

PANTHER PRIDE

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Outstanding Teacher Finalist

Congratulations to Mrs. Ruby Barker! Mrs. Barker was a finalist as an outstanding Oklahoma Elementary Teacher by Professional Oklahoma Educators at a banquet on April 13, 2018 at the Petroleum Club in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Barker is about to complete **39 years as a teacher** and 32 of those years have been at OSB. Mrs. Barker has taught 6th grade at OSB for many years. She has

been the Chairman of the Braille Committee and the sponsor of the Braille Club. Mrs. Barker is a very caring teacher and works hard to make sure all of her students are successful. She also serves as a mentor for other teachers and is always willing to share her vast knowledge with others.

**WAY TO GO
MRS. BARKER !!!**

Lynn Cragg



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Special points of interest:

- Creek County Literacy Spelling Bee
- FCCLA State STAR event & FCCLA State Convention
- Give Back Day
- Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma
- Student Corner
- Boy Scouts & Venture Crew
- Class of 2018

Jump Rope for Heart



Once again, we participated in the **Jump Rope for Heart** campaign for the American Heart Association. This year

we raised \$549.64 for the American Heart Association!

Heart disease and stroke are 2 of the top killers in our nation.



The American Heart Association funds research for pediatric
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Students of the 4th Quarter are:

Elementary - Priscilla Diaz

Middle School - Gianna Loepp

High School - Ariana Richardson



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and congenital heart defects, advocates for improvements in physical education/nutrition in schools, supports Play60 with the NFL to encourage kids to be active, and so much more.

Our donation will help support the American Heart Association continue these efforts!

Thank you to parents and kids who worked to raise the \$549.64. Top fund raisers will be recognized at the end of year award ceremonies.

Look for us to raise more funds next year around

Spring Break 2019!!!



Tera Webb

Creek County Literacy Team Spelling Bee



From Left:

Richelle Z., Kaylee R., and Brianna B.

What's all the buzz about?

By Kaylee Ragon

On Thursday, April 5, Richelle Zampella, Brianna Brenna, and me, Kaylee Ragon, otherwise known as **OSB's Braille Bees**, traveled to Sapulpa High School for the **20th Annual Creek County Literacy Team Spelling Bee**.

Brianna, Richelle, and I came in with confidence ready to spell any word thrown at us. For the past three years, (2015, 2016, and 2017) our team has won in the Schools category. In 2014, Brianna and another student won in the category, as well. This year we were ready to win another trophy!

Winning the Schools category advances you to the **Ultimate Stinger Round** which

declares the overall winner. Only the top teams from each category (*banks, schools, public businesses, etc.*) advance to the Ultimate Stinger Round. In this round, once you miss a word, you're out. Last year, we were just one word away from winning this, so this year we had our antennas on and were ready to sting the rest of the competition. We worked together and correctly spelled all 36 words, winning us yet another trophy for being the best school. We were also awarded with the best team name! (*Thanks to Mrs. Miller!*)

The first word, **reconnaissance**, with fourteen letters took out two of the final four teams. After spelling **lorikeet**, we waited anxiously for the correct spelling of the word to come up on the screen. Next thing we knew the other remaining team was out and **we were declared winners**.

Everyone at our table was swarming with excitement! The three of us ran over to where they presented us with the big trophy that you'll see in the front office.

Even though it's a traveling trophy, we hope to keep it with us for a while.

I think I speak for all three of us when I say we are very thankful for the Lions Club for sponsoring us, as well as Mr. Miller for driving our crazy bunch and keeping us laughing the whole time. Though I think the biggest thank you goes to our coach, Mrs. Miller, for always having words of encouragement, and studying with us before, during, and after school.

We know everyone was cheering for us back at school and we can't wait to see what next year will bring.

Sadly, we will be losing an important team member this year. **GOOD LUCK Brianna**, and never stop spelling in whatever you do after you graduate!



Way to Go !!!

Social Services Department - News, Tips, etc.



It's never too late to be caught being good....
So keep up the good work students!!
We are proud of you all!

