

PANTHER PRIDE

School Principal: Lynn Cragg

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1st Quarter Honor Roll & Students of the Quarter



"A" Honor Roll

Elementary

Xerek Hitchcock
Quanté Sellers

Middle School

Kaylie Minter
Julio Valdez



"B" Honor Roll

Elementary

Dayton Baccus
Treysen Brown
Khatungi Bryant
Jaylee Burnside
Josie Cox
Lorie Cox
Gavin Day
Hunter Kelley
Skyler Moore
Kolten Pennington
Alyn Walker
Ocie Webster

Middle School

Lydia Bradley
Elbin Carrillo
Miracle Jones
Benjamin Middleton
Rayce Phillips
Samantha Six
William Winston

NOTE:

High School students are receiving **semester grades only**. They will be considered for 1. Sem. & 2. Sem. Honor Roll only.

Students of the Quarter for the 1. Quarter are:

Elementary - Lorie Cox

Middle School - Julio Valdez

High School - Trinity Lewis



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Special points of interest:

- Philbrook Museum
- Spaghetti Dinner Update
- Cane Quest
- Panther Prowl
- Student Corner

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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" - Oct. 20 - Nov. 16, 2017

The "Word of the Month" for November was "KINDNESS".

Below listed students were **caught showing kindness** in various forms:

- ◆ Caught showing "Kindness" by helping to complete "Thank You" letters:
Allen Alender - John Duong - Tyler Duong - Preston Fenton - Conner Hilton - Gabby King - Malerie Levens - Kaylee Ragon - Chris Shepherd - Dee Willis
- ◆ Caught showing kindness by cleaning the Rec. Center:
Jimmy Anderson - Preston Fenton - Xerek Hitchcock - Benjamin Middleton - Ocie Webster
- ◆ Caught showing kindness by helping others with their recreational crafts activities (Turkey Crafts):
Lorie Cox - John Duong - Tyler Duong - Ocie Webster - Shannon Winter
- ◆ Lori Cox was caught helping teachers and students with a good attitude.
- ◆ Khatungi Bryant was caught being helpful to the teacher and students.
- ◆ Jerry Rodriguez was caught helping a student find their way to the clinic.
- ◆ Brianna Brennan was caught being kind to another student.
- ◆ Halle Stout was caught offering and making grilled cheese sandwiches for students.
- ◆ Ben, Tyler, and John helped serve food for the Cane Questers Ball .
- ◆ Kaylee MC'ed for Mrs. Miller for the Cane Quester Ball.
- ◆ Preston, Kaylee, and Dee stayed back to help clean the Rec. Ctr. after the Ball.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE !!!

Sylvia Sterling,
Social Services Department

Word of the Month for December & January - CHEERFUL !



Word of the Month for December and January will be "**CHEERFUL**", which is defined as being "**happy and positive in feeling or attitude; causing happiness by nature or appearance**".

Cheerfulness is special because of how it affects others. It isn't

just something that you feel on your own, it involves expressing positive feelings to those around you. Acting cheerful when you're really not happy can actually produce the opposite effect in those around you. You may think you are great at faking emotions, but your body language and facial expressions can reveal your true feelings. By focusing on what you're passionate about and learning to share this passion with others, you can become more cheerful.



Here are some tips to help with your Cheerfulness...

Finding Happiness Within Yourself:

- ◆ **Find your passion.**
To spread cheer to others, it will be necessary to actually love your life. This means finding and practicing activities that you are passionate about.

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- ◆ **Be comfortable in your own skin.**
Be proud of your abilities and strive to be happy about who you are.
- ◆ **Accept your feelings.**
Don't try to force yourself to feel happy all the time.
- ◆ **Look on the bright side, but be honest.**
If you're experiencing a bad day, look for positives and think of ways to make the situation better.

Behaving Cheerfully:



- ◆ **Smile.**
When you feel happy, let it show on your face! Smiling not only shows others that you are happy, but can cheer other people up, too.

- ◆ **Use body language.**
Use your body to show your cheerfulness. Avoid slouching, as this can make you look tired or unhappy. Keep your posture open and relaxed.
- ◆ **Speak cheerfully.**
Use your tone of voice, speech cadence, and words to communicate your cheerfulness.
- ◆ **Be friendly.**
Be outgoing, and if you see someone who looks like they need a friend, try to be that friend.

Boosting Your Everyday Cheer:

- ◆ **Do something now.**
When you are feeling sluggish or uninspired, try to do something - anything! Staying active will help you stay cheerful.

