

# PANTHER PRIDE

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## Braille Challenge - Update



As I sit down to write this article about the **2017 Oklahoma Regional Braille Challenge**, I can't help but remember the past 15 years of administering and scoring these tests.

LaQuana Sango and Alex Meyers reminded me of how much our Braille Challenge has grown. When they took their first tests in 2002, we had to schedule time during the school day, taking one test a day during a non-core class.

Their "prize" was having pizza on our last testing day and the self-satisfaction that they had done their best. No donors, no t-shirts, no medals. They made trips to the National Braille Challenge in Los Angeles in 2002 and 2003.

Their achievements at Braille Challenge, pleasure participating in a national program, and enjoyment celebrating braille motivated us to continue this program, growing it from a

handful of contestants to what it is today. **Thank you**, Alex and LaQuana, for handing out awards this year and reminding us how great the last 15 years of celebrating braille has been!

Wednesday night,



Braille Challenge contestants started the celebration with their peers at a great dance in the Recreation Center.

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## STATE TESTING !!!

**State testing will be April 3-21.**

Please assure that your student gets **plenty of rest** and will **arrive on time** to minimize the stress prior to testing.

Thank you.



# Braille Challenge (continued)

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Belinda Thomas did a great job organizing the dance and food, encouraging us to “dance it out” so we’d be ready to handle Thursday’s subdued, testing mood. I’m sure, even as I saw the contestants dancing to popular tunes, that they were thinking of braille dots and how they would use them on Thursday.

As many of you know, I have no idea what happens out of the score room during the Braille Challenge, so I rely on feedback from others to find out about the day. Proctors were impressed at how hard contestants worked. Some contestants were overwhelmed with the amount of braille and the proctors said they saw them take deep breaths and plunge back into raised dots. Contestants appreciated the proctors and enjoyed getting to know them. They liked learning about their links to braille. Our proctors included retired teachers of the visually impaired, current service providers, and even a vendor of assistive technology. Elsie, a retired OSB teacher’s guide dog, was a big helper, too, letting kids pet her and handing out dog kisses to anyone who passed too closely.

Apprentice, Freshman and Transition 1 contestants competed in Spelling, Reading Comprehension and Proofreading tests. Sophomore, Transition 2

and Varsity contestants took 4 tests: Speed and Accuracy, Reading Comprehension, Proofreading and Charts & Graphs. These tests are developed by braille literacy experts, designed to measure braille skills and how well contestants use braille to interpret written material.

Gratitude goes to every volunteer, who gave their time, expertise, and enthusiasm, many of whom drove from across the state to spend the day with us.



I truly appreciate your help proctoring and scoring a total of **109 tests!** Thanks also to everyone on campus who helped make this day run smoothly; feeding us, setting up and organizing rooms, and preparing activities for all our kids, to name just a few. We couldn’t have a Challenge without the support of our many sponsors who donated the money that purchased your prizes, medals and t-shirts.

### Sponsors included:

Braille Institute, Oklahoma School for the Blind, Humanware, Seedlings, National Braille Press, NewView Oklahoma, Sapulpa Lions Club, NanoPac, Frank Dirksen, Oklahoma AER, OK Council of the Blind, Liberty

Braille, Muskogee County Lions Club, and Chelsea Lions Club.

### Apprentice Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hunter Kelley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Story
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mykel Eagle



### Freshman Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kolten Pennington
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Xerek Hitchcock
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dayton Baccus

### Transition 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gabrielle King
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kishan Patel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Morgan Hudson

### Sophomore Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Katelynn Zampella
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hailey Baskeyfield
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elbin Carrillo

### Transition 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kaylee Ragon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Jackson-Morrison
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly Felkins

### Varsity Level

- 1<sup>st</sup> Richelle Zampella
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TaiYauri Thomas
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ariana Richardson

**Overall Apprentice and Freshman:** Hunter Kelley

**Overall Sophomore and Varsity:** Richelle Zampella



From Left:  
Dayton Baccus, Nick Jackson-Morrison,  
Richelle and Katelynn Zampella

