

# PANTHER PRIDE

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## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We are very excited to have all our students back and are looking forward to a great new school year with lots of opportunities academically and after school.

Despite a crazy start, as usual, we already have a

lot of things going on and would like to take this moment to let you know what we have in store for our students.

We also have several fundraisers throughout the year and would love your support.

Lets make this an awesome year for our students, teachers and staff, who always strive to do their best.

Together we can make a difference.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Maggie**

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Girl & Boy Scouts News
- ☺ Blue & Gold Fundraiser
- ☺ Character Education
- ☺ FCCLA News
- ☺ Western Heritage Day
- ☺ Academic Team News



## School Pictures

Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - 2:00 pm

### 2014-2015 - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Update

#### "A" Honor Roll

##### Elementary:

Priscilla Diaz  
Katelynn Zampella

##### Middle School:

Richelle Zampella

##### High School:

Logan McCoy

#### "B" Honor Roll

##### Elementary:

Khatungi Bryant  
Lorie Cox  
Garrett Kennedy  
Hannah Lindsey  
Scott Moore  
Skyler Moore  
Kolten Pennington

##### Middle School:

Tommy Phelps  
Kaylee Ragon  
Ariana Richardson  
Tai' Yauri Thomas  
Michael Thompson

##### High School:

Holly Felkins  
Sara Graber  
Tyler Hendricks

Cameron Hughes  
Mark Katigan  
Jacob Morgan  
Garrett Nicholas  
Joey Owens  
Jennifer Ratliff  
Lorenzo Rodriguez  
Regan Spaulding  
Halle Stout  
Destiny Tanyan  
Andrew Wagon  
Shaylin Wells

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#### Update - Students of the Quarter for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

**Elementary:** Hannah Lindsey **Middle School:** Chris Shepherd  
**High School:** Lorenzo Rodriguez

#### Update - Students of the Quarter for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Elementary:** Shannon Winter - **Middle School:** Tai Y. Thomas  
**High School:** Tesla Nakedhead

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



# Girls Scouts & Boy Scouts (NEW!)



We are happy to see everyone back and hope you had a wonderful summer. Now it's time to get back into the swing of things.



This year we will be having **BOY SCOUTS**, too.

**How exciting!!!!**

Mr. Donald Baccus and Mr. Paul Butler are the scout masters, Becky LaRue, Kimberly Politte and Whitney Baccus will be den leaders for the boy scouts.

Girl Scout leaders are Becky LaRue, Marcella Bynum, Carla Cotney, Karen Croftchecks and Barbara Collins.

Anyone wanting to help with the girl scouts &/or boy scouts, please let me know.

We are working on a lot to do with the girl and boy scouts and we need all the help we can get.

To help raise money for dues and fees for the clubs we will be selling **Blue and Gold Sausages** (see below for details).

There will be a **Boy Scout leader training on August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Upcoming Girl Scouts events:

- ◇ **September 9<sup>th</sup> Brownies & Juniors** Kappa Delta sorority is putting on an event **"Exploring around the world"**. See the different cultures, foods, activities and dances. \$5.00 per girl.



- ◇ **September 25-27 Juniors and up - Jamboree** *Are you ready*



*to do some CAMPING ???*

If so, the Jamboree is a camping experience you don't want to miss. Sleeping under the stars, eating what you cook. No Baths or Showers for 2 DAYS. Cost is **\$20.00 per girl**. You must have a tent and sleeping bag. Let me know if you don't.



- ◇ **October 3<sup>rd</sup> Thin Mint Sprint 5k Run** \$18.00 per girl.

Lets have some fun !!!

Becky LaRue



## Blue & Gold Fundraiser

To place your order you can contact any of the girl scouts or you may contact Marcella Bynum at [mjbynum@osb.k12.ok.us](mailto:mjbynum@osb.k12.ok.us) &/or by phone at 918-781-8200.

All orders with payment have to be received no later than

**September 14,**

for your order to be placed.

Marcella Bynum

**Blue and Gold Sausage SALE**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup> - September 14<sup>th</sup>**

Sausage	\$7.00
Bacon	\$16.00
Chicken	\$20.00



## 4-H

4-H will have their **first Bunny Show** on **September 8 at 6:00 pm** in the OSB gym.