- ◆ **Do things you enjoy.**
It's easier to be cheerful if you are enjoying life. Make sure to take some time, every day, at least once a day, to do something that brings you joy.
- ◆ **Practice gratitude.**
Focus on the things you are grateful for in your life, and express your gratitude to others.
- ◆ **Listen to other people.**
When people talk to you, be a good listener. Make eye contact and acknowledge their perspectives.
- ◆ **Be open minded.**
Don't judge other people. When you meet someone new, try to find something in common with him or her. Try not to jump to conclusions about people based on their appearances.

Fall Festival Follow Up - Silent Auction Winners

The 2017 OSB Fall Festival was a great success, as we reported in our last edition. Unfortunately we did not have the names of the winners of our silent auction at the time, so here is our follow up...

The silent auction has ended and here are the winners:

- ◆ Noah Dougan won the head named "Frank and Stein" by Jeremy Jackman for \$25.00.

- ◆ Trinity Lewis won the head named "Stein" by Belinda Thomas for \$15.00
- ◆ John Duong won the head named "Frank" by Laci Goins for \$12.00.

Congratulations to the winners!

They have raised \$52.00 for Mrs. Faye Miller and Cane Quest!!



Philbrook Museum - High School History Field Trip



On November 8th several of Mr. Jackman's High School History Students took a trip to the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa.

Since 2017 marks the **100th Anniversary** of America's entry into World War I, on exhibit were WWI wartime propaganda art work and posters for that particular era.

Since there was no TV or Computers with Internet in 1917, artistic artwork & posters were used and were a very effective way to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view around the world.

The exhibit was entitled "**Hope & Fear**" and it vividly illustrated two opposing approaches to the WWI conflict. Some of America's most well-known illustrators of that era created posters for the war effort, intended to assist the government in persuading citizens to embrace the importance of the US involvement in Europe's Great War.

The Students were able to view both negative and positive types of artwork & propaganda posters, which were **99 & 100 years old** and we had a wonderful museum curator to explain it all to us.

After the official Museum Tour, they even offered us an empty conference room for our lunch break, so we could eat our

sandwiches, etc., provided by our awesome kitchen staff, inside.

The Philbrook also has 23 acres of manicured gardens with beautiful fall



foliage trees that the students strolled through after our lunch break.



It was an all-around Great Trip, although we felt bad that Mr. Jackman injured his foot and could not attend with us.

Attending students were:

Preston Fenton, Conner Hilton, Nick Jackson, Gabby King, Malerie Levens, Jillian Matthews, Kaylee Ragon, Ariana Richardson, Chris Shepherd, Tai Thomas, Dee Willis, and Richelle Zampella.

Attending Chaperones were:

Mrs. Becky LaRue, Mrs. Maggie Mattox, and Mr. Paul Butler.

Paul Butler,
Teacher

Please also check out our student's article on page 12.



HOPE & FEAR Propaganda of the Great War

The "Great War" in Europe began in 1914. Despite an earlier pledge of neutrality or "America first," the US entered combat April 6, 1917. To commemorate the 100th anniversary year of America's entry into World War I, Philbrook presents wartime propaganda art from the Museum's permanent collection. Spread across two galleries, Hope & Fear vividly illustrates two opposing approaches to this conflict. One gallery includes the pro-war posters while the second features the deeply disconcerting War Series lithographs by George Bellows.

Some of America's most well-known illustrators created posters for the war effort, intended to assist the government in persuading citizens to embrace the importance of US involvement in "Europe's war."

Highly positive, nationalistic, and popularly accessible, the poster images appeared in newspapers and magazines or as outdoor advertising with messages that encouraged soldiers to enlist or every day citizens to make financial contributions and voluntarily ration food, among others.

George Bellows's dark, tragic, War Series lithographs of 1918 live on the other side of the spectrum through their portrayal of wartime brutalities and victims. These highly pained scenes illustrate Bellows's personal take on the atrocities German soldiers inflicted upon the innocent civilians of neutral Belgium.

On view through early November, Hope & Fear remains on view through mid-November 2017 as co-organized by Philbrook Chief Curator Catherine Whitney and Librarian/Archivist Thomas Young.

Curated by Catherine Whitney and Thomas E. Young.

Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner



On November 7, 2017 OSB partnered with **Trinity Lodge #502** of Muskogee to host our **3rd annual Spaghetti Fund-raiser**.

The OSB jazz band played and sounded amazing.

We had a great crowd and served **about 200 people** from the community and school.

The dessert and basket auctions went very well and raised nearly \$1600.