# Updates from our Social Services Department



## "Caught Being Good" since February 20, 2017:

- ◆ Andrew Wagon - for showing respect by holding the door open at recess.
- ◆ Morning Star Clark - for being respectful by remembering rules.
- ◆ Trinity Lewis - for showing respect by helping another student with their work and for always helping and really going above & beyond.
- ◆ Malerie Levens and Trinity Lewis - for showing respect by doing more than their fair share of announcements.
- ◆ Angel Cozort - for respecting another student!
- ◆ Lori Cox - for respecting another student by helping them count money.
- ◆ Johnnie Davidson, John Duong, Tyler Duong, Ben Middleton, Seth Wedel, William Winston, and De'Poris Willis - for showing respect by helping with the dances in the Recreation Center.
- ◆ Cameron Hughes, Mathiew Noah, Kinzie Peters, and Preston Fenton - for showing respect by helping with the clean-up after the "Braille Challenge Dance".
- ◆ Ocie Webster and Xerek Hitchcock - for showing respect by helping clean-up after the "March Movie Night".
- ◆ Nick Jackson, Preston Fenton, Chris Shepherd, Nathan England, Ocie Webster, Tyler Duong and John Duong - for showing respect by offering to help clean up the Recreation Center.
- ◆ Kinzie Peters - for helping with the Blue Ribbon Tree.

Social Services Department  
 Sylvia Sterling  
 Jane Thomas



## Social Services News / Events - Updates

On March 9, 2017 some of our middle school and high school girls, Miracle Jones, Kaylee Ragon, Trinity Lewis, and Shannon Winter, travelled with me to the First Baptist Church in Muskogee to attend the **annual Spring Tea**.

There were approximately two hundred girls from local schools in attendance.

Carol Sallee, the guest speaker, spoke about **self-esteem** and taking care of yourself as a teenager.

She told them how important they are and to be proud of themselves... **"Don't be a follower, be a leader."**

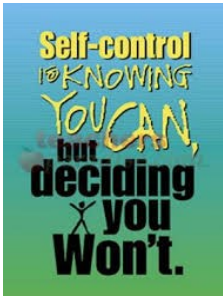


It was an interesting event and we all had a good time.

Kathy Barrett



# Social Services News / Events - Updates (continued)



As April begins, we notice that the weather starts to improve, and students realize that they would rather be outside playing, than being in the school building. This can make both, students and teachers, a little anxious.

Students begin acting excited and restless, and start talking more loudly than usual while still inside.

For this reason, we decided to remind students about **self-control**.

We will be reading the book "Decibela and her 6-inch voice." We will also try to help students understand the idea of **SELF-CONTROL**, defined as, *the ability to control one's emotions and desires, or the expression of them, in one's behavior.*

Self-control is often considered to be "**Will Power**."



Jane Thomas,  
Social Services



## 8 Ways Kids Can Calm Down Anywhere

- 1. Count to 5.**  
This teaches kids to stop and think before reacting to their anger
- 2. Take a deep breath.**  
This helps the child calm their bodies down quickly.
- 3. Blow into your hands.**  
This promotes deep breathing and lets the child have feedback and feel the strength of their breaths.
- 4. Place hands in pockets.**  
This provides deep pressure and physical restraint. An alternative would to sit on their hands or clasp them tightly.
- 5. Acknowledge antecedents to anger.**  
This shows them what happens to their bodies when they get angry.
- 6. Make a fist, then relax the hand.**  
This action shows a great release to remove the tension from the body.
- 7. Do a body scan.**  
Start at the head and work down your body releasing the tension and muscles.
- 8. Ask for a hug.**  
Hugs make everything better.

## PreK & KG News



The youngest "Things" at OSB were happy to leave for spring break on Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>, after spending two weeks enjoying Dr. Seuss stories.