There will also be a **4-H meeting** on **September 15 at 5:30 pm.**



*Thank you.*

Marcella Bynum

# News from our Social Services Department



Don't forget this year we want to commend our students who are "Caught Being Good" by reporting to Mrs. Sterling.



The students will be reinforced for their act of "Caught Being Good" with 2 panther bucks, a laminated fish, a "Caught Being Good" bracelet, and their name in the newsletter. Let's have a great year helping others.

## August Student/s "Caught Being Good"

- ◆ Priscilla Diaz - for helping another student on the playground.



Social Services Department  
Donna Ausmus  
Jane Thomas  
Sylvia Sterling



**EXPLORE testing (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) will start on  
October 5<sup>th</sup> !**



## Character Education

We have a new student intern in the Social Services department. Mrs. Cindy Allen will be with us throughout the first semester.

She and I will be visiting the Elementary classes each month doing a character building lesson called "Character Education." This series has been highly successful nationwide.

The Character Education word of the month for August is

### Flexibility



This term is something helpful to all family members when we make the change from summer vacation to the beginning of school.

month, and will be reminded to apply these ideas as they go through their daily routines.

We will keep you aware of the character building word each month.

Jane Thomas,  
Social Services Specialist  
& Cindy Allen,  
Student Intern



Character Education teaches young students personal traits such as learning to share,

and showing respect for each other.



Students will be exposed to a new Character Education term each







## FCCLA News

Any student, who is enrolled in a **Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) class** or has previously taken classes, may join FCCLA.

Membership **dues are \$15 and must be paid by September 15<sup>th</sup>** to Mrs. Tonya Givens.

Students who participate in the FCCLA LEAD Conference and the district meeting are required to **dress business casual**.

This includes, black or khaki dress pants (no cargo pants) and dress shoes; no tennis shoes or sandals.

The FACS Department will provide students with a FCCLA polo shirt to wear for the day. Shirts will be returned following the meeting.

### Upcoming 2015 FCCLA Dates:

#### September 9

LEAD Conference  
Camp Tulakogee Wagoner  
9 am – 1 pm

#### October 21

District Leadership Meeting  
Ft. Gibson High School  
9 am – 1 pm

#### December 3

FCCLA District  
STAR Events  
9 am – 2 pm



Allison Garner,  
FACS teacher  
& FCCLA sponsor



## Space Camp

Each year Ms. Cheryl Daniels. This year Space Camp will be held from **September 19-25**.

HS Science teacher, takes selected OSB students to "Space Camp".



Look for a detailed article with pictures of their adventures in one of our next editions.



## OSB PTO News - Western Heritage Day



Western Heritage Day at the Silver Spur Western Lodge will be on **Wednesday, September 30**.

We will have further information as the event gets closer.

The **Oklahoma Quarter Horse Association** has a lot of fun activities planned including:

- ◆ the mechanical bull



- ◆ rock climbing wall
- ◆ stage coach rides
- ◆ Fishing



- ◆ carousel pony rides
- ◆ roping a dummy calf
- ◆ and more.

### Reminder:

- ◆ All permission slips and insurance forms **must be completed and returned by September 21, 2015** or your student will be unable to attend. **We cannot take verbal permission this year.**
- ◆ Also **NO flip-flops or open toe shoes.**

Linda Graber,  
OSB PTO

# OSB Academic Teams



## Academic Team

students.

The competition will assist learners in appreciating the opportunities of advancing their knowledge.

In the past, the OSB Academic Team has successfully blended fun and fancy with learning and academics.

OSB has two Junior Varsity teams who compete in the Oginali Conference.

We started practices the first week of school and competitions will run through to Thanksgiving Break.



The purpose of the Academic Team is to enhance the learning and intellectual pursuit of

We will travel to various schools across Eastern Oklahoma and play numerous games during this time.