The yeti cooler, that was donated by James Hodge Ford, was a

great prize that brought in a little over \$2,000. Sheila Zampella was the lucky winner chosen in a drawing at the dinner.

THANK YOU JAMES HODGE FORD.

We raised

\$5,625 !!!

Thank You !

With the auctions, yeti cooler and donations **we raised \$5,625** for SCASB.

Trinity Lodge #502 has sent in the paperwork to ask for matching funds for our fundraiser.

I would like to thank everyone that helped make the night a great success. It was a lot of work but it was a wonderful night of great music, food and fellowship.

Lynn Cragg,
Principal

Veterans' Day Projects

VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY

To honor our Veterans, the OSB Service Learning class partnered up with OSB's boy scouts and other classes to put together a Veterans' Day program.

At this "all school" Veterans' Day assembly each of our OSB staff members / Veterans were acknowledged.

John Duong, 8th grader, put together a great and very fun slight show, introducing each of our "staff Veterans", some with surprising "throwback pictures", that had everyone laughing and cheering. A group of high school students did a great skid to explain what a veteran is and why we all should be thankful for their services, while some of the Elementary students sang songs to entertain the audience and show their patriotism.

It was a really great program and it showed all the hard work and time that was put into it.

THANK YOU...

- ◆ Ms. Daniels for putting it all together and managing the craziness that was involved.
- ◆ Service Learning Class and all others that were involved in the program.
- ◆ And a very special THANK YOU to our Veterans for their service.

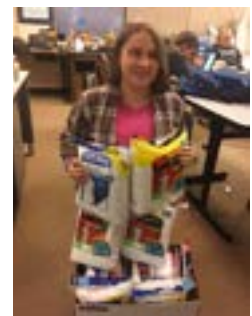
VA T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Prior to Veteran's Day the Service Learning class contacted the local VA Hospital, here at Muskogee, to inquire of any specific needs, so they could run a fundraiser addressing such need and to help our Veterans. They were informed that the VA Hospital was in desperate need

of plain white shirts (all sizes) for their patients.

Our students started a fundraiser to help the VA and we are proud to report that they did a great job by collecting **74 shirts and 12 pairs of socks** to support our local VA Hospital.

The students would like to thank everyone who helped them by donating shirts and/or socks.



Cane Quest 2017

Oklahoma Regional Cane Quest celebrated 5 years on Thursday, 16 November.

Our celebrations started with a Quester Ball with cheers for the contestants, dancing to our favorite songs, and delicious snacks. The contestants woke the next morning ready to put their canes to work!



Certified Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Specialists and Certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired traveled from across the state to OSB to score students at stations that tested a variety of O&M skills, like their use of touch-and-drag cane technique, crossing streets with traffic lights, entering a vehicle safely, and ascending/descending stairs using their cane properly.



Each contestant had a community volunteer teammate or shadow who completed routes with them.

These volunteers joined us thanks to the support of local businesses, such as OG&E and OSU Extension Offices, or are longtime friends and family of OSB.



Without these 57 volunteers, Cane Quest would not be possible.



Oklahoma Regional Cane Quest Winners

Scouts Top Boy

- Dayton Baccus

Scouts Top Girl – TIE

- Katelynn Zampella & Lorie Cox

Explorers Gold

- Avery Carrington

Explorers Silver

- Julio Valdez

Explorers Bronze

- Elbin Carrillo

Trailblazers B1 Gold

- Richelle Zampella

Trailblazers B1 Silver

- Jonathon Phelps

Trailblazers B1 Bronze

- Gabby King

Trailblazers B2 Gold

- Kaylee Ragon

Trailblazers B2 Silver

- Brittany Bales

Trailblazers B2 Bronze

- Tai'Yauri Thomas

Winners of Humanware donations:

Ruth Oliphant, CTVI from Anadarko, won a Victor Reader Stream and Liz Scheffe, COMS from Norman, won a Trekker Breeze+.

In this season of thankfulness, there were many individuals around campus who made a special effort to make Cane Quest successful. Here are but a few: Cheryl Daniels and her Service Learning class filled thank-you bags for volunteers and grew beautiful plants to thank them for "helping us grow"; Belinda Thomas organized the Quester Ball; Andrew Nail built our block and set up tables; Jordan Tinsley set up our training videos and ran our slides/music in auditorium; Brenda Plunkett

and Food Service served a delicious lunch to almost 40 extra individuals; Tami Featherston and the nurses organized all our off-campus meds (and thankfully weren't needed for any emergencies); Mike Bynum drove the bus and helped me downtown; Sherry Holder organized prizes, was the lead for scouts and trained our Scout Teammates; Gina Woods trained our Scout Scorers; Debi Trout trained our Explorer/Trailblazer Scorers; and Ronna Johnston and Tonya Givens printed certificates, nametags, ran the registration table, and did anything else that I needed, including trying to keep me sane.