Some of their favorites were **Hop on Pop**, when they had to hop onto bubble wrap while rhyming, **The Foot Book**, painting their feet, **There's a Wocket in My Pocket**, making "wockets" to carry around in their pockets, and of course **The Cat in the Hat** and his friends Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Kathy Adams

## Girl Scouts - Update



Girl Scout Troop 11224 will have its

**AWARDS meeting on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in A2 Dorm.**

This will be the **last meeting** of the year.

Thank you.

Troop 11224  
Leaders: Barbara Collins & Carla Cotney



# Oklahoma Close Up

## OSB students and staff get Close Up view of Oklahoma state government

Three students and two staff members from the Oklahoma School for the Blind were immersed in state politics recently as part of the **annual 4-day Oklahoma Close Up program** in Oklahoma City.



From Left: Richelle Z., Malerie L., and Logan D.

Senior Logan Deaton, Sophomore Malerie Levens of Owasso, and Sophomore Richelle Zampella of Muskogee said the Close Up experience,

which was held this year from Feb. 14 to Feb. 17, exceeded all expectations.

“I really didn’t know what to expect, and I am actually having a lot of fun learning about government,” Levens said. “I am really shy, but I really enjoyed shadowing (state) Rep. Cyndi Munson.”

“I enjoyed getting to go to the Capitol yesterday and shadowing the deputy for the superintendent of education,” Zampella said. “I feel empowered. I gained a lot of knowledge from coming here.”



For Deaton, this opportunity opened his eyes to future possibilities. “This was my first time to come here, and it really enhanced my interest in politics,” Deaton said. “I really liked the mock Legislature where you pass the

ills. Now that I have been here, there is an opportunity for me to look at opportunities in politics.”

Since 1981, the Oklahoma Close Up has partnered with schools across the state to engage and educate students about what is going on at the state Capitol.

The program has allowed more than 3,500 students to meet with governors and key leaders of the Legislature and the Judiciary.

The three students were accompanied by two OSB staff members including Social Studies teacher Jeremy Jackman and Marketing Education teacher Susan Mock.

“Close Up allows students to see and apply what they have learned in the classroom and see how exciting Oklahoma City or Washington, D.C. could be,” Mock said. “It helps firm up their opinions on potential careers and may open the door on some thought processes about their futures. I think it enlightens them that the universe goes beyond them and what they do matters on down the line.”

Mock said because they are engaging students they have never met before they are learning to advocate for themselves and contribute in a meaningful way to conversations that matter.

Jackman said Close Up offers real growth for students.

“They had an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers and hear different opinions,” Jackman said. “I think that is important. We can all have different opinions on

issues, but it does not mean we are not friends anymore. They are learning what it takes to pass a law, and I think the experience is really hitting home.”

The Close Up program is open to all Oklahoma high school students and program workshops give students a chance to explore their own ideas and share views with students from across the state.

Program activities include:

- ◆ Seminars with government officials
- ◆ Meeting with Legislators
- ◆ Tour the Capitol building
- ◆ Discussions about current issues
- ◆ Spend a day with a Legislator

Oklahoma Close Up is a non-profit organization modeled after the Washington, D.C. based Close Up program.

Brett Jones, DRS  
& Susan Young Mock

From left: Social Studies teacher Jeremy Jackman, sophomore Richelle Zampella, sophomore Malerie Levens, senior Logan Deaton and Marketing Education teacher Susan Young Mock.



# FCCLA - Ft. Gibson FCCLA Visits OSB Campus

By Ariana Richardson



Twelve students from Ft. Gibson's FCCLA chapter toured OSB at the end of February.

The tour was guided by Kaylee Ragon and began in the Library where Mrs. Collins and I explained and shared examples of the different types of reading materials and devices available to OSB students. They were quite fascinated and I enjoyed showing them the different tools we use at OSB.

The Ft. Gibson students got the opportunity to see our Assistive Technology lab where Richelle Zampella and Morgan Hudson demonstrated how people with visual impairments use computers, embossers, and Note Takers. They were amazed by the experience, and Richelle did a great job explaining everything in

detail.

Ft. Gibson students also toured Lowry Hall. They got to see the Independent Living Skills Department and look at the apartments. We shared how ILS and the apartment program work and why it is important for our students.