"Caught Being Good"

- ◆ Allen Alender - for helping other students understand concepts.
- ◆ Brianna Brennan - for providing students who have been absent with her Environmental Science notes.
- ◆ Malerie Levens - for stepping up & helping other students without being asked.
- ◆ Adan Duran-Gonzalez and Gerardo Rodriguez
 - for helping other students with supplies for classwork and for helping other students get their Braille writers and other materials to the Rec. Center this week gladly, without complaining and a willingness to do it.
- ◆ Koree Wilkerson - for helping a friend in need.
- ◆ Mannon Moore and Josie Cox
 - for being very kind, thoughtful and helpful to two "littles" on the playground!!!
- ◆ Priscilla Diaz - for helping students get to classes at various times without complaining.
- ◆ Kaylee Ragon - for bringing me a birthday donut, she made herself that morning. (Ms. Maggie)
- ◆ Kaylee Ragon & Dee Willis - for singing Happy Birthday to me. (Ms. Maggie)
- ◆ William Winston - for bringing me a picture with Happy Birthday wishes. (Ms. Maggie)

Social Services Department
Sylvia Sterling

Recognition of Students at OSB

Last summer I had the opportunity to involve 5 of our Braille students in the **norming of the Braille format** of the "Woodcock-Johnson Achievement IV" testing.

It was my honor to test the following students:

Hunter Kelley, Elbin Carillo, Kolten Pennington, Katelynn Zampella, and Richelle Zampella.

Thank you for offering your time to this project for OSB and other Braille students.

Sylvia Sterling
School Psychologist

Word of the Month for May is "Flexible"



Word of the month for May is "Flexible".

What is Flexible or Flexibility?

Flexibility is used in various situations and is **defined** as

"the ability to adapt to new situations, improvise, and shift strategies to meet different types of challenges".

Examples:

- ◆ **The quality of bending easily without breaking**, e.g. "Players gained improved **flexibility** in their ankles" or "The tree is flexible and adjusts easy to strong winds."

- ◆ **The ability to be easily modified**, e.g. "I enjoyed the flexibility of the schedule".
- ◆ **The willingness to change or compromise**, e.g. "a person or organization has shown flexibility in applying a new policy".

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In real life we are constantly required to be flexible, for example

- When taking a test that contains both multiple choice and essay questions, a person has to be flexible / able to easily switch between the formats to be successful.
- **OR** ... Imagine you're driving somewhere, and discover that a street you were planning to turn onto is blocked off for construction. Your initial plan for reaching your destination obviously isn't going to work. So you instantly come up with a new way to get there.



That's what flexibility is about - being able to quickly switch

gears and find new approaches to solve problems.

Many children/people with learning and attention issues struggle with flexible thinking, which plays an important role in how someone learns and adapts to new information in many areas, such as reading, writing, math, learning a language, studying, and/or everyday life situations as mentioned before.

Flexibility involves:

- ◆ Adapting successfully to changing situations and environments.
- ◆ Keeping calm in the face of difficulties.
- ◆ Planning ahead, but having alternative options in case things go wrong.
- ◆ Thinking quickly to respond to sudden changes in circumstances.
- ◆ Persisting in the face of unexpected difficulties.

Flexibility requires:

- ◆ The ability to switch gears and look at things differently.
- ◆ The ability to “unlearn” old ways of doing things.

If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude.

Maya Angelou

God grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, the **courage** to change the things I can, and the **wisdom** to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr

15 'Positive-Thinking' Exercises That Will Make Anyone Happier

- 1. Forgive yourself.** Constantly beating yourself up about things that have gone wrong won't change them. Tell yourself that you're forgiven for your mistakes and allow yourself to move on.
- 2. Learn from the past.** The past is behind you and no matter how badly things went there is nothing you can do to change them. Whenever you feel negative thoughts about the past come up, replace them with positive thoughts about the future.
- 3. Remember things could be worse.** No matter how bad things get, remember that they could be worse and be grateful for all the good things that are in your life, even when it seems there's more bad than good.
- 4. Come up with ideas of how to turn negative thoughts into positive ones.** If you find yourself thinking you should have done this or that differently, try changing your thoughts around. Instead give yourself credit for what you did do, remember that you are not perfect or that you can do better next time.

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5. **Be glad your life isn't boring.** If nothing good or bad ever happened to you, likely you'd start to get pretty bored with your life. Take everything that is coming to you as a challenge and a way to keep yourself busy and interested in your life.
6. **Look at the big picture.** Is that parking ticket you got a bummer? Of course. Will you still feel bad about it later this week? This month? Learn to let go of the things that don't really matter.
7. **Let go of the past.** It doesn't determine your future so why focus on it? If you feel yourself ruminating on the past make a conscious effort to take your thoughts in another direction.
8. **Benefit from the attitudes of others.** Have a friend that always knows what to say to make you feel like things will be alright. Take comfort in those around you that have positive attitudes and can make you feel better about anything going on in your life.
9. **Do something nice.** Want to feel better? Try doing something nice for someone you care about. You'll get to feel good for being nice and you just might make someone else's day.
10. **Remind yourself of your blessings.** Whether you feel blessed by your family, your friends or even that you have just food to eat each day, remind yourself of these things, however small you may feel they may be.
11. **Say thank you.** Most of us have a lot to feel grateful for that we simply take for granted. Thank those in your life that make it better and happier to get a positivity boost for yourself as well.
12. **Be playful.** There's nothing to lift your mood and change your thinking like taking some time to embrace playfulness and your inner child.
13. **Watch your favorite sappy movie.** Get a quick pick me up by watching your favorite movie or just your favorite scenes. You'll get a smile or a laugh and forget whatever was getting you down.
14. **Engage in physical activity.** Working out releases chemicals that give you a mood lift. Take a jog, play a sport or just walk around the block to improve your outlook.
15. **Explore the world around you.** Distract yourself from your negative feelings by embracing your sense of adventure. Check out a part of town you have never been to, take a day trip to a local museum, or just spend time reliving the happy memories from things around your house.

