

PANTHER PRIDE

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Teacher Recognitions

By Lynn Cragg

I would like to let everyone know about two of our teachers that have received commendations at the end of October.

First, **Laci Goins** was a finalist in the **We Love Teachers contest** from Arvest Bank.

She has received **\$500** to spend for classroom materials.

Arvest gave out 160 \$500 cash prizes to teachers from across Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri.

Tera Webb has been nominated for **Teacher of the Day**.

Her story ran on Channel 6 at 6:00 a.m. on November 9th. I hope you had a chance to watch it.

CONGRATULATIONS, ladies.



Impactful Teacher

With the new struggles due to COVID-19 and the continued financial hardships schools and teachers find themselves in, KOTV/Channel 6 and T-Mobile have partnered together to help do their part in recognizing the impact educators have on our families' lives and the hard work it takes to make that impact. As part of that, Channel 6 is asking viewers to

nominate the teacher they believe most deserves to be celebrated and to be recognized for all of their hard work and dedication.

Each month, one teacher will be selected from the nominations received and will be officially honored as an **"Impactful Teacher"**.

We are proud to congratulate Ms. Laci Goins, who was

nominated and selected as this month's "Impactful Teacher"!

Ms. Laci Goins will be recognized on December 17th during the "Early Morning News on 6" show. We hope you will have a chance to watch it.

CONGRATULATIONS MS. LACI.



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Special points of interest:

- Teacher Recognitions
- Impactful Teacher
- CDC program for Educators
- Foundation gift
- Mini Grants
- Board/Wall/Door Contest
- Virtual Field Trip to NY city
- Job Shadowing

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Students of the 1. Qtr.:

Elementary: **Kesslee Travis** - Middle School: **Skyler Moore**

High School: **Emileigh Jackson**



Tera Webb selected for CDC program for Educators

Oklahoma School for the Blind Physical Education Teacher, Tera Webb, was selected for a new CDC program.

Project **SWITCH** has selected Oklahoma School for the Blind Public Schools' Physical Education Teacher, Tera Webb. She was selected to be one of sixteen physical educators in the state to participate in a CDC leadership program designed to assist schools in adjusting to the challenges of COVID-19.

According to Shana Classen, Director of Health and Physical Education, Oklahoma State Dept. of Education, Project **SWITCH** (**S**trengthening **W**ellness and **I**mproving **T**eachers and **C**hildren's **H**ealth) is a one-year

supplemental program from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) with the goal of providing training and assistance to schools on the implementation of the CDC's COVID-19 school-based guidance in the areas of physical activity, chronic disease management, social emotional climate, nutrition services, and supporting high risk/vulnerable populations.

As part of the project, Mrs. Webb will attend monthly meetings and receive additional trainings. A region of the state will be assigned to each member of Project SWITCH, and physical educators like Mrs. Webb will conduct virtual Communities of Practice meetings to

disseminate CDC information and provide professional support to individuals at other schools in the region.

Congratulations Tera and **Thank You** for all your hard work.



Blood Drive Update



Hello Mrs. Garner,

Oklahoma Blood Institute is so grateful to you for your recent blood drive.

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting cancellations have seriously impacted the blood supply, and we are thankful that you hosted this blood drive to ensure that patients in hospitals across the region receive the lifesaving blood they need.

Your organization is to be commended for stepping up to give during a tremendously hard time.

22 signed up to donate at

the Oklahoma School for the Blind, and 19 were able to do so – **each one of them saving up to three lives!**

You may like to let donors know that they could receive a personal message of appreciation from their blood recipient through the **Thank the Donor** program.

Thank the Donor allows blood recipients to e-mail thank you messages, photos, and videos to

their individual donors, while maintaining privacy.

Messages, such as the one below, are received by blood donors through Thank the Donor:

Thank you,
Lucy Laird

Senior Account Manager
Oklahoma Blood Institute



"Thank you for giving blood to help save my seven-year-old with cancer."