After the tour concluded, everyone headed to the FACS lab to have dinner, prepared by Mrs. Garner and some of our OSB FCCLA members.

Everyone enjoyed loaded baked potatoes, salad, tea, and pie!

Ft. Gibson students got to try some of the kitchen equipment we use in FACS class



and they had the opportunity to pour and eat blindfolded!

This part of the dinner definitely made me laugh. It was a great experience and it made me realize how hard it is for them to do things

blindfolded, that a visually impaired person does every day!



Everyone enjoyed getting to spend an evening together.

Our FCCLA members had a great time assisting with the tour, and representing our school.

"I thought it went pretty well," said Tai Thomas. "I want to do it again sometime."

"It was really fun getting to see the Ft. Gibson students eat their desserts blindfolded. I really enjoyed getting to meet all of them, I hope we get to do it again." said Richelle Zampella.



## Braille Club

The Braille Club had their last meeting on March 7 and finished with a **Root beer Float Party**. The kids had a great time.

I want to thank the parents of the students that participated this year. We spent time having fun and playing educational games to maintain their awareness and use of Braille.



The game they seemed to enjoy the most was **Jeopardy**, when we used the buzzers. We spent a lot of time doing that. They also liked **Braille Bingo** and it was a challenge for some of the students.



A big thank you to Mrs. Eckerson for coming in and helping with the students during Braille Club.

Parents, please encourage your child to read Braille every day, especially during summer months when they are out of school. Listen to them read so you know what they are reading.

Thank you again,  
Mrs. Ruby Barker

# PE News

The special Olympians traveled to Poteau, Ok for their "Track and Field" events.



We competed with teams from Poteau, Spiro, McAlester and others. Mr. Nick drove the bus and our helpers included Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Jones, Nurse Karla, and Mrs. Jones' daughter Laney! Jacob King's grandparents Rocky and

Linda met us there to cheer us on! Here are the results:

**Kolten Pennington**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 M run
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place softball throw

**Miracle Jones**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 M run
- 1<sup>st</sup> place softball throw

**Blazen Sitterly**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 M run
- 1<sup>st</sup> place standing long jump

**Lorenzo Rodriguez**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place softball throw
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place standing long jump

**Morning Star Clark**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 M run
- 1<sup>st</sup> place standing long jump

**Jacob King**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place softball throw
- 1<sup>st</sup> place standing long jump

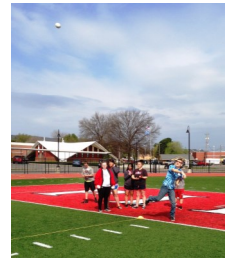
**Andrew Wagon**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 100 M run
- 1<sup>st</sup> place standing long jump

**Justin Whitmire**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place 100 M run
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place softball throw

Tera Webb



## Jump Rope for Heart



Just before spring break, the kids were given **donation forms** for the American Heart Association.

OSB students have **until April 10<sup>th</sup>** to collect

donations.

The funds raised by OSB, and others across the nation, are used to advocate and educate people on living healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke!

Last year we raised right at **\$150** as a small effort. ***I would love to see OSB double the amount this year!*** Teachers, that includes you too!

Anyone willing to donate to the American Heart Association can send their donation through a student or directly to the school, Attn. Tera Webb.

There are prizes available to those who raise funds!

\$5 = Rory McFiercely the lion and a lanyard.

\$15 = jump rope & previous level prize.

\$20 = Jade Shoots the panda & previous level prizes.

\$35 = Jenny Kicks & previous level prizes.

\$50 = T-shirt & previous level prizes.

\$75 = playground ball & previous level prizes.

\$100 = Finley Chillerton the penguin & previous level prizes.

**Let's raise some money and earn some prizes OSB!!**

Tera Webb

# Recreation "Rec" Activities - Updates

## 21 Feb 2017 - Alpha Theta Pizza Party



The sorority, Alpha Theta, visited our campus to bring amazing pizza, delicious homemade cookies, and soda for our junior high and high school students. The kids said that they had a lovely time, and wanted to thank Alpha Theta again for everything that those lovely ladies did for OSB.