And, of course **THANK YOU to our sponsors** without whom we wouldn't have prizes, shirts, or medals.

Each sponsor donated at least \$200 in cash or prizes: Braille Institute, Oklahoma School for the Blind, Humanware, Economy Pharmacy, Frank Dirksen, Liberty Braille, NanoPac, NewView Oklahoma, Oklahoma Council of the Blind, Oklahoma AER, Sapulpa Lions Club, Ruth Kelly Studios, and Edward Jones (Matt Chapman, financial advisor).

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and sponsors !!!

Faye Miller



Panther Prowl—Fall 2017— RESULTS

On November 15, 2017 OSB's running club held it's Fall Panther Prowl 1K, 3K, and 5K race.

Thanks to the weekly practices and the determination of our students, the majority signed up for the 5K race.

The weather was perfect - sunny but not too hot - and the runners did awesome.

Everyone finished and several even broke their own time record.



Due to not enough runners in the 1K and/or 3K races, placings are only provided for the 5K race.

OVERALL—BY TIME

Place	Name	Age
	Gender Time (Pace)	
1	John Duong Male 28:07 (9:03)	15
2	Allen Alender Male 28:32 (9:11)	16
3	Halle Stout Female 32:30 (10:28)	18

Place	Name	Age
	Gender Time (Pace)	
4	Preston Fenton Male 36:27 (11:44)	17
5	William Winston Male 40:23 (13:00)	13
6	Trinity Lewis Female 41:34 (13:23)	17
7	Garrett Kennedy Male 41:56 (13:30)	14
8	Johnnie Davidson Male 43:28 (13:59)	16
9	Khatungi Bryant Male 51:26 (16:33)	12
10	Nicholas Jackson-M. Male 51:30 (16:35)	16
11	Levi Smith Male 1:00:36 (19:30)	15

BY AGE GROUP

Age 9 - 12 Male		
1	Khatungi Bryant	
Age 13 - 15 Male		
1	John Duong	
2	William Winston	
3	Garrett Kennedy	
4	Levi Smith	

Age 16 - 19 Male		
1	Allen Alender	
2	Preston Fenton	
3	Johnnie Davidson	
4	Nicholas Jackson-Morrison	
Age 16 - 19 Female		
1	Halle Stout	
2	Trinity Lewis	

We would like to **THANK** all our volunteers that came out and supported our students and helped make this event possible.

From providing the timing equipment, to being a running buddy, a score keeper to ensure that the runners don't miss a lap for their signed up category, or providing water for our thirsty runners ...

THANK YOU !!!

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Susan Young Mock,
teacher
& Running Club sponsor

Braille Challenge - Save the DATE !!!



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**16th Oklahoma Regional
Braille Challenge
Thursday,
22nd February 2018!**

Permission forms are expected any day now.

They will be **due by Tuesday, 16 January 2018.**

Faye Miller

Recreational Activities

25 Oct 2017

Autumn Round Up Club Outing



OSB staff and students took a short road trip to enjoy our annual Round Up Club

Outing with Muskogee Round Up Club.

The kids had a great time! They had several ring tosses,



inflatable horses to race, relay games, delicious hot dogs and pickles for us,



cold water and punch, a moonlit hayride with beautiful horses

walking around our trailer keeping us safe from the spooky night, a



haunted house that had our students screaming for more, and candy bags!

The kids had a blast getting away from campus and being able to relax and have fun with their friends. **Thank you** again **Muskogee Round Up Club!**

31 Oct 2017 - Halloween Costume Competition followed by the Monster Bash

Halloween is here! To start this night off with a BANG, we had our annual Halloween Costume Competition.

Bootastic and spookylicious!

We had Mario, and dinosaurs. We had Master Chief from Halo, and Batman and Superman.

In the end there can only be there, who was gifted the power of the diamond sword, the golden sword, and the silver sword as winners of this intense contest, so without further ado!

The **1st place** winner was Khatungi Bryant as Medea, **2nd place** went to Xerek Hitchcock as Link from the Legend of Zelda, and in **3rd place** was Teague Niebrugge as a Hogwarts student from Harry Potter.

Congratulations to all the winners and I thank everyone that participated.