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"

- ◆ Miracle Jones helped younger students.
- ◆ Avery Dollar helped younger students.
- ◆ Rayce Phillips helped a friend.
- ◆ Genevieve Fitzgerald helped another student.
- ◆ Scott Moore helped a friend.
- ◆ Abby Norton helped a friend.
- ◆ Delilah Howell held the door open for the elementary students.
- ◆ Jacelynn Shields helped a friend find their class.
- ◆ Jaylee Burnside helped a student to the swing.
- ◆ Ryan Horton was thoughtful and caring.
- ◆ Josie Cox lend a helping hand to other dorm mates when they got turned around.
- ◆ Stephanie Story is always willing to help with anything on the dorm, helps dorm parents & other dorm mates.
- ◆ Annicka Weller stopped to let someone go in front of her & is a sweet friend.
- ◆ Nikki James is always doing errands & helping fellow dorm mates.

Bailey Ross,
Counselor

Word of the Month - Encouragement



Encouragement

- the action of giving someone support, confidence, or hope.

Encouragement

builds up hope and hope creates a community.

Here are some sections of an article by **Dr. Jane Nelsen**

Rudolf Dreikurs taught, "A child needs encouragement like a plant needs water." In other words, encouragement is essential. Children may not die without encouragement, but they certainly wither... Since encouragement is so essential, it's helpful for parents and teachers to know exactly what encouragement means and how to use it. Let's start with what encouragement is

not.

Encouragement is Not Praise

Praise is not encouraging because it teaches children to become "approval junkies." They learn to depend on others to evaluate their worth. Research by **Carol Dweck, Ph.D.** a professor at Stanford University, has now proven what Adler taught years ago. Too much praise is not good for children. Dweck found that praise can hamper risk taking. Children who were praised for being smart when they accomplished a task chose easier tasks in the future. They didn't want to risk making mistakes.



On the other hand, children who were "encouraged" for

their efforts were willing to choose more challenging tasks when given a choice. As Dreikurs said, "Encourage the deed [or effort], not the doer." In other words, instead of, "You got an A, I'm so proud of you," try, "This report card shows how hard you worked. You must be learning a lot!"

Encouragement Is

Encouragement is helping your children develop courage - courage to grow and develop into the people they want to be. Courage to feel capable, to be resilient, to enjoy life, to be happy, contributing members of society, and, as Dreikurs said, "To have the courage to be imperfect," to feel free to make

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mistakes and to learn from them.

So, now I must go back to what encouragement is not.

Encouragement is not rescuing, fixing, over-protecting

What would happen if the mother bird felt guilty about pushing her baby bird out of the nest so it will learn to fly? The baby bird would not survive. How well do our children survive when they don't develop their disappointment muscles, their resiliency muscles, their delayed gratification muscles, and their courage to be imperfect muscles? When parents rescue, fix, and overprotect, they rob their children of the opportunity to learn that they can survive disappointment; that they can survive the ups and downs of life and learn many life skills in the

process.

How to Encourage

Positive Discipline tools such as the following are designed to be encouraging to children:

- ◆ [Family Meetings](#) and [Class Meetings](#) where children learn to give and receive compliments and learn to brainstorm for solutions to problems.
- ◆ [Curiosity Questions](#) to invite children how to think instead of what to think - and to give them a sense of choice to use their personal power for social responsibility.
- ◆ [Letting Go](#) so children have opportunities to learn and grow - mistakes and all.
- ◆ [Show Faith](#) in children so they



can develop faith in themselves.

- ◆ Spending [Special Time](#) to make sure the message of love gets through.

There are many more - all designed to be empowering instead of enabling. A new Positive Discipline tool is called Energetic Encouragement.



<https://www.positivediscipline.com/articles/encouragement-what-does-it-mean-and-how-it-done>

Library Book Monster

By Abby Norton

A monster has taken up residence in the OSB Library and his name is **Hager**.

Hager is a book eating monster. He thinks his purpose is to have fun but really his favorite thing to do is eat books. He says they taste a lot better after they've been read, so he wants everyone to read more books!



Hager found his way to the library from the smell of all the tasty books. To him a book

smells like cake or pies baking. He followed the smell from his home through the building, and was overjoyed when he saw the stacks of freshly read books on Mrs. Jackman's desk. Then he ate them!