Regional Spelling Bee

This year's **Eastern Oklahoma State Spelling Bee** was held on Friday, April 06, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Muskogee Civic Center.

OSB's sixth grader Katelynn Zampella competed against students from all over Eastern

Oklahoma. Katelynn made it successfully through the first round, but unfortunately went out when asked to spell the word "caballero". How many of us could spell it?

The Eastern Oklahoma State Spelling Bee is filled with many,

many very difficult words and we are proud of her for participating.

Way to go Katelynn!!



Kathy
Adams

FCCLA State STAR Events - 1st place for Kaylee Ragon !



Congratulations to Kaylee Ragon on her win at FCCLA State Star Events!

Kaylee recently presented an original story about friendship to a panel of judges in Stillwater at the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology. Kaylee wrote an e-book called "Izzy's Friends".

Contestants were required to create and present an original children's book for children three to five years. In addition, Kaylee had to include a front and back cover, 15 content pages, a minimum of 17 pictures/shapes and three sounds.

Kaylee used an app called **Book Creator** to craft her story. Kaylee's tale centers on a little girl with a visual impairment. Readers attend Izzy's first day of school and learn about the challenges she faces as she navigates her new school and makes friends.

Kaylee stated, "The hardest thing about the contest was actually developing the concept or the direction I wanted to take the story. This experience has given me the opportunity to bring awareness to visual impairments and gave me a platform to teach others about being visually impaired."

Kaylee has an interest in pursuing an early childhood degree, and teaching children with visual impairments. She enjoys writing and felt she had a message to convey to others when meeting someone with visual impairment or disability.

Way to go Kaylee, we are very proud to have you represent the OK School for the Blind and our FCCLA chapter.

Allison Garner

(Please also check out Kaylee's article in the Student Corner)

Library News - April & May

Easter Fun!

April was an **egg-cellent** month for the Library Media Center!

Our classes did some really creative Easter crafting! Some of our projects including Styrofoam eggs, wooden eggs, and water-color bunnies. The Library also had a special visitor that gifted each elementary class with Easter surprises.

Braille Special Collection Order

There's still time to fill out a form for Special Collection Braille books! The Braille Institute catalog has **free Braille books** available for kids and teens, but **only until April 30th**. Please use the form at the end of

this newsletter, so you don't miss out!

Congratulations!

As graduation approaches, the Library Media Center would like to send **special congratulations to our class of 2018 graduating seniors!**

We wish each graduate the very best in their futures!

We'd also like to recognize the classes of Mrs. Leatherman & Mrs. Gamble as **this semester's 'Super Library Users'**.

These 4th & 5th graders checked out a grand total of **328** books!

Thanks to everyone, for making your OSB Library Media Center such a great place to be!

Sarah McClendon



Water Color Bunny



Styrofoam Egg



Water Color Bunny



Wooden Egg

Give Back Day 2018



Another successful **Give Back Day** (GBD) is in the books!

On March 28th, groups of high school and middle school students went to several places around Muskogee to provide service to the community in various ways.

Five different groups in all had morning assignments, met back



on campus for lunch break, and then continued through the afternoon. Students did

Lunch Break at an array of the OSB gym activities which included visiting Dogwood Creek Retirement Center, the Gospel Rescue Mission, a Muskogee Azalea Clean Up site, the Muskogee Food Bank at United Methodist Church, as well as helping out around campus.

Each location had its own set of responsibilities:

- ◆ At **Dogwood Creek**, students visited and played music for the residents.
- ◆ The **Gospel Rescue Mission** put us to work sorting through and packing up a linen room. A couple of people that have been through the program explained the organization's

purpose to us and rapped a song for us.

- ◆ We put bags together and handed out food to families at the **food bank**.
- ◆ The groups picking up trash were cooperating with the **Muskogee Azalea Clean Up Program** gearing up to make the city look its best for the annual Azalea Festival.
- ◆ **“On Campus” clean up** involved cleaning the auditorium, disinfecting preschool toys, cleaning the gym, washing windows and more.

