At the Oral Health Kansas Annual Conference, you have the opportunity to earn up to the 8.75 CEU's.

What you need to know about the OHK Conference this year!

When: November 3-5  
(Nov. 3 pre-sessions are invite only)

Where: Double Tree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas

Why should I attend?: Glad you asked!

- This year we will have a panel of speakers reflecting on the first US Surgeon Generals Report on Oral Health in America and Kansas environment
- Resources to communicate effectively about water fluoridation
- Methods created to reach out to communities to meet their oral health needs
- Practical ways dental practitioners

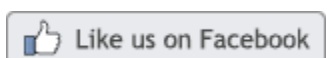
in each. The display is free to use, we reimburse postage. You must sign up to reserve a sugary drink display. Slots fill up fast so if you need it for a specific date, please check in with us in plenty of time.



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can help trauma survivors overcome dental anxiety

- Network with participants from Kansas and other states
- If you [register](#) soon, you will receive a complimentary book from our Keynote Speaker, Michael Shermer and have him autograph it! Limited number of copies available.

Conference registration deadline is October 28!



## Oral Health Kansas will co-host Shawnee County candidate forum

On Wednesday, October 19th several Topeka-based organizations will be host a candidate forum at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. The forum will begin at 6:40 pm, and seating is limited. You do not have to register, but please show up early to guarantee a seat.

The two candidates for the Kansas State Board of Education will be featured at 6:40 pm and at 7:00 pm local legislative races will take center stage. The topics of discussion will be state budget and tax policy, judicial selection process and

Medicaid expansion.

The organizations co-hosting the forum are:

- Community Action, Inc.
- Community Resource Council
- ERC Resource and Referral, Inc.
- Fast Forward
- Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce
- Heartland Visioning
- Informed Voters of Kansas
- InterHab
- League of Women Voters of Topeka and Shawnee County
- Oral Health Kansas and Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition
- Topeka Bar Association
- Topeka Capital-Journal
- Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library
- United Way of Greater Topeka
- YWCA of Northeast Kansas

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