

# OCTOBER 2016

#### **FACEBOOK POSTS**

#### October 3

Kansas Maternal & Child Health wishes you a Happy Child Health Day! On the first Monday of October, we observe the importance of physical, social, and emotional health in children and their families.



#### October 5

It's important to choose healthy foods and get the nutrients you need as you age. For more information from MyPlate see: <a href="https://www.choosemyplate.gov/older-adults">www.choosemyplate.gov/older-adults</a>



"Kids and teens who share meals with their family three or more times per week or significantly less likely to be overweight, more likely to eat healthy foods, and less likely to have eating disorders." For more information see: www.fmi.org/family-meals-month/meals-matter



#### October 6



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October is SIDS Awareness Month.

Learn about infant deaths from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and other causes, and take action to reduce the risk. Start by always placing babies on their backs when putting them to sleep.

http://www.cdc.gov/features/sidsawarenessmonth/



#### Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

October is SIDS Awareness Month. Learn more about the problem and the risk factors.

CDC.GOV

The Kansas Infant Mortality Rate has declined by 21% from 2005-2015, hitting an all-time low! Help further reduce infant deaths in Kansas by spreading the #SafeSleep message. Visit http://www.kidsks.org/ to learn about supportive services and community education regarding infant death and SIDS.



#### Kansas **Infant Mortality Rate** Hits Historic Low

Kansas Infant Mortality Rate declined 21% from 2005 - 2015







KIDS Network connected with 13,475 community members through outreach and bereavement support in 2015.



In 2015, the KIDS Network provided safe sleep training to 4,623 caregivers & professionals.







440 pregnant moms in Kansas who completed training on maternal & infant health, breastfeeding & smoking cessation, received a free portable crib at Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers in 2015.

You can help further reduce infant deaths in Kansas by spreading the #SafeSleep message.



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October 7

Shared Kansas State Department of Education's post



Kansas Maternal & Child Health shared Kansas State Department of Education's video.

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The Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas State Senate designated the first full week in October as Anti-Bullying Awareness Week. This week is an opportunity to create awareness and address the harm that bullying creates.

October is also National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month. Use this month to serve as a reminder that bullying prevention must be addressed through educating ourselves, our communities, and the youth in our lives.



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#### Kansas State Department of Education

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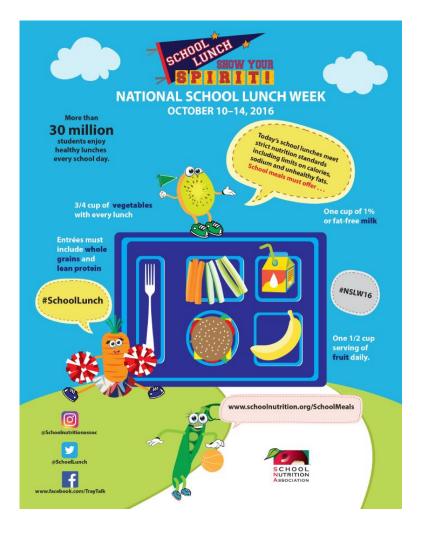
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This week is National School Lunch Week! October 10th-14th

Healthy school lunches help students power through the day! Remember to include more whole grains, fruits and vegetables, low-fat dairy products, lower sodium foods, and less saturated fat in your child's lunch.

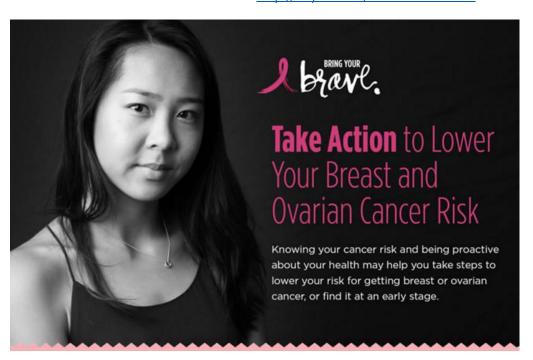


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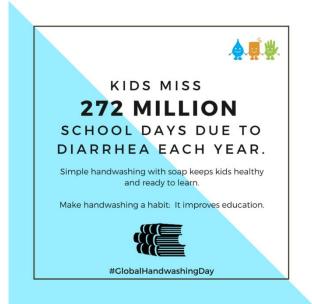
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among American women. Knowing your cancer risk and being proactive about your health may help you take steps to lower your risk for getting breast or ovarian cancer, or find it at an early stage.

For more information from the CDC visit http://tinyurl.com/breastcancerfacts.



Each year 272 million school days are missed due to diarrhea. A good handwashing habit can help keep students healthy and ready to learn. Teach your kids to make handwashing a habit and learn more about Global Handwashing Day at <a href="https://www.globalhandwashingday.org">www.globalhandwashingday.org</a>.



#### October 13

Always remember the ABC's when putting your child to sleep safely.

A: Alone - The safest place for your baby to sleep is in the room with you, but not in your bed.

B: Back - Placing babies on their backs is the #1 way to reduce the risk of SIDS.

C: Crib - Place your baby in a safety-approved crib free from toys, blankets, and pillows.

For more information visit http://www.kidsks.org/safe-sleep.html



Shared KIDS Network, Inc's post



Kansas Maternal & Child Health shared KIDS Network, Inc.'s photo.

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#### KIDS Network, Inc.