“I enjoyed giving back to my community. My favorite part was putting the food packs together at the food bank for the people there to pick it up.”

- **Malerie Levens**, 11th grader.

“I enjoyed performing for the retirement home and making it such a special day for them.”

- **Ariana Richardson**, 11th grader.

“My favorite part of Give Back Day was that I got to pick up trash even though it was filthy.”

- **Conner Hilton**, 11th grader

“I liked talking to the residents in the nursing home.”

- **Tai Thomas**, 11th grader

Thank you to everyone who helped out with GBD!

Thanks to all the teachers and DCS that went out with the groups and to the maintenance/janitorial staff that worked with kids on campus.

Thanks to Brenda and the kitchen staff for being flexible for lunch that day.

Thank you to nurse Karla for helping out one of the groups and to Ms. Maggie for helping us keep track of what kids were absent that day.

Cheryl Daniels



Selfie fun during lunch break!
Ms. Daniels & Lorenzo R.



Mr. Jackman, Mr. Carden, and Mrs. Woods with their group of students.



Conner H. (left) assisting Mr. Jackman



Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma's "Call Me Madam"

Founded in 1963, Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma is the state's leading professional theatre company. Lyric produces classic and contemporary musicals and plays created by artists from Oklahoma and around the nation. Shows are presented at two Oklahoma City venues — the intimate, 279-seat Plaza Theatre and the grand, 2,477-seat Civic Center Music Hall. Lyric is a nonprofit member theatre of the National Alliance for Musical Theatre and Allied Arts.

Lyric is proud to be Oklahoma's leading professional theatre and continually strives to produce Broadway-caliber productions for Oklahoma audiences.

Among various programs, they offer **Lyric's "Arts Outreach" - Musical Interactive** for schools in Oklahoma.

Musical Interactive brings musical theatre to schools across the state at **NO CHARGE**. This highly interactive, highly engaging educational experience gives students across Oklahoma the chance to be part of a truly one-of-a-kind production.

On March 29th, we had the pleasure to welcome the Lyric Theatre to OSB for their performance of "**Call Me Madam**" (a satire performance).

This musical tells the story of Perle Skirvin.

All About Perle

1889: Pearl Skirvin was born on October 12th in Sturgis, MI. She would later change the spelling of her first name.

1906: Perle moved with her family to Oklahoma City, OK. Her childhood home is still in the Mesta Park neighborhood, which is named after her.

1917: She married George Mesta, owner of Mesta Machine Co. in Pittsburgh, PA. She was 27 years younger than he.

1925: April 22nd, George Mesta died. Perle inherited his fortune. She would never remarry.

1930s: Perle became involved with the National Woman's Party.

1944: By now, Perle had switched her affiliation from the Republican party to the Democratic party.

1945: On April 12th, Harry S. Truman became the 33rd President of the United States.

1949: President Truman named Perle as minister to Luxembourg.

1950: 'Call Me Madam' opened on Broadway on October 12th, Perle's 61st birthday.

1953: Perle resigned as minister to Luxembourg; received the Grand Cross of the Crown of Oak.

1975: Perle died on March 16th in Oklahoma City.

Perle's 8 Rules to Being a Hostess with the Mostes'

1. Like the people you invite;
2. Make everyone of your guests feel wanted. Don't let anyone stand looking lost;
3. The quality of food is more important than the quantity. Be sure that hot food is hot and the cold food is cold;
4. Do not urge people to eat more than they desire. Some may naturally have small appetites; others may be on diets;
5. Try to have some kind of music, even if it is recorded. If there is a lull in conversation, music fills the gap;
6. Do not ask your talented guests to perform. If you're entertaining them put them in a good mood, they undoubtedly will;
7. The hostess should always look her best because it is a compliment to her guests;

8. Don't fret. Tell yourself before your first guest arrives, I've done all I can - now let's enjoy things and see that everyone has a good time!

The INTERACTIVE STAFF did two performances for us, one for PreK-6th grade and one for our MS-HS students.

The kids seemed to have a lot of fun and we are looking forward to next year's performances.

THANK YOU LYRIC THEATRE!



Student Corner

SECRET REPORTER !



Prom was amazing!

I got to ride in a classic taxi cab from 1947.

The venue for our prom was the Muskogee Akdar Shrine / Bedouin Shrine Temple.

I loved taking pics in the photo booth and they even played some of my favorite songs, which I loved dancing to.

We had Mexican food catered from Fajita Rita's and cake pops that were absolutely amazing!