He is the size of a black bear. He has a green face, wooly fur and stringy blonde hair. He has a big nose for smelling books and a snaggle tooth mouth for chomping them up. His eyes are like marbles closely set together. His ears are perked up, always listening for a story.

Mrs. Jackman said: "At first I was taken aback by this book eating

monster. Then I noticed my clean desk, and I thought, this could be the beginning of a beautiful relationship."

Big thank you to Mrs. Jackman for taking the time out of her busy day to answer my questions, I really appreciate it!!!



Foundation gives gift to OSB



By **Brett A. Jones, DRS**

Oklahoma School for the Blind recently received a generous donation from the **Nix**

Foundation, which covered the cost of a covered walkway that will lead to the gymnasium.

The Nix Foundation was founded

in 2007 by James and Mildred Nix. Since then the company has granted money to non-profit organizations. To learn more about the Nix Foundation, visit their website.

Patsi Nix Smith and Jimmy Nix gave the donation in memory of a family member who attended OSB.

OSB Superintendent Rita Echelle said she was happy to receive the gift from the Nix Foundation and the process of beginning the project will start as soon as possible.



OSB receives Mini Grants

By **Faye Miller**



Five mini grants were awarded by the **Oklahoma Foundation for the Education of Blind Children and Youth**.

The Foundation established the mini grant program in 1997 and since that time has awarded over \$50,000 in 60 mini grants to enhance educational opportunities for students with visual impairments across Oklahoma.

Mini grants are awarded to teachers with consideration to educational needs and benefits to the students and hopes they provide resources which will assist these students with visual impairments gain greater access to their educational curriculum.

Teachers evaluate their students' needs and determine the most appropriate specialized materials to help meet their needs.

This year, over \$3000 was distributed in 5 mini grants.

Three teachers at the Oklahoma School for the Blind received \$2000 in grants to purchase curriculum and other special materials for their classrooms.

Cassie Shelton, literacy coach at OSB, is excited to use her grant money to get new reading resources from a phonemic awareness curriculum. She will be able to purchase skill-based lessons to build reading skills. The lessons come with videos that will be great during times of distance learning and manipulative materials.

Kim Thomas, special education teacher of the visually impaired at OSB, will use her grant money to purchase tactile materials for her multiple-disability students to help her students learn to follow specific steps (sequencing), reinforce reading and math skills, and reinforce pre-braille skills.

Christy Hargrove, braille teacher at OSB, is purchasing a braille curriculum that includes high interest reading materials for upper elementary to high school learners. She is excited that she will be able to individualize lessons with the digital files that are included.



OSB's Holiday Food Drive

By **Cheryl Daniels**



OSB Staff members came together for a quick food drive in November.

Non-perishable items were gathered to send home to help some families during the

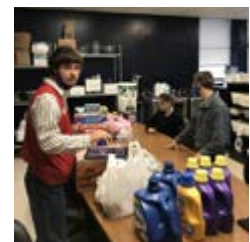
extended distance learning break.

All donations were distributed on routes before the Thanksgiving holiday.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who so generously donated on such short notice!



We love our OSB family!



Mykel Eagle's "Algebra made fun" project

By Abby Norton

One of the hardest things about being blind or visually impaired is reading and communicating important information from graphs.

Mykel Eagle showed us that reading graphs can not only be accessible but fun!

In Mykel's algebra class he was given the assignment to gather information and show it in the form of a graph. His task was to ask 15 people their favorite candy bar out of a few choices. The choices were Snickers, KitKat, Hershey's, Resses, and Almond Joy.

So during recreation time one night Mykel walked around and tallied up the information with the help of Kaylie Minter who wrote down all the information. Kaylie said "I was really surprised at how good he was at communicating with people."

Then in math class the next day he made a tactile Velcro graph that he can feel.

Mrs. Cotney said "This was an assignment to help Mykel read graphs and be able to answer questions about the graph."

Here are the results of the survey:

KitKat got six votes,
Hershey's got three votes,
Almond Joy got three votes,
Resses got two votes, and
Snickers got one vote.