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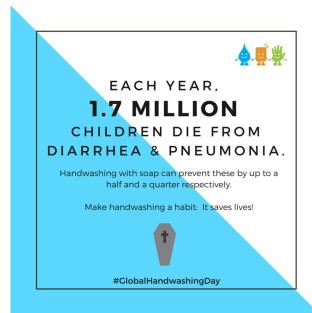
Is it okay to give my baby a pacifier at night? See what the American Academy of Pediatrics has to say visit http://bit.ly/1UES7cL

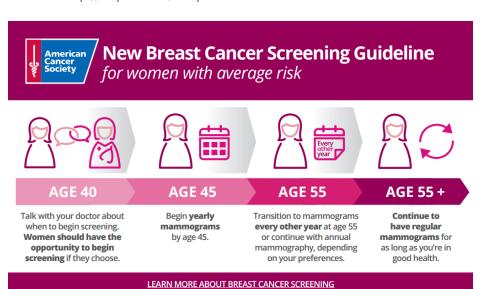
#### October 17

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
The American Cancer Society encourages regular breast
cancer screening to find breast cancer early, when it is most
likely to be curable. Follow this this cancer screening guideline
and visit http://tinyurl.com/earlycancerdetection to learn more.

#### October 15

Make handwashing a habit! Each year, there are 1.7 billion cases of childhood diarrhea worldwide. Diarrhea may be a minor inconvenience in some places, but in many countries it kills. But there is good news! The simple act of handwashing with soap can reduce the risk of diarrheal disease by up to 47%, but only if it's done consistently. Learn more at www.globalhandwashingday.org.

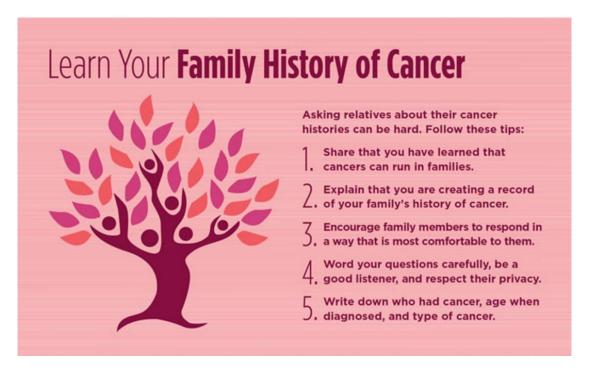




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Knowing your family history of cancer, from both your mother's and father's sides, can help you know if you have a higher risk for getting breast or ovarian cancer at a young age.

For more information from the CDC visit http://tinyurl.com/breastcancerfacts.





#### October 20

Today is World Osteoporosis Day

Did you know that approximately 50% of bone mass is accumulated during adolescence making it a critical time for bone building? Whether mother or child, building strong bones early in life and throughout your lifetime will enable you to continue doing the things you enjoy for longer! Click the link for 5 osteoporosis prevention tips: http://worldosteoporosisday.org/prevention/5-steps



October is Healthy Lung Month

Are you trying to quit smoking while pregnant? Quitting smoking before of during pregnancy is one of the most important steps you can take to increase your baby's chances of a healthy lifetime.

It's never too late to quit. Get resources to help here:



#### October 24

October is National Dental Hygiene Month

Here are some great tips on how to take care of your child's teeth when they are teething and their pearly whites are coming in! To learn more visit <a href="http://tinyurl.com/earlyhealthyhabits">http://tinyurl.com/earlyhealthyhabits</a>.



- · Wipe infant's gums or teeth with a soft cloth after breast or bottle feeding.
- Brush a child's teeth with a small amount of toothpaste, especially before bedtime (Fluoride is okay once the child is over two years old).
- Avoid putting the baby to bed with a bottle or sippy cup holding anything but water.
- Avoid saliva-sharing behaviors (sharing spoons, toothbrushes, etc).

Kansas Maternal and Child Health's final 5-Year State Action Plan is now available! These 8 priorities are the goals of KMCH for 2016-2020! http://www.kansasmch.org/





Women have access to and receive coordinated, comprehensive services before, during and after pregnancy

# PRIORITY 2 Services and supports

Services and supports promote healthy family functioning

### PRIORITY 3

Developmentally appropriate care and services are provided across the lifespan



Information is available to support informed health decisions and choices



Families are empowered to make educated choices about infant health and well-being

# PRIORITY 7

Services are comprehensive and coordinated across systems and providers



Professionals have the knowledge and skills to address the needs of maternal and child health populations



Communities and providers support physical, social and emotional health

















Kansas Maternal & Child Health shared School Mental Health Initiative's photo.

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School Mental Health Initiative's Resource "provides Kansas school communities – school, parents, and community partners – with information to support the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of children within a multi-tier system of supports."

View: An infographic on the Resource at https://ksdetasn.s3.amazonaws.com/.../TASN\_ATBS\_SMHI\_Resource...

Find more resources and information at http://www.ksdetasn.org/smhi

### SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH

A Resource for Kansas School Communities

#### School Mental Health Initiative



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Have you had a chance to view our School Mental Health Resource? This document provides Kansas school communities with information on a variety of topics inclu...

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#### October 31



#### Kansas Maternal & Child Health

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On Halloween carry a flashlight or glow stick and use crosswalks! Follow more of Safe Kids Worldwide's tips so you and your children remain safe and seen this Halloween!



## Be Safe, be seen on Halloween

Be safe and be seen this Halloween.

SAFEKIDS.ORG