CCMR Week Overview: November 16th-20th

A week filled with engaging and innovative activities to promote college, career, and military readiness for students in grades K-12. This week will raise awareness, enthusiasm for post-secondary options, and encourage students to think about their futures in a creative, collaborative way.

Suggestions for Additional Daily Themes and Activities

Monday, November 16th: "My Future Starts Now!" (College Awareness Day)

- **PK-5 Activities:**
  - **College Colors Day**: Students/staff wear their favorite college t-shirt.
  - **Show and Tell**: Teachers share their own college experiences and favorite memories.
  - **Virtual College Tours**: Show short virtual tours of major universities during class. https://www.appily.com/virtual-college-tours

- **6-8 Activities:**
  - **College Colors Day**: Students/staff wear their favorite college t-shirt.
  - **College Spirit Contest**: Decorate doors or classrooms with college themes.
  - **College Alumni Parade**: Invite school staff members to share their college journeys with students.
- **9-12 Activities:**
  - **College Colors Day**: Students/staff wear their favorite college t-shirt.
  - **College Exploration Workshop**: Students use Schoolinks to explore college options. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6gleoEJvO0k
  - **Trivia Contest**: A college-themed trivia competition during lunchtime. https://www.funtrivia.com/quiz/world/locating-american-universities-52917.html
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Tuesday, November 17th: "Embody Your Dreams" (Career Exploration Day)

- **PK-5 Activities:**
  - **Career Dress-Up Day**: Students come to school dressed as their future profession.
  - **Career Day Presentations**: Parents and community members come in and talk about their careers.
- **6-8 Activities:**
  - **Career Dress-Up Day**: Students come to school dressed as their future profession
  - **Career Fair**: Local businesses and professionals host booths to discuss various career paths.
  - **Dream Job Drawings**: Students draw and share their "dream job" pictures.
- **9-12 Activities:**
  - **Career Dress-Up Day**: Students come to school dressed as their future profession
  - **Resume Building Workshop**: Students create resumes through Schoolinks, even if just for future summer jobs. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OATTjbwQQO4
  - **Guest Speakers**: Invite professionals from various industries to speak.
  - **Career Pathway Scavenger Hunt**: A fun scavenger hunt that leads students to explore different career pathways around the school. https://www.seedlingmentors.org/career-exploration-scavenger-hunt/
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Wednesday, November 18th: “Support our Current and Future troops" (Military Appreciation Day)

- **PK-5 Activities:**
  - **Military Uniform Day**: Students dress in camouflage or red, white, and blue.
  - **Veteran Appreciation**: Invite local veterans to talk about their experiences in the military.
  - **Salute to the Troops**: Students create thank you cards to send to military personnel. https://www.operationgratitude.com/volunteer/anywhere/letters/
- **6-8 Activities:**
  - **Military Uniform Day**: Students dress in camouflage or red, white, and blue.
  - **ROTC Demonstration**: Invite local high school ROTC programs to demonstrate drills or other activities.
- **9-12 Activities:**
  - **Military Uniform Day**: Students dress in camouflage or red, white, and blue.
  - **Military Panel**: Veterans, active military members, and recruiters share insights on military careers.

    - **ROTC/Enlistment Booths**: Schools set up booths for students interested in military enlistment.
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Thursday, November 19th: "Financial Literacy & Scholarships Day"

- **PK-5 Activities:**
    - **Earn Cash for Class:** Students dress in Money GREEN as they learn how to save for college.
    - **Penny Savings Challenge**: A fun savings challenge to teach students the value of saving money.https://www.savingadvice.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/365-Day-Saving-Money-ChallengeFilled-in.pdf
    - **Story Time**: Show children's videos about saving and financial literacy.
        - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8z8weiT_pm0
- **6-8 Activities:**
    - **Earn Cash for Class:** Students dress in Money GREEN as they learn how to save for college.
    - **Budget Simulation Games**: Teach students basic budgeting by simulating real-life spending decisions.
        - https://goventurelife.com/
    - **Saving for College**: Introduce students to concepts of college savings plans and scholarships.
        - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o4AgSmpCFIA
- **9-12 Activities:**
    - **Earn Cash for Class:** Students dress in Money GREEN as they learn how to save for college.
    - **Scholarship Search Workshop**: Help seniors search for scholarships using Schoolinks or other tools. aldineisd.org/scholarships
    - **FAFSA/TASFA Seminar**: A presentation on the importance of financial aid, with on-site FAFSA support.
    - **Mock Interviews**: Conduct mock interviews to prepare students for future job or scholarship interviews. https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/interviewing/interview-questions-for-student
- **12 grade focus:**
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Friday, November 20th: "CCMR Spirit Rally"

- **PK-5 Activities:**

    - **Commitment Day:** Students wear school colors and commit to being CCMR ready!
    - **College Pep Rally**: Each class represents a different college; fun games and activities to get kids excited about college.
    - **Goal Wall**: Students write down what they want to be when they grow up and place it on a school-wide goal wall.
- **6-8 Activities:**
    - **Commitment Day:** Students wear school colors and commit to being CCMR ready!
    - **Career Show & Tell**: Students bring in items related to careers they are interested in or have family members who work in.
    - **"Why College" Discussion**: Teachers lead discussions on why college matters and what opportunities it can bring.
    - https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZXVjdTrIOURwgUA9nBHR4M2vMVIMAm_00LVnLSiI2bI/edit?usp=sharing

- **9-12 Activities:**
    - **Commitment Day:** Students wear school colors and commit to being CCMR ready!
    - **Student Panel**: Students who have been accepted to colleges share their experiences and advice for underclassmen.
    - **CCMR Pep Rally**: A spirited pep rally celebrating college, career, and military readiness. Students could be encouraged to bring their acceptance letters or military enlistment papers to showcase.
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Outreach

- **Social Media Challenge**: Encourage students and staff to post pictures throughout the week using the hashtag #AldineCCMRWeek.