Directly after, we danced the night away at the **Monster Bash**. Where students got to



dress up in their costumes and dance, eat, and party. The food was good, the music was better after we fired Spotify, and the students had a monster of a time!

1 Nov 2017 - Thank You Letter Craft Night Followed by Open Rec

Unfortunately, we never made it to open rec because of the amount of letters we wrote to



thank volunteers that came to our Fall Festival.

We had **52 volunteers** from various schools across the state. We still need to complete the letters to all the staff, but we thank and appreciate everyone no matter what!

06 Nov 2017 - Turkey Craft Making Night

Turkey season has kicked off here at OSB!



Staff and students got to craft their own turkey in any design they wanted on the magic scratch

NO cheating!



ornaments ordered special for the season. Check out some of the

students awesome designs!

08 Nov 2017 - Swimming at Muskogee Swim and Fitness



Swimming at Muskogee Swim and Fitness was sadly canceled due to the weather.

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13 Nov 2017 - Seasonal Tea making Night

It's Tea Time!!!! It is back by popular demand, our annual autumn/fall Seasonal Tea Making Night!!!!



Armed with fancy tie tea bags, the students concocted their very own seasonal tea blend from several delicious spices such as black tea (of course), cloves, cinnamon, cinnamon bark, nutmeg, ginger, and allspice.



Several students made gallons of tea and sat around each other sharing the tea, while other students made it as gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Either way, the rec center smelled of pumpkin pie and warm autumn nights by the fire! It was glorious!

14 Nov 2017 - Happy November Birthdays!

'Tis the season for giving and receiving here at OSB with our monthly happy birthday party. After announcing the students with November

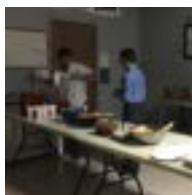
birthdays, we sang boldly and joyously, and the commencement on eating the cupcakes began....

15 Nov 2017 - Cane Quester Ball

The Cane Quester Ball was held to honor all OSB students that would be participating in the gladiatorial event know as **CANE QUEST!!!!**

Participants were announced by herald and then the celebrations began.

This ball was more like a harvest feast, food aplenty, refreshing punch in great amounts, and the snacks so sweet.



The music was loud, the laughter and good cheer in abundance, and everyone celebrated Cane Quest, its participants, and OSB as a community.

27 Nov 2017 - Hot Cocoa and Open Rec

Since the weather has started to turn to a bitter cold, OSB chilled out with open Rec and hot cocoa and they listened to holiday music, danced, cheered, and

helped put up the Rec's Christmas tree as a big happy family.

28 Nov 2017 - Riddle & Trivia Night and Open Rec.

Riddle & Trivia Night was cancelled due to the Goal Ball trip to Tulsa, at which several students, incl. our fearless Rec. Coordinator, Belinda Thomas, participated. Rumors have it that our own Belinda Thomas put up quiet a fight, by scoring 12 goals total (over 2 games).

WAY TO GO, Ms. Belinda!!!

The students that stayed behind, enjoyed a few hours of leisure time with their friends in our "Open Rec."

29 Nov 2017 - Autumn Leaves Dance

December is almost here and autumn didn't seem to last very long before it fled. However, OSB still will celebrate the season with it's **annual Autumn Leaves Dance!** We kicked it simple, and had some loud music and some snacks and punch. Students and staff members got down with it, laughed heartedly, and just enjoyed the good company

Wrestling Update



From Left: Jonathon Phelps, Tai Yauri Thomas, Allen Alender, Preston Fenton, and Kinzie Peters

The OSB wrestling team began their season in Little Rock, AR where they competed against Arkansas School for the Blind, North Little Rock and Catholic High which is also located in Little Rock.

The Panthers wrestled extremely well and won several matches. Kinzie Peters secured second place in her weight division after performing an amazing headlock to pin her opponent with less than a minute left in the match. Kinzie was trailing her opponent in points so winning by a pin only added to the excitement.

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 12: Hulbert @ Hulbert *
 Dec. 14: Salina/Jay @ Salina *
 Jan. 11: McAlester Junior Varsity @ OSB
 Jan. 19-21 SCASB Muskogee, OK
 Jan. 26/27 Maverick Conference @ Ft Gibson

***district dual**

Rob Culie, Coach

Student Corner



SECRET REPORTER

Just some “regular days” at OSB

On **Tuesday, November 7th**, OSB had their annual Spaghetti Fundraiser. This fundraiser was to raise money for SCASB. Many staff members went, and all of the students who spent the night at school did. Although, the time spent there was not just for raising money, it was also meant for others to hear the OSB Jazz Band play different songs which they learned. First, the students who were not in the band had choices of food to eat for their dinner and dessert. These choices included spaghetti, bread, salad, and different desserts such as cake. They had a choice of either water or tea to drink. Non-band members ate and listened to the music while the band members played popular songs. After they were through playing they got to eat their dinner. After the music stopped,

bidding came into place. Many desserts were prepared beforehand for the auction. The bidding went quite well. It was a night full of positive things to think about.