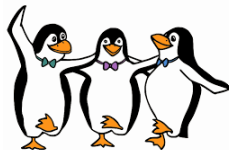
## 22 Feb 2017 - Bowling Night



OSB students and staff got to leave campus and enjoy

a great night with friends, arcade games, and bowling! The best part was the fried spicy pickles!!!!

## 01 Mar 2017 - Braille Challenge Dance



OSB students and staff got to enjoy the Braille Challenge Dance by singing and dancing to popular music on the dance floor, but they also got to celebrate and acknowledge the

challengers participating in this year's BC event and sing some well-known songs.

## 07 Mar 2017 - Movie, Popcorn, and Punch Night

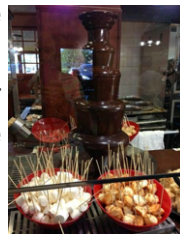


Our students enjoyed a lovely night filled with music and popcorn. The movie for this magical evening was the cartoon version of "Beauty and the Beast."

## 08 Mar 2017 - Elementary Dining Out at Golden Corral



OSB's elementary students enjoyed a magnificent night out at Golden Corral. The kids had so much fun eating whatever they wanted. The chocolate fountain was a huge hit with the kids!



## 21 Mar 2017 - Alpha Theta Bingo Night for Elementary



Alpha Theta sorority came to OSB and played

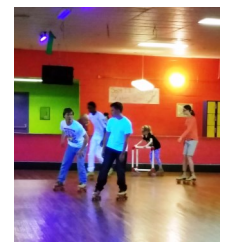
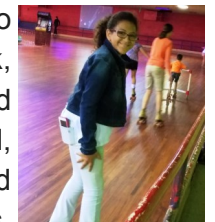
some epic rounds of Bingo with our elementary students. Every student won money as prizes for each Bingo and were able to buy soda and various snacks at the newly opened Panther Den.

Our students had an excellent time and want to thank the sweet ladies of Alpha Theta once again, **THANK YOU!!!!**



## 22 Mar 2017 - Skating Rink

Parkview students and staff were revved up about getting to go to the skating rink, where they skated till they dropped, played arcade and other video games, won prizes, and enjoyed snacks such as pretzels, pickles, Frito chili pie, etc.



# OSB Cookbook Update

We had a great response and the collection process is now complete. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed. Please watch for more updates on our progress.....

**OSB  
FAMILY & FRIENDS  
COOKBOOK**





## GOING THE EXTRA MILE - March 2017



Mike Bynum has worked so hard to get a long jump pit ready for the newly formed OSB Track team. He also marked out bocce courts! Thank you, Mike.

Tera Webb

Faye Miller, Gina Woods, Susan Young Mock and Marcella Bynum have been amazing in their efforts to help with the new OSB track team. They have been timers, sighted guide runners, coaches and moral support to me! I could not have done this new endeavor without their help! Thank you ladies, you are greatly appreciated.

Tera Webb

Thank you, Andrew Nail, for helping to organize me by installing a shelf in my office.

Gina Woods and Robert Miller, thank you for taking your Tuesday nights to play Goalball with us at the Center.

Faye Miller

Thank you to Becky LaRue, Marcella Bynum, Barbara Collins, Carla Cotney, and any others who sponsored scouting activities this year.

Jane Thomas

Thank you to Jana Ross & Ann Page for all their help.

Kathy Barrett

Thank you, Faye Miller, for organizing the Goalball events. After having the chance to tag along I have a better understanding of all the work you put into those visits, e.g. preparing dinner on a moving bus, keeping up with the kids that are all over the place, etc. Not to forget all the extra hours that you put in for each trip. **GREAT JOB !!!** Seeing the kids' reactions I believe it is greatly appreciated. They all seemed to have a lot of fun.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you "Mr. J.", Jay Stevens, for keeping your cool and keeping us safe, when we got hammered by hail on our trip to Goalball. I also thought you did a great job with the kids during our Quick Trip stop.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you, Mrs. Kathy Barrett, for putting in extra hours and organizing all of the testing schedules.