## Academic Team

**Team members for 2015-2016 are:**

### Parkview Blue

Logan McCoy, Regan Spaulding, Jennifer Ratliff, Logan Deaton, Richelle Zampella

### Parkview White

Brianna Brennan, Jonathon Phelps, Joey Owens, Ariana Richardson, Kaylee Ragon

Laci Goins  
& Faye Miller

## Oginali Schedule 2015-16

### August

25 Conference meet at Tahlequah

### September

1 Conference meet at Tahlequah Sequoyah

15 Conference meet at Roland

22 Conference meet at Muldrow

29 Conference meet at Hilldale

### October

20 Conference meet at Ft Gibson

27 Conference meet at Checotah

### November

3 Conference meet at Sallisaw

10 Conference meet at Hilldale

# Muskogee Super Hero Fun Run

I have received information on the **Muskogee Super Hero Fun Run** for this year.

This year they will be honoring Christy Biggs.

Christy is the mother of former OSB student, Ashley Biggs, who died in a car crash this last spring.

The run will be

**October 3, 2015**  
at Honor Heights Park.



I will have copies available in the front office for anyone that would like to participate.

You must register by

**September 25<sup>th</sup>**

to receive a t-shirt.

There is also a form to be a sponsor if anyone is interested.

Lynn Cragg,  
Principal

# SAVE THE DATES . . .



## Oklahoma Cane Quest

**Thursday,  
December 10, 2015**

Cane Quest® is a challenging orientation and mobility program designed for students in grades 3-12.

Scouts (grades 3-6) team up with a sighted adult and earn coins as they navigate a route that demon-

strates mastery of basic orientation and mobility skills and sighted guide techniques.

Explorers (grades 7-9) and Trailblazers (grades 10-12) contestants are given auditory instructions and challenged to safely complete secret routes in their community using proper travel techniques and appropriate cane skills. Contestants are monitored at all times at the event by certified volunteers. They are accompanied one-on-one by a trained 'Shadow' to ensure they stay safe on the route.

### Visual Classifications

**B1:** No light perception in either eye up to light perception, but inability to recognize the shape of a hand at any distance or in any direction.

**B2:** From ability to recognize the shape of a hand up to visual acuity of 20/600 and/or a visual field of less than 5 degrees in the best eye with the best practical eye correction.

Students may wear a sleep shade in order to compete as a B1. O&M instructors must complete an application verifying the visual classification of their student.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in Explorers and Trailblazers. Scouts exchange their collected gold coins for prizes. All students will receive a commemorative t-shirt and certificate for participating in a Quest.

Faye Miller



## Oklahoma Regional Braille Challenge

**Friday,  
February 26, 2016**

Oklahoma Regional Braille Challenge is a national program of the Braille Institute® hosted by the Oklahoma School for the Blind.

It is **the only national braille literacy competition of its kind in the country**, and is specifically designed to challenge and reward

students for their study of braille, which is essential to their future academic and employment success.

Regional students who score among the top 60 nationally are invited to Braille Institute in Los Angeles for a final competition in June!

Braille Challenge contest categories include reading comprehension, braille speed and accuracy, proofreading, spelling and reading tactile charts and graphs.

All students in **grades 1-12**, who use braille, are invited to participate.

First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in all categories. All students will receive a commemorative t-shirt and certifi-

cate for participating in the Challenge.

### Contest Categories

**Apprentice – grades 1-2**  
offered in UEB only

**Freshman – grades 3-4**  
choice of EBAE or UEB

**Sophomore – grades 5-6**  
offered in EBAE only

**Junior Varsity – grades 7-9**  
offered in EBAE only

**Varsity – grades 10-12**  
offered in EBAE only

Faye Miller

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**It does not take eye sight to have a vision!**

Please check out our website at:



## 2014-2015 YEARBOOKS (\$25)

**Yearbooks are now available.**

Please contact **Ms. Laci Goins** - lgoins@osb.k12.ok.us - if you would like to purchase one.

The **OSB Running/Walking Club** will meet in the East Lobby on **Sunday afternoons at 5:20** and on **Wednesday afternoons at 4:20**.

Members should be ready to start the warmup within 5 minutes so we can start our actual paced workout in a timely manner. Our goal is to conclude our workout in 25 minutes and spend our 5 minute cool down walking to dinner.