On **Saturday, November 11th**, the OSB academic team members competed at the Regionals. The competition took place in Kremlin Hillsdale, Oklahoma. Our academic team members who competed were Garrett Kennedy, Jillian Matthews, Kaylee Ragon, and Richelle Zampella. These four participants got in second place by winning each game that came before the very last. **Great job** team players, and keep studying hard!

On **Thursday, November 15th**, OSB's Fall 2017 Panther Prowl took place at the OSB campus. Students and staff members were allowed to participate. There were times for people to walk or run the distance of their choice in the morning and the afternoon so

more people were able to participate. Amongst other students who made it to either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in their age category, the **overall winners** were John Duong, who got in 1st place by outrunning everyone else, Allen Alender successfully got into 2nd place and Halle Stout, who persevered through her race, got into 3rd place.

Independent of what place anyone gets in for a race, it only matters whether a participant does his or her best to finish the course.

Great job runners!

These are just some highlights of our “everyday life” at OSB.

Your Secret Reporter (Who am I?)

Last edition's “Secret Reporter” was:

Preston Fenton

The winner:

Arianna Richardson

GREAT JOB GUYS !!!

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, his/her name will be published in our next edition and he/she will win a small price.

Let the fun begin!



Student Corner—continued

Academic Team - Regionals



On Saturday, November 11, the academic team traveled to Kremlin-Hillsdale for the Regional OSSAA competition.

I would say that we exceeded our own expectations. After seeding first in District, we went into the competition confident and ready to come out on top.

Our first game, against Timberlake, was a close one; we won with a score of **120-100**.

We emerged from the next game with a smashing victory over Glencoe with **230-50**.

Regionals is a double-elimination competition, meaning that if you lose two games, you're out. Since we hadn't lost a game up to that point, we went on to play the only other team who hadn't lost: **Kremlin**.

Whoever won this game would place 1st in Regionals.

Although we suffered a disappointing defeat of 280-80, we did our best and are very

satisfied to have placed 2nd.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!!!

These great results allowed us to advance to Area, which takes place on January 13th, 2018. Wish us luck!!

Richelle Zampella,
11th grader



Job Developing - Guest Speaker



On Monday, November 6th, high school students of OSB joined together in listening to a guest speaker in the recreation center.

The gentleman who spoke to them was Chris Brenneman. He is a job developer.

To get started he had the students play a game which involved networking for them to learn about it.

He talked to them about what to do to get a job.



Examples of what stuff he went over with them were:

- ◆ what to ask about in job interviews,
- ◆ what to inform about in interviews,
- ◆ how to dress for interviews, and

- ◆ how someone's body language was part of what could convince someone to hire a new employee or not,
- ◆ and how to fill out job applications.

It was very informative.

Halle Stout,
12th grader

Student Corner—continued

High School History Field Trip to Philbrook Museum

On November 9th, some of our high school history students were given the great privilege of visiting the Philbrook Museum of Art in Tulsa.

When we first arrived, just standing in the lobby was fascinating. We were also given special permission to get as close as needed in order to see the art.

We first began in a room full of black and white paintings of people from around the countries that were fighting during the era of WWI.

The tour guide then talked to us about propaganda which is information that is not objective and is used to influence an audience. However, they weren't necessarily true. Many of them exaggerated in order to either make one group look worse than

they were so more fighting would start, or to make themselves look great so others would join them.



fight.

After lunch, we were given the chance to walk around and see a few more exhibits of our choice before we went outside to explore the beautiful gardens.

Overall, these exhibits were educational, enjoyable, and they seemed to make the history of WWI come to life right in front of us. I don't think there could've been a better way to study and

We then went to a room full of posters from the time of war such as Uncle Sam telling people to join the forces and

understand the war and what was really going on from the views of all different sides.

This experience was very memorable and will stick with us for a very long time. I believe that it gave us a great insight to what was truly going on during the time of war from different perspectives.

A huge thank you to our sponsors Mr. Butler, Mrs. Maggie, and Mrs. LaRue; who worked to the best of their abilities to describe the difficult pictures and made sure that we didn't miss a thing!