Mrs. Eckerson

Thank you for helping with the Blue Ribbon Tree: Lisa Yochum, Howard Ashwood, Belinda Thomas, Tonya Givens, Jeana Jones, and Mark Miller.

Rozann King

Thank you Tonya Givens and Jeanne Meyer for helping with

the Media Center this month. Your time, energy, smiles and expertise was just what I needed to continue to serve our students in the best possible way! I appreciate you!!

Barbara Collins

Kim Politte, Thank you for all you have done to assist me with the work of the Outreach department in Mrs. Holder's absence. You have been an amazing asset to our team! I appreciate your dedication to excellence!

Barbara Collins

Belinda Thomas, thank you for making the Rec Calendar available on a shared drive, so we have one less place to hunt down school events. It really helps us plan activities!

Faye Miller

Andrew Nail, thanks for putting up cane hooks by the playground. It is so much easier for the kids to find their canes, and the canes don't fall over and get stepped on.

Faye Miller

Becky LaRue, what a great celebration of Boy Scouts! It was fantastic to recognize their accomplishments and celebrate with them. Thank you for putting on a great banquet.



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## GOING THE EXTRA MILE - March 2017 (continued)



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And, thank you to all of the others who helped out that night. It was a delicious meal and a great ceremony.

Faye Miller

Thanks to Faye Miller, Maggie Mattox, Kathy Adams and Jane Thomas for your help with the OSB Cookbook! Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!!

Allison Garner

I'd like to nominate Becky LaRue for her hard work with the Boy Scouts. Despite the challenges we have encountered, she's hung in there. She is truly a hard-working individual. I couldn't ask for a better Boy Scout leader for our troop.

Ana Ledezma

Thank you

- ◆ To Mrs. Harris for working so hard to get back to OSB. We all missed you so much!!!!
- ◆ To Miss Maggie because you are still awesome!
- ◆ To Mrs. Admire and Ms. Isom for making birthday cupcakes

for the Karaoke/birthday night. The kids loved the pineapple ones!

- ◆ To Ms. Lisa Yochum. She is such a hard worker and goes above and beyond in her duties. Thank you so much!
- ◆ To Miss Brenda Plunkett and the cafeteria staff for all the hard work they all do for all of us.
- ◆ To Laci Goins for working day and night to make our year book look spectacular!

Belinda Thomas

Thank you Ms. Belinda Thomas for coming up with great evening activities to keep the kids entertained and busy.

Maggie Mattox

And a special THANK YOU to all the "behind the scene" workers, that keep everything running smooth, step in when needed and help out wherever they can. You are appreciated.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you, Barbara Collins, for taking on additional Outreach duties (incl. extra hours), on top of everything else. Between the library, your classes, girl scouts and Outreach, there is no wonder you are buzzing around like crazy.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you to Karen Bryan and Marcella Bynum for helping

with the food for the boy scout banquet. And a big Thank You to Ana Ledezma and Barbara Collins for their help with camping and events for the boy scouts.

Becky LaRue

Thank you to Ms. Cheryl Daniels for all the awesome service projects that help our local community and those in need. Whether it is our Veterans or our 4-legged friends, help is desperately needed and I am sure each project is highly appreciated by the recipients. THANK YOU to you and your students.

Maggie Mattox

**Thank you guys  
for going the  
extra mile.  
It is highly  
appreciated.**



# Oklahoma School for the Blind



## Summer Camp 2017

**Your child is invited to a fun filled 2 weeks of summer activities.**

Our focus this year is Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Geometry, Earth Science, Physics, Thermodynamics, and Chemistry, as well as extra fun with Wood Working, Art, Horticulture, and Independent Living Skills.

Special guests will come to the school and bring hands on presentations for the students to explore.

Evening activities will include swimming, skating, bowling, inflatables, picnics, and more.

Please [download the application from our website](#) or ask your student to bring a printed copy home.