Veterans' Day

By Audrey DeBrosky



Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, is recognized on the eleventh day of November each

year.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the

reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, Armistice Day became known as Veterans Day in order to honor all of our military

heroes and is still recognized as a day to honor the men and women that fought for our country.

We would like to recognize the Veterans at OSB and thank them for their service.



19th Annual Oklahoma Braille Challenge

By Faye Miller



Braille Challenge permission forms have been returned and we'll have **about 30 contestants** again this year.

We will be competing in small groups over several days in February this year.

Apprentice and Freshman contestants will take Spelling, Reading Comprehension and Proofreading tests.

Sophomore, Junior Varsity, and Varsity contestants will take Reading Comprehension,

Proofreading, Charts and Graphs, and Speed and Accuracy Transcription tests.

If you are looking for past tests to study from, visit Mrs. Hargrove in her classroom and she can give you tests from the past 2 years to practice.

World Kindness Day

The world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one.



By Audrey DeBrosky

World Kindness Day is an international holiday celebrated on

November 13.

World Kindness Day promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. It was formed in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. World Kindness Day highlights

good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us.

Some activities that you can do to show kindness to others are: helping your neighbor with their trash, holding the door open for someone, and if someone dropped something help them pick it up.

You can also "Give Extra" which means to give someone extra

hugs or spend a few extra minutes with a loved one.

It doesn't hurt to be kind and Mark Twain said it best when he said " kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see," so let's all take a few minutes to show a little kindness.



White Cane Awareness Day



By Abby Norton

October 15 is set aside as **White Cane Awareness**

Day every year. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence.

This year the students and staff used their cane skills and showed their independence by walking over to Civitan Park.



The Muskogee Police Department was kind enough to stop traffic while the parade crossed the street and made their journey up the hill and back to the school grounds.



The United States Congress adopted a joint resolution in 1964

designating October 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day, now known as White Cane Awareness Day and recognizing that white canes enable blind people to travel safely and independently.



Group Picture at the Park Building

All School Bulletin Board/Wall/Door Contest

By Annette Wilson

2020 has been a real roller coaster ride for everyone. One thing for sure is that OSB staff and students are a resilient family!

The school spirit has not been deterred with virtual learning, social distancing or masks!

In October, a contest was held that invited EVERYONE in the school to participate.

Option #1:

Anyone could pay \$3 to decorate a

- ◆ Door
- ◆ bulletin board or
- ◆ wall

for fall or Halloween and win!

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Mr. Culie's door



Mr. William Grayson's door



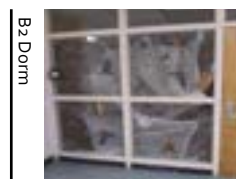
Mrs. Eckerson's wall



Front Office



Mrs. Gamble's door/wall



B2 Dorm

All School Bulletin Board/Wall/Door Contest (continued)

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The Elementary School teachers won for their door! Congratulations!



Elementary Teacher's door

Option #2:

Anyone could pay a quarter and vote and win with their vote!

Thanks to Mrs. Coplen, all Elementary students got to enjoy an ice cream social as a reward for their participation in the voting part of the door contest.

Thank you Mrs. Coplen

Congratulations to all that kept the spirit of OSB alive and joined together and competed!

Letters to Santa

By Annette Wilson



OSB was blessed to have a special Santa mailbox placed at the school thanks to Mrs. Sherry Holder, Outreach Coordinator!

Mrs. Holder was on a conference call with Santa earlier in the year speaking with him about what he brought her for last Christmas when he asked if he could place a

mailbox at the school for the children. She automatically said yes!

The mailbox was placed just inside of the clinic.

The kids put their letters in it and then Santa's elf picked up the mail daily for Santa.



Thank you Mrs. Holder for setting this up for our kids!



Red Ribbon Week

By Abby Norton

Red Ribbon week is celebrated October 23-31 every year. During this week students and staff dress up to support the fight against drugs.

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program. In 1988, the National Family Partnership coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week, with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. According to the DEA and the National Family Partnership, approx. 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events and activities every year.