We had our prophesies told by Babba Kareem. She was quite funny.

It was so exciting when my good friends Sara and Joey were voted for prom king and queen.

I loved this year's theme sequins and ties. I felt

like a queen in my super bling dress!

Your Secret Reporter



SECRET REPORTER



Take a guess...

Who is THIS edition's secret reporter ?

Turn in your guesses to Ms. Laci Goins at lgoins@osb.k12.ok.us

The first one guessing correctly wins the challenge and he/she will win a small price.

Let the fun begin!

SPECIAL THANKS to the **CRUISING ANGELS**, for their **AWESOME RIDES** (vintage cars). **THANK YOU, ANGELS!**

Give Back Day 2018

Give Back Day - March 28, 2018 - Group 3 by Halle Stout

Group 3 happened to be a large group that got split up into smaller groups.

This year for Give Back Day students went around school cleaning on campus before going off campus to a place where there was trash that had to be picked up.*)

Mr. Butler was making sure that the students of group three that were with him and Mrs. Mock,

such as Julie Bookout, Gabby King, Joey Owens, Thomas Raines, and myself, were cleaning either windows, pianos, or anything else that needed to be cleaned. He sent us to the East Lobby and then to the West Lobby making sure that we were all cleaning well enough.

Then Mr. Butler drove Mrs. Young Mock and the students listed above, plus Johnnie Davidson, a short way away from school where there was trash to be picked up. But since it was super

wet outside from the rain, he just drove the mini van around where trash was spread out.

He had Johnnie get out of the van where there was trash, had him pick up the trash before getting back on the van, just to get out and do it again.

*) part of the Muskogee Azalea Clean Up Program

Student Corner - continued

FCCLA State Convention - by Kaylee Ragon

On Thursday, April 12th, Mrs. Garner and I traveled to Oklahoma City for the FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) State Convention. State Convention provides an opportunity for hundreds of students from across the state to attend workshops, view exhibits, vote on state officers, and reveal the winners of **STAR** (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events.

Upon arrival, it was time for the opening ceremony. State officers introduced important guests, presented scholarships, and my favorite part, listening to Hoan Do, the keynote speaker.

Hoan is a motivational speaker, and competed on American Ninja Warrior. He shared his struggles, his successes, and kept us engaged. He talked about how we need to get rid of the negative self-talk, or in his words, "that whack song playing in your head". He encouraged us to change the station. His funny personality, determination, wisdom, and ability to relate made him my favorite

speaker of the day. Some of the quotes that really stuck with me were: *"The bigger the setback, the bigger the comeback."*, and the one that had us all on our feet chanting, *"Hold up! That is whack! Because the truth is, I am the bomb! Hold up! That is whack! Because the truth is, I eat problems like this for breakfast! Hold up! That is whack! Because the truth is, the bigger the setback, the bigger the comeback!"* Although we felt a little silly, it definitely inspired us.

Afterwards Mrs. Garner and I found our way to the voting table, where I got to cast our chapter vote for the 2018-2019 State Executive Council (state FCCLA officers).

Before we knew it, I was lining up backstage for the STAR Events Awards Ceremony.

I took my place and waited anxiously for the Children's Literature event to be called. Finally, it was time! One by one, they called our schools, Marietta 3rd, Tuttle 2nd, and finally,

Oklahoma School for the Blind 1st!



We stood on stage proudly before running off to our advisors for big congratulations, and the awards reception. I was able to visit with my fellow contestants and new friends.

For my final workshop. I chose to see Hoan Do speak again, he spoke about how setting goals is one thing, and achieving them is another. Lastly, we attended the closing session where the new state officers were announced and the outgoing officers said their goodbyes.

It was a great experience and I encourage all our FCCLA members to attend.

I'm eager to see our chapter continue to grow in population as well as participation. Doing a STAR Event gives you the chance to travel, make new friends, and show off your skills as well as learn new ones.

Random Thoughts from students

Positivity

Today, if you don't like doing anything, push yourself to doing something.

If you set your mind as a positive mind instead of a negative mind you can think more and make a lot of

friends.

When you are active all day your mind is focused on something, so your mind is not negative.



John Duong



Recreation Activities by Belinda Thomas

5 April 2018 - The Bunny Hop Dance



The Bunny Hop Dance was hoppin'!!! We danced, sang, cheered, laughed, and ate the night away. As we listened to the oldies and new age, we feasted on chips and dip, cookies, little smokies, and punch. All the students were worn out by the end.