**Also offered during this time is our annual [SUMMER READING program](#) (Grades 1-3). Please see our website for more detailed information, as well as for the application forms, requirements, etc.**

ALL completed application/s should be [returned to Mrs. Lynn Cragg](#) as soon as possible.

**=> Deadline for all applications is [April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.](#) <=**

**Camp Dates: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks)**

**Check-In: Sunday, June 4, 2017**

8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grades 1:00 - 2:00 pm

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Grades 2:00 - 3:00 pm

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Note: Grade level is referring to the grade the student just completed.**

Please note that both camp/s are 2 weeks long this year and are [residential programs](#). Students will go home on the weekend.



# April 2017

Dorms Open
  NO School
  School In Session

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
<b>April 3 - 21</b>		<b>STATE TESTING</b>
<b>Mon., Apr. 17</b>		<b>Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL - DORMS OPEN</b> <i>(Routes run)</i>
Tue., Apr. 18		Classes Resume
Thur., Apr. 20-22		SCASB Track
<b>Fri., Apr. 21</b>		<b>SCHOOL IN SESSION - OPEN HOUSE !!!</b>
Mon., Apr. 24		State Jazz Contest
Wed., Apr. 26		PROM at OSB gym
Fri., Apr. 28		Special Olympics "Bocce" at Tulsa

### Upcoming May Events:

Date	Time	Event
Mon., May 8		Jr. / Sr. Trip to Tulsa
Tue., May 9		Spring Concert & Activities Awards Banquet
Wed., May 10		Elementary "Good Behavior" trip to Incredible Pizza, Tulsa
Wed., May 17		Elementary Field Trip to Honor Heights Park, Muskogee
Mon., May 22		Middle & High School Field Trip to the Air Space Museum
Tue., May 23	1:00 pm	Elementary Awards Assembly
<b>Wed., May 24</b>		<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
	9:30 am	Middle / High School Awards Assembly
	12:00 pm	Graduation & Reception
Thur., May 25		Professional Development Day

# Recreation Activities

## APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Dorms Open Open Rec	3 Dining Out at China King for Jr & Sr High	4 Movie, Popcorn, and Soda Night at 6:30 pm	5 Round Up Club Spring Outing at 6:00 pm	6 Home Going	7	8
9 Dorms Open Open Rec	10 Cook Out and Outside Rec at 6:30 pm	11 Kite Craft Night at 6:30 pm	12 A Night at the Roxy at 6:30-8:30 pm	13 Home Going	14	15
16	17 Dorms Open Open Rec	18 April Show- ers Dance at 6:30 pm	19 Swimming at 6:30 pm	20 Kite Flying Night & Outside Rec at 6:30 pm	21 Home Going	22
23 Dorms Open Open Rec	24 Boy Scouts and Outside/ Open Rec at 6:45 pm	25 Happy Birth- day Party at 7:00 pm followed by	26 Open Rec / Minecraft Tournament at 6:30 pm	27 Home Going	28	29
30 Dorms Open						

**Recreation - 918-781-8200 - Ext. 8278**

ALL Calendars are "subject to change". - Please visit our website <http://osb.k12.ok.us> for updates.

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## OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

# NO changes reported for March.

# Happy Birthday !!!

## April Birthdays

### Staff

Christine Timmreck	Apr 1
Chris Ferrell	Apr 4
Lynn Cragg	Apr 13
Maggie Mattox	Apr 18
Shawndra Johnson	Apr 27
Jennifer Ogle	Apr 30



### Students

De'Poris Willis	Apr 2
Chris Shepherd	Apr 4
Skyler Moore	Apr 6
Lorenzo Rodriguez	Apr 14
Rayce Phillips	Apr 20
Morning Star Clark	Apr 27



*You are cordially invited to attend the*

*Ray Kirk Memorial*

*Sensory Garden Dedication*

*Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>*

*1:00 p.m.*

*Reception following*

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*Open House tours will begin at 10:00 a.m.*

*After garden dedication, there will be  
student demonstrations  
and abbreviated tours upon request.*