Our spirit days this year included:

- ◆ **Hats off to drugs,**
- ◆ **Team up against drugs,**
- ◆ **Say peace out to drugs, and**
- ◆ **Say BOO to drugs.**

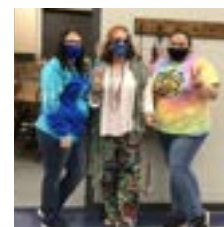


"Peace Out" to drugs

The staff and students showed their support and had a good time doing it.



Mr. William



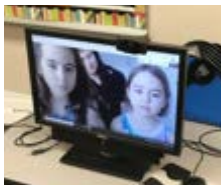
Elementary's "Virtual Field Trip to New York City"

By Faye Miller



Mrs. Eckerson's students had a unique opportunity to learn about New York City with a virtual field trip.

They asked questions of Neala (Gr. 3) and Willa (Gr. 2) Pace who live in Manhattan, New York City.



Neala & Willa Pace

They are Mrs. Miller's nieces and were very excited to meet the 2. and 3. Grade students at OSB.



Let's learn all about New York.

The students learned about similarities and differences between Oklahoma and New York City.

Kennedy learned that they have the same types of food we have here in Oklahoma. She was glad to learn they have some of her favorite foods in New York City.

Gabby, who loves playgrounds, learned that there are parks and playgrounds in New York City, but their school playground is on the roof of their school building!

Elli learned that it can be very noisy at night in New York City. Neala and Willa live in a tall apartment building and can hear vehicles on the street below and construction workers starting work early in the morning.

Eric had a lot of questions. He learned that New York City has a population of 8 million. - *All of Oklahoma has a population of about 4 million.* - He found out that there are a lot of recognizable landmarks there,

including the Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, World Trade Center, Central Park, and Times Square. He

also learned, that you can take a subway to each of these places, which is a form of transportation we don't have here in Oklahoma.

Branson learned that the most common animal they have in New York City is a pigeon.

Thanks to everyone for a great virtual field trip to New York City!



The class is talking to Neala & Willa.

6-8th Gr.'s "Virtual Field Trip to NSU Okla. College of Optometry"



By Faye Miller

Our annual trip to NSU was held through a video conference the week before Thanksgiving Break.

We had time to introduce ourselves and learn about the 3rd year optometry students before



Dr. Simpson took us on a virtual field trip of NSU.

Besides getting to enjoy the comments of his homemade artificial intelligence program,

Informa, we learned that NSU began as a seminary college originally located in Park Hill.

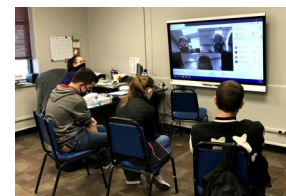
NSU's main campus is in Tahlequah today and Seminary Hall, an old red-brick building on campus, pays homage to it's heritage.

We showed off our braille knowledge when we played a quiz-style Braille BINGO game to finish off our virtual trip.

Thank you to Dr. Simpson for helping us have a virtual trip this year!



Mr. Butler's class is ready ...



Mrs. Ross' class is in it too...



One on One time with NSU students...

8th Annual Oklahoma Cane Quest



By Faye Miller

Another Cane Quest contest is completed and all the contestants demonstrated how much they have been practicing their

long cane skills.

We used different rubrics this year and didn't have to complete routes outdoors this year.

Contestants completed these rubrics 1-on-1 with a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist either in-person or virtually.

The rubrics required they demonstrate cane techniques like constant contact, 2-point touch and touch-and-drag, show that they understand how to use lateral and cardinal directions to locate a target, demonstrate a variety of human guide techniques, and showed they can locate head-level obstacles with an upper body technique.

Top 5 Scouts

Stephanie Story

Payton Crum

Delilah Howell

Quanté Sellers

Avery Dollar



Explorers B1

Gold Skyler Moore

Silver Hunter Kelley

Explorers B2

Gold Josie Cox

Silver Angel Cozort

Bronze Julia Cisneros

Trailblazers B1

Gold Elbin Carrillo

Silver Julio Valdez

Bronze Joseph Rodriguez

Trailblazers B2

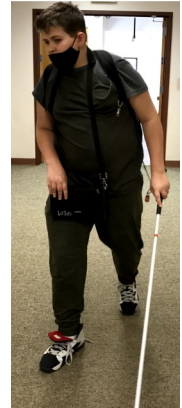
Gold Kaylie Minter

Silver Rayce Phillips

Bronze Samantha Six



Elbin C.