10 April 2018 - Outside Rec / First Day of the 3rd Annual Minecraft Tournament

This day was the first day we got to go outside after school. The rain and the gloom disappeared for a little while so we enjoyed running in the fresh grass and feeling the crisp spring breeze on our skin. Around 7:30 pm, we went inside for Open Rec and kicked off our **3rd Annual Minecraft Tournament!!!!** (While having Open Rec). The winners will have a choice on what prize they will be receiving, the prizes are a Creeper beanie, the Minecraft Card Game, and the Minecraft Construction Manual.

We did not get to complete the preliminaries; however, the mission and the challengers were as follows:

- ◆ Build a pirate ship, with at least one sail, in water, with supplies, animals, and treasure chests.
- ◆ Time allowed 30 minutes.

Besides this tournament being fun to compete in, it also helps students with learning how to

follow directions, pay attention to details, and after the required items are built, the students can use their imagination to decorate the project.

The competitors:

Xerek H. verses Josie C.
=> **winner Josie C.**

Dee W. verses Hunter K.,
assisted by Levi S.
=> **winner Dee W.**

Jerry R. verses Levi S.
=> **Winner: Levi S.**

Ocie W. verses Noah D.
=> **Winner: Ocie W.**



From Left: Jerry R., Levi S., Ocie W., and Noah D.

11 April 2018 - Jr. / Sr. Prom Movie Night / Open Rec for all students that where not at the Prom

While most of the high school kids were gone, OSB decided to have a twofold event. Open Rec for individuals that just wanted to hang out and a movie for everyone else. This night was just a 'sit back and relax' night. The movie that was played in the auditorium was **Rio**. A movie about a bird raised in captivity that is socially awkward and gets lost in South America.



17 April 2018 - Outside Rec / Second Day of the 3rd Annual Minecraft Tournament

After finishing up the initial Minecraft Tournament entries, we moved to round two!!

- ◆ The build off for this round will be a light house tower, by the water with an ever burning light, with vines and other vegetation growing on the stone, and a dock for boats. Other than that, this build off is open to the imagination!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Due to going outside and enjoying the amazing weather, round two was postponed to the following Tuesday (04/24).

Note: Outcome of Round 2 was not available in time for the newsletter.

18 April 2018 - Movie Night for MS / HS Open Rec for Elementary

The Middle and High School students voted to watch **Wonder Woman**.



Therefore it shall be done!!!!!!

MS/HS students and staff got to lounge in the comfy seats of our auditorium and watch this super hero movie following the early life, training, and evolution of what we know today as **WONDER WOMAN!!!**

Recreation Activities - continued

24 April 2018 - Outside Rec/ Third Day of the 3rd Annual Minecraft Tournament

Team Info and Winners were not available in time for this newsletter.

Upcoming activities 04/25-05/16

25 April 2018

- Swimming at Muskogee Swim and Fitness

01 May 2018

- Talent Show followed by Open Rec

07 May 2018

- Happy Birthday Party for Summer birthdays

09 May 2018

- Movie Night for All Ages

REC closed for Graduation Prep.

Students' TOP 10 Picks:

Trivia and Riddles

"I love learning new things with riddles and such." - Levi Smith

Bowling

"I used to be on a bowling team in my home town, so I enjoy bowling in general." - Chris Shepard

Swimming

"Swimming is a great sport and it allows us to come together as one!" - Tyler Duong

Open Rec/Video Games/Avatar

- Dee Willis

Outside Rec

"It is more fun. I get to socialize with more people, and I love taking pictures of the sunsets." - Mikel Gentry.

Seasonal Tea Making Nights

"I love it! I like the different flavors, all the diversity with it and all the cultures it comes from. I recommend everyone do it to explore different types of taste!" - Cameron Hughes

Workout Room

"I like it because it gives us more a variety of activities that we don't get when going outside, and we can work out no matter what the weather!" - Joey Owens

Minecraft Tournament

"The tournament shows their [students] creativity, and helps them become inspired and think outside the box!" - Lorie Cox

Circus

"I really loved riding a real life elephant." - Tai Tai Thomas

Woodland Hills Mall

"Going to Tulsa to Woodland Hills Mall gives us [students] the opportunity to get out of our comfort zone, and work on our mobility skills, as well as our social skills. We also get to go off campus and shop till we drop!" - Malerie Levens

Service Learning Class "Randomness"

Ms. Daniels' Service Learning class has various projects throughout the school year. One of them is to help Elementary students.

They do various activities with their students, such as reading to them, playing with them, etc. Here are just a few pictures observing some of their interaction with the "little ones".