Please remind the members to **be on time and ready to move out.** Thank you for your assistance and support.

Susan Young Mock

## ALL Year Fundraisers

**Barbara Collins**, librarian, is **collecting Box Tops** and **old ink/toner cartridges** to raise money for the school.

**Ruby Barker**, Elementary teacher, is **collecting Education** and **Soup Labels** to raise money for the school.

**Brenda Plunkett**, cafeteria supervisor, is **collecting pop cans** to raise money for the school.

**Kim Politte**, Rec. Center, is **collecting pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis for children that go to St. Jude for treatment.

Each fall, the Ronald McDonald House of Memphis asks the community to help "pick up the tab" by collecting pull tabs off soda cans, pet food, canned vegetables etc. and collects them at their annual **Pop-Tab-Palooza** event.

*The pop-tabs are recycled in order to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House. Collectors should deliver their pop-tabs during this time to be weighed and the top donors are awarded*

*across a variety of categories. There are awards for the most pop-tabs per grade level, age group, and the individual with the most pop-tabs. The local business, organization, or group that donates the most is also awarded. The Pop-Tab-Palooza promotes more community-minded children, supports children and families in need, and helps the environment at the same time.*

*For more information about **Pop-Tab-Palooza** call (901) 312-7466 or email pop-tabpalooza@rmhc-memphis.org.*





# September 2015


	1	2		3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

 Dorms    
  NO    
  School

## Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Tue., 1st	5:15 pm	Leave for Academic Team Meet at Tahlequah Sequoyah
<b>Mon., 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL - Dorms Open -</b>
Tue., 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CLASSES RESUME</b> 
	6:00 pm	4-H Rabbit Show at OSB gym
Wed., 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Girl Scouts - Brownies &amp; Juniors - "Exploring around the world"</b> 
	9 am - 1 pm	FCCLA Lead Conference, Wagoner
Fri., 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>SCHOOL IN SESSION !</b>
Tue., 15 <sup>th</sup>	4:05 pm	Leave for Academic Team Meet at Roland
	5:30 pm	4-H Meeting
Fri., 18 <sup>th</sup>		½ Day Professional Development
Sat., 19 <sup>th</sup> - Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup>		Space Camp
<b>Mon., 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>School Pictures</b> (Retakes Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup> @ 8 am) 
Tue., 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4:30 pm	Leave for Academic Team Meet at Muldrow
Fri., 25 <sup>th</sup> - Sun., 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Girl Scouts - Juniors &amp; up - "Jamboree" Camping Trip</b> 
Tue., 29 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 pm	Leave for Academic Team Meet at Hilldale
Wed., 30 <sup>th</sup>		Western Heritage Day at <b>"Silver Spur Horse Ranch"</b> (ALL School) 

### Upcoming Events - October 2015:

	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Girl Scouts' "Thin Mint 5K Run" 
	Mon., 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thur., 8 <sup>th</sup>	Muskogee Super Hero Fun Run
	Tue., 13 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade "Explore Testing"
		White Cane Day
	Wed., 21 <sup>st</sup>	FCCLA District Leadership Meeting at Ft. Gibson
	Wed., 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>School Pictures - RETAKES</b>





# SEPTEMBER 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Civitan Park 6:30 P.M.	2 Open Rec 6:30 P.M.	3 Home Going	4	5
6	7 Dorms Open	8 OSB Bunny Show	9 Open Gym 6:30 P.M.	10 Open Rec 6:30 P.M.	11 Home Going	12
13 Dorms Open	14 Swimming 7:00	15 Open Rec 6:30 P.M.	16 Woodland Hills Mall High School 5:00 P.M.	17 Home Going	18	19
20 Dorms Open	21 Arrowhead Mall Elementary & Jr High 5:00 P.M.	22 Open Rec 6:30 P.M.	23 Outside 6:30 P.M.	24 Home Going	25	26
27 Dorms Open	28 S'mores 7:00 P.M.	29 Outside 6:30 P.M.	30 Open Rec 6:30 P.M.			

\*\*CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\* Kimberly Politte, Recreation, 918-781-8200 Ext. 8278