Special thanks to Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Holder, Mrs. Renee Miller, and Ms. Woods for their help scoring. And, extra thanks to Mrs. Maggie Mattox for all her help with registration forms, certificates, and keeping Mrs. Faye Miller organized this year!

Thank you to our generous and continuing sponsors that help make Cane Quest possible:

- ◆ Oklahoma School for the Blind
- ◆ Braille Institute of America
- ◆ Liberty Braille
- ◆ Frank Dirksen
- ◆ NanoPac
- ◆ NewView Oklahoma
- ◆ Oklahoma AER
- ◆ Oklahoma Council of the Blind
- ◆ Ruth Kelly Studios
- ◆ OG&E
- ◆ Reliant Rehabilitation
- ◆ Sapulpa Lions Club
- ◆ SERVPRO
- ◆ OSU Extension



THANK YOU

Classroom Corner: Garner's Pumpkin Carving

By Abby Norton

Pumpkin carving became a tradition in Ireland in the 19th century.

Mrs. Garner's 7th hour class decided that this year they wanted to try their hands at carving.

With the assistance of Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Garner, Blazen, Miracle, Jacelynn, and Lydia carved a pumpkin in class.



Square Deal Job Shadow Experience

By Jimmy Anderson

I am trying to decide what types of jobs I'd like to have when I graduate from OSB.

Recently I had the opportunity to go to a local music store, **Square Deal**, for job shadowing.

I learned how to solder wires to make a custom-length microphone cord.

You probably know that I love playing guitar and was excited to

be able to clean and string an electric guitar.



I even got a chance to play before we headed back to school.

Mike, who owns Square Deal Music, was really fun and gave me the opportunity to learn many new things with his employees.

I would recommend a job shadow for everyone and would also

recommend that you visit Square Deal if you have an interest in music and playing instruments.



Jr/Sr Scentsy Fundraiser

by Laci Goins



The Jr/Sr Class would like to thank everyone for purchasing from their SCENTSY Party!

This was their main fundraiser for the year and all money raised will go to help pay for any end of the year activities.

The fundraiser was a great

success! They sold over **\$1600** worth of product and made a **profit of \$361**.

The Jr/Sr Class is looking forward to ending this school year with a bang, and all of you have helped them to get closer to their goal.

They are hoping to make this an annual event, so if you didn't get to stock up this time, don't worry there will be another opportunity.

Thank you for all of your support!



Bedlam Spirit

By Dawn Bryant

On November 18th OSB held their second annual Bedlam Day to show their team spirit for either the University of Oklahoma "Sooners" or the Oklahoma State University "Cowboys".



Students and staff came to school wearing their favorite team

colors of either crimson/cream or orange/black.



All rivalry aside, this is a fun day for everyone whether you say "Boomer Sooner" or "Go Pokes".



Recreation Activities

Well the crazy 2020 year has continued! We had only 3 weeks of school in November before we started back virtual learning.

However, we did get a little recreation in before the break.

Movie Night was a good time.

We also made 50 "Thank You" cards for Veteran's Day.



The kids enjoyed making the cards for 7 of our Veterans here at OSB and the rest were sent with the donations of socks for the VA Hospital here in Muskogee.

Bingo is always a good time with candy bars and soda as the prizes. I would like to thank Mr. Brice for being our caller on Bingo Night.



I set up a **Virtual Karaoke** Party on December 8.

Even though there were just a handful of people watching and only 3 students sang it was still a good time.



I want to give a big Thank You to Mr. Jackman for staying late

and helping me get the party started and for letting me use his room and computer. Thanks Mr. Jackman! You were a big help!

I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bless you all & stay safe.

Nancy Brice,
Recreation Director

Socktober

By Allison Garner



Small socks, big socks, even in between socks. Orange socks, blue socks, as long as they were

new socks!