Kaylee Ragon,
10th grader

Math can be fun !!!

Mrs. Webb's geometry classes enjoyed extending their learning by using tangrams.

Students used the 7 shapes to create the standard square.



After mastering the standard tangram square, students used transformations in

the plane to create a variety of other shapes.

They used their knowledge of slide, flip, rotation, and reflection to manipulate the shapes so they would fit in different shape forms.



SEE!
Math can be fun!!

Tera Webb,
teacher



GOING THE EXTRA MILE -



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

I would like to send out big **THANK YOUs** to

- ◆ Billy O'Neal & Paul Butler for driving the tractors for the Fall Festival.
- ◆ Mike & Marcella Bynum for making and working the Haunted Maze and for helping me organize the Autumn Round Up Club Outing with the Muskogee branch of this club.
- ◆ Laci Goins, Cheryl Daniels, and others for working the hayride and helping me with last minute preparations for the festival and for printing off hundreds of ticket cards for the festival.
- ◆ Avonda Harris, the Brushy Mountain Fire Department, and all other volunteers that helped with the Trunk-or-treat and for helping me organize and stay sane.
- ◆ Mrs. Barrett for cooking the s'mores and for donating hay for the hayride.
- ◆ Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Leatherman, and Mrs. Eckerson for working at the concession booth at the Fall Festival.
- ◆ Mrs. Sterling and Mrs. Shelton for working the ticket booth.
- ◆ Mrs. Admire and Ms. Isom for baking 100 lovely and delicious cupcakes for the Cake Walk and for making the cupcakes for the birthday party for the month of November.
- ◆ Mrs. Coplen & Mrs. Echelle for working at the photo booth, and Mrs. Echelle for making hundreds of sugar cookies for the cookie decorating booth.
- ◆ Ann Page for working the cookie decoration table.
- ◆ Brenda Plunkett, Allison Garner and the kitchen staff for all the food supplies and equipment to cook all the yummy food for the festival.
- ◆ Kim Politte for making the cotton candy for the Fall Festival.
- ◆ William for working the festival, even after already working a ten hour shift, to help me clean the rec.
- ◆ Mike, Billy, Mark, Andrew, and Howard for helping set up decorations throughout school.

And a special Thank You goes out to everyone that helped decorate, volunteered to work, donated items and food goods, and everything else I may forget at this moment. It was greatly appreciated!

Belinda Thomas

I would love to nominate our Independent livings skills instructors for filling in at the apartments while we are waiting to hire a new person. Karen Bryan, Amanda Isom, and Donna Admire, thank you for all the extra time working in our department. You all go the extra mile. Thank you.

Avonda Harris

Thank you to all below listed ...

Special Thanks to Faye Miller, Sherry Holder and all the others that helped organize and/or volunteered to make Cane Quest 2017 another fun and successful day for our students. I know that a lot of work went into this project and all your help is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU.**

Also a HUGE Thank you to Karen Reed and Avonda Harris for organizing the silent auction baskets for our Spaghetti Fundraiser dinner. Avonda, you did an **EXCELLENT** job in putting those baskets together to make them look appealing, so they would get the highest bids. Great Job.

A big thank you goes also to all the others that were involved in the organization of the Spaghetti



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Fundraiser dinner, as well as helped during that evening.

I am sorry that I don't know all the names of the individuals involved, but I would like to acknowledge our Administration, Kitchen Staff, Maintenance and our awesome band director, Chris Ferrell, who spent every morning (before class) to practice with the Jazz Band. I also would like to say, MILES you did a great job with the auction. **THANK YOU everyone** for your hard work and commitment. You are greatly appreciated.

Belinda Thomas, I love all the great activities you plan and organize for our students'

evening program, so that they have fun activities to look forward to and to participate in. Being away from home can be hard, but activities like that can help find a new "family", which makes the being away much easier. **GREAT JOB!** Thank you for all you do.

I also would like to send a big **THANK YOU** to all the "behind the scene" workers, e.g. Maintenance, Janitors, DCS, Kitchen staff, drivers, teachers, teachers' aids, Admins, etc. People may not always see what you do, but without you our "every day" here at school would look a lot different. **THANK YOU** for all you do.

For those who don't know, **THANK YOU** Karen Reed for spending most of your spare time (e.g. Fridays, school breaks, and even some week-ends) at school or working at home, just to keep up with all

the IEP meetings and other required "up keep" related to them. You are appreciated.

I also would like to recognize our every day volunteers, Linda Graber and Mrs. Meyer for all they do. Thank you.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you Avonda Harris for all the hard work and the countless hours you put into the gift baskets for the silent auction at the Spaghetti dinner. You did amazing.

