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School Principal: Lynn Cragg

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Western Heritage Days - Field Trip to "Silver Spur Ranch"

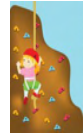


On Sept. 30th, the students, teachers and some of the staff went to the Silver Spur Ranch for



OSB's annual "All School Field Trip".

Please look for details in our next newsletter, as