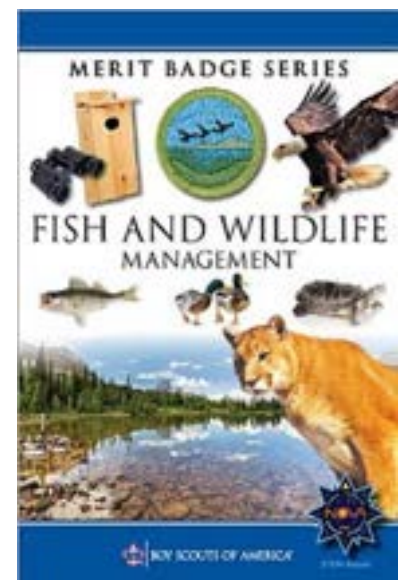


Boy Scout 672 & Venture Crew 672 Robbers Cave Weekend At Wilburton, OK

Thursday, May 3 - Sunday, May 6, 2018 Fish & Wildlife Management Merit Badge Event

Members of the OK Dept. of Wildlife Conservation will be working with our scouts to assist them in earning their Merit Badges in the areas of Fish & Wildlife Management and Fishing. We will also have the opportunity to partake in a variety of activities within the State Park.

**All event materials provided by:
Oklahoma Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
6733 SW Highway 1
Wilburton, OK 74578**



GOING THE EXTRA MILE -



Following employees were nominated for their devoted support of our students, staff and school:

I would like to nominate

- ◆ Laci Goins for working so hard to make prom a success for the students.
- ◆ Robert Miller for always being "on call" for technical issues.
- ◆ Allison Garner for allowing staff and students to use her kitchen as a lunch & breakroom and for hedgehog-sitting over spring break.

Cheryl Daniels

I would like to nominate Dwayne Estep, maintenance. He is always so friendly and works really hard. He takes initiative and doesn't mind stopping what he is doing to help out.

Laci Goins

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to Tressy Anderson, Tammy Featherston, Avonda Harris, Munekia Moore, and Sylvia Sterling for helping getting our young ladies ready for Prom.

I would also like to nominate

- ◆ Ms. Thomas for helping students with homework and planning great recreation activities.
- ◆ Mr. Baccus for helping a lot of students and adults with many issues.
- ◆ Avonda Harris and Ana Ledezma for helping out in the dorms.
- ◆ Dwayne Estep for doing a great job painting the ladies' restroom on the 3rd floor.

Sylvia Sterling

Thank you

- ◆ Ana Ledezma for my awesome dragon balloon!
- ◆ Tera Webb for helping me with any random questions that I didn't understand for an upcoming test. You greatly helped me out with real world application on the subject matter.
- ◆ Mr. Culie for letting me borrow the movies Rio and Rio 2 for a movie night for Rec.

Belinda Thomas

A huge Thank You to ALL the staff that helped decorate and set up for the Prom, as well as taking it down afterwards. Your help is greatly appreciated.

I also would like to thank William Grayson for making my birthday a very special day at work. He went above and beyond to decorate my office doors, so nobody could "forget",

and even got me cake and ice cream. THANK YOU!

Thank you Tonya Givens and Ronna Johnston for always proof-reading my newsletters and for everything else that you help me out with. It is greatly appreciated.

Maggie Mattox

I would like to give special THANKS to Tonya Givens for helping me with my DLM enrollment. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Karen Reed

Thank you guys for going the extra mile.

It is highly appreciated.



Very **SPECIAL THANKS** goes to our supporters from the **CRUISING ANGELS**, for taking the time and bringing their **AWESOME RIDES** (vintage cars) to make the ride to the prom special for our kids. **THANK YOU, ANGELS!** It meant a lot to the kids and it made it a day they won't forget.

And of course to our **Shriners** for letting us use their facility and for always being huge supporters of OSB. We greatly appreciate all you do for our school and our kids.

Happy Birthdays

STUDENTS

May

Anthony Bloehmer	5	1
William Winston	5	8
Mykel Eagle	5	9
Halle Stout	5	14
Liam Ritchie	5	19
Morgan Hudson	5	21
Elbin Carillo	5	23
Cameron Hughes	5	23
Julio Valdez	5	28

June

Kinzie Peters	6	1
Johnnie Davidson	6	2
Nathan England	6	5
Alyn Walker	6	5
Katelynn Zampella	6	5
Benjamin Middleton	6	10
Allen Alender	6	13
Gunner Harris	6	19
Jake Marsh	6	21
Shannon Winter	6	25
Brittany Bales	6	26

July

Gabby King	7	5
Priscilla Diaz	7	8
Jillian Matthews	7	12
Lydia Bradley	7	20
Blake Priddy	7	21
Mannon Moore	7	24
Tyanna Culley	7	27