Karen Reed

Thank you guys for going the extra mile.

It is highly appreciated.



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Birthdays

December

Students

Crum, Payton	12	3
Hitchcock, Xerek	12	4
Lewis, Trinity	12	7
Travis, Kesslee	12	15
Kennedy, Garrett	12	17
Anderson, Jimmy	12	22
Bryant, Khatungi	12	27
Sitterly, Blazen	12	27
Raines, Thomas	12	28
Wells, Shaylin	12	30

Staff

Amy Pittser (formerly Morgan)	12	01
Ana Ledezma	12	03
Kathy Barrett	12	13
Jana Ross	12	14
Cammeron Brice	12	19
Sarah McLendon	12	21
Allison Garner	12	23
Brent Webster	12	29



January

Students

Fuller, Braylen	1	2
Day, Gavin	1	5
Nash, Jacob	1	5
Graber, Sara	1	12
Jones, Miracle	1	14
Cox, Josie	1	17
Wallace, Kentrell	1	22
Richardson, Ariana	1	26
Ragon, Kaylee	1	30

Staff

Melissa Sweeney	1	5
Amanda Isom	1	15
Betty Cowan	1	17
Jeana Jones	1	17
Faye Miller	1	26

Schedule of Events



December 2017

 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	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

Date	Time	Event
Thur, Dec. 7		FCCLA District Star Event
Tue, Dec. 12		Wrestling Hulbert @ Hulbert - district dual
Thur, Dec. 14		Wrestling Salina/Jay @ Salina - district dual
Wed, Dec. 20	1:00 pm	Elementary Christmas Play

Dec. 20 - Jan. 5

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—HOME GOING !
CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL !!!**



January 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	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29				30	31

Date	Time	Event
Dec. 20 - Jan. 5		CHRISTMAS BREAK—NO SCHOOL !!!
Sun, Jan. 7		Dorms Open—Bus Routes run
Mon, Jan. 8		Classes Resume
Thur, Jan. 11		Wrestling McAlester Junior Varsity @ OSB
Sat, Jan. 13		Academic Team Area Competition
Mon, Jan. 15		Martin Luther King Jr. Day— NO SCHOOL



Tue, Jan. 16		Classes Resume
	10:00 am	American Woodsmen "flag presentation" to the US History classes
Fri, Jan. 19		Professional Day
Jan. 19-21 (Fri-Sun)		SCASB—hosted at OSB
Thur, Jan. 25	3:15 pm	Parent-Teacher Conference
Jan. 26-27 (Fri-Sat)		Wrestling Maverick Conference @ Ft. Gibson

Recreation Activities

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Dorms Open Open Rec	4 Boy Scouts 5:30—6:45pm Workout Room 6:30—7pm Open Rec	5 Holiday Tree Building Night, Songs, and Hot Cocoa 6:30 pm	6 Dinner at 4:30 pm Woodland Hills Mall for MS/HS at 5:15	7 Home Going	8	9
10 Dorms Open Open Rec	11 Boy Scouts 5:30—6:45pm Workout Room 6:30—7pm Winter Craft Night 7 pm	12 Movie and Popcorn Night at 6:30 pm <u>Movie:</u> The Rise of the Guardians	13 Holiday Karaoke Night 6:30 till over	14 Home Going	15	16
17 Dorms Open Open Rec	18 Boy Scouts 5:30—6:45pm Workout Room 6:30—7pm Open Rec	19 Dorm Parties followed by Winter Social	20 Home Going	21 Break No School	22 Break No School	23 Break No School
24 Break No School	25 Break No School	26 Break No School	27 Break No School	28 Break No School	29 Break No School	30 Break No School
31 Break No School						

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OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

New Hires:

Dwayne Estep, Constr. Maint. Tech, effective 11/6/17
Kena Martin, Transp. Officer, effective 11/26/17

Welcome on board. Glad to have you !



Retirement:

David Likins, Maintenance, effective 12/01/17
"Ms. Patsy" Perceful, Administration,
effective 12/01/17



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

DECEMBER:

12/12 Wrestling Competition, Hulbert, OK
12/14 Wrestling Competition, Salina, OK
12/20 Elementary Christmas Play

JANUARY:

01/13 Academic Team at Area Competition
01/16 Braille Challenge forms are DUE
01/19-01/21 SCASB @ OSB - come support your OSB panthers

FEBRUARY:

02/01 Sapulpa Bean Dinner
02/22 Oklahoma Regional Braille Challenge