The Service Learning Class and FCCLA partnered to provide a little love to the VA Hospital and

the Gospel Rescue Mission in Muskogee.

Students, staff, and outside supporters rallied to collect **over 300 pairs of socks!**

Thanks to all who helped support the Socktober service project.



GOING THE EXTRA MILE -



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

Thank you Dwayne Estep for fixing our electronic Message Board at the front parking lot. It is great to be able to use it as a communication tool again.

Thank you Howard! Recently, I had a health scare that rendered me confused and incoherent. Howard immediately noticed that something was off so he had me sit down, gave me some water, and called for assistance. His quick response got me the medical help I needed in a timely manner. He's a hero!

Tammy Saccomano

A huge Thank You to all of our teachers and Administrators for the extra work and dedication that is involved to provide Distance Learning to our students, so they don't fall behind.

I also want to give a huge SHOUT OUT to our cafeteria staff. They have made huge adjustments in the cafeteria to allow for all students and staff to be able to enjoy a good lunch while observing safe distancing and other procedures as required. YOU GIRLS ROCK! Thank you.

Maggie Mattox

Connie Merrill and Brian Culver were both recognized by our director, Melinda Freundt. Connie for her excellent work and information during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brian Culver was recognized for his hard work assisting with completion of the new gymnasium. OSB is extremely fortunate to have them both on staff!

Rita Echelle

Thank you Ms. Dawn for all your help with my new report cards. I greatly appreciate it.

Kathy Adams

All of the teachers and staff have been going the extra mile with all of the virtual learning and the extra work associated with it. THANK YOU all for your hard work.

Kathy Barrett

Thank you to Mr. Brice for helping with Bingo Night, and to Mr. Jackman for staying late and helping us get our virtual karaoke party started.

Nancy Brice

Thank you guys for going the extra mile.

It is highly appreciated.



Birthdays

Students

FULLER, BRAYLEN	1	2
RODRIGUEZ, JOSEPH	1	2
MOORE, SCOTT	1	4
NASH, JACOB	1	5
JONES, MIRACLE	1	14
COX, JOSIE	1	17
BROWN, JADEN	1	20
DEBROSKY, AUDREY	1	28
DOBSON, DEEGAN	1	28



Staff

SWEENEY, MELISSA	1	5
ISOM, AMANDA	1	15
COWAN, BETTY JO	1	17
JONES, JEANA	1	17



Recreation Activities



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Fri. Sat.

DISTANCE LEARNING
(through Jan. 7)

10 Open Rec No schedule	11 Wii Bowling Tournament Starts at 6:00 pm Open Rec No Schedule	12 Finish Bowling Tournament Open Rec No Schedule	13 Open Rec 5:45-6:45 B2 & A2 7:00-8:00 B3 & A3 8:15-9:30 B1 & LH	14 Home Going	15	16
17 DORMS CLOSED	18 MLK Day Open Rec No schedule	19 Craft Night! 5:45 A2 6:15 B2 7:00 A3 7:45 B3 8:30 B1 & LH	20 Hot Cocoa Night! 5:45-6:15 B2 & A2 6:25-7:05 B3 & A3 7:10-7:40 B1 & LH	21 Home Going	22	23
24 Open Rec No schedule	25 OSB Family Feud! 6:00-7:30 Open Rec to follow	26 Birthday Party 5:45-6:15 B2 & A2 6:25-7:05 B3 & A3 7:10-7:40 B1 & LH	27 Open Rec 5:45-6:45 B2 & A2 7:00-8:00 B3 & A3 8:15-9:30 B1 & LH	28 Home Going	29	30
31 Open Rec No schedule						

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OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

New Hires:

NO new hires at this time



Resigned:

Quenten Woodard, Transportation Officer,
effective 12/3/20

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



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|----------------|---|
| Jan. 4-7 | Distance Learning |
| Jan. 10 | Bus Routes Run / Dorms Open |
| Jan. 11 | In Person Learning resumes |
| Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO School - Bus Routes Run |
| Jan. 26 | School Picture Retake Day |