STAFF

May

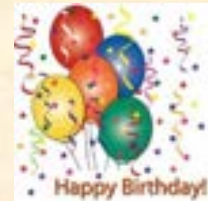
Brenda Plunkett	5	4
Tamara Featherston	5	6
Karen Sanders	5	6
Tonya Brooks	5	9
Nancy Brice	5	12
Linda Adams	5	15
Tera Webb	5	15
Sylvia Sterling	5	16
Gina Woods	5	17
Michael Bynum	5	18
Darlus Reeves	5	25
Ronna Johnston	5	29

June

Paul Butler	6	4
Marcella Bynum	6	7
Tressy Anderson	6	10
Vickie Pofahl	6	14
Bobby Carter	6	19
Belinda Thomas	6	25
Laura Leatherman	6	29

July

Cheryl Daniels	7	7
Kathy Adams	7	11
Ann Page	7	18
Sacnite "Sandy" Harrison	7	20
Tonya Givens	7	27





May 2018

Dorms Open
 NO School
 School In Session

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SUMMER BREAK - until August 12th (Enrollment Sunday) - Classes resume Aug. 13th						

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Mon., Apr. 30	12:30 pm Time tbd	CPR Training for Seniors mandatory "Apple" training for teachers
Tue., May 1	time tbd Time tbd	Peek A Boo Petting Zoo field trip (PreK-2nd grade) - Classes: Adams, Ross, Thomas - mandatory "Apple" training for teachers
Wed., May 2	6:00 pm	"OSB Got Talent Show" in auditorium
Wed., May 2	9:00-3:00	Honor Heights Park field trip (3rd-6th grade) - Classes: Eckerson, Leatherman, Gamble, Barker -
Thur., May 3	8:30-2:15	7th-12th grade field trip to Philbrook Museum, Tulsa - John Bramblitt event -
Tue., May 8	6:00 pm	Jazz Band Spring Concert Followed by Activities Awards Banquet
Wed., May 9	9:30-3:30	Incredible Pizza, Tulsa field trip (3rd-6th grade) - Classes: Eckerson, Leatherman, Gamble, Barker -
May 9-10	all day	Jr/Sr Class Trip to Branson, MO
Wed., May 16	9:30 am	MS / HS Awards Assembly
	12:00 pm	Graduation, followed by Reception
Thur., May 17	10:30 am	Elementary Awards Assembly LAST DAY OF SCHOOL !!!
Fri., May 18		Employee Recognition Teacher "Check Out" for summer break

May 18-Aug.12 SUMMER BREAK - NO SCHOOL - CAMPUS CLOSED



OSB Summer Camps (Grades 1-12)
 & OSB Literacy First
 Reading Program
 June 4 - 15



IMPORTANT
 Enrollment Sunday: Aug. 12th
 1st Day of School/Classes:
 August 13th

Recreation Activities

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Talent Show at 6:30 Open Rec to follow	2 Outside/ Open Rec at 6:30 pm	3 Home Going	4	5
6 Dorms Open Outside/ Open Rec	7 Happy Birth- day Summer at 6:30 pm Outside/Open Rec to follow	8 Outside/ Open Rec at 6:30 pm	9 Movie Night at 6:30 pm Open Rec to follow	10 Home Going	11	12
13 Dorms Open Outside/ Open Rec	14 Rec closed for Graduation Prep	15 Rec closed for Graduation Prep	16 GRADUATION DAY!!!!	17 Last Day of School Home Going	18	19

SUMMER BREAK !!!

Have a great & fun summer. We'll see you at Summer Camp &/or in Fall.

Recreation - 918-781-8200 - Ext. 8278

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



Brittany Bates
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Broken Arrow



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Muskogee



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Felix



Joey Evans
Broken Arrow



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Principal: Lynn Crapp
Dean of Students: Shawna Coplin
Sponsors: Cheryl Daniels, Laci Gains

Class Flower:
Hydrangea: means emotion & understanding

Class Song:
"Twisted" by Owl City

Class Colors:
Blue & Gray

Class Motto:
"Opinion doesn't see with the eyes, but with the soul."



Thomas Raines
Tahlequah



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OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

New Hires:

None at this time

Retirements:

None at this time

Separation:

Amy King left OSB effective 04/23/18

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS !!! - Save the Date/s !!!

May 1	6:00 pm	OSB's annual "OSB Got Talent" show
May 8	6:00 pm	Jazz Band's annual Spring Concert, followed by Activities Awards Banquet
May 16	9:30 am	MS / HS Awards Assembly
	12:00 pm	GRADUATION, followed by Reception
May 17	10:30 am	Elementary Awards Assembly
		LAST DAY OF SCHOOL !!!

Please see our monthly calendar (page 16) for more detailed information regarding upcoming events, class trips, etc. THANK YOU.



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