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What Sort of Child Grows Up to Be President of the United States?

See for Yourself at *“School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents”*

Atlanta, GA. - What sort of child grows up to be President of the United States? What were they like in elementary school or high school? What did they study; what activities did they pursue?

As the country prepares to select its next president, future presidents are attending school, taking tests, writing essays, playing sports or musical instruments and doing all the things children have done for generations.

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library is proud to present a fascinating new exhibit...*School House to White House: The Education of the Presidents*, beginning Saturday, September 13th. This family-friendly exhibition will engage visitors of every age and interest. Documents, artifacts, photos and films drawn from the collections of the National Archives twelve Presidential Libraries reveal fascinating details about 13 children, from Herbert Hoover to George W. Bush, who would grow up to be President of the United States.

The Washington Post says, “they were, at the start, fairly ordinary kids. And that's what this display celebrates. What all 13 shared, though, was the desire to learn new things and then do something with that knowledge. And that's something we all have in common.”

For example, in late 1925, a twelve year old boy in California wrote an essay in school saying that he “would like to study law and enter politics for an occupation so that I might be of some good to the people.” Just over four decades later, that boy, Richard Milhous Nixon, was elected the nation's 37th president. Richard Nixon's school essay is just one of more than 150 documents, photographs, artifacts and mementos that will be on display.

See the report cards of Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter, a school exam taken by Franklin Roosevelt and a young Bill Clinton with his kindergarten class.

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.

This is an exhibition the whole family will find fascinating.

The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am until 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon to 4:45 pm. Parking is free at the 35 acre Carter Presidential Center. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors (60+), military and students with IDs. Those 16 years old and younger are free.

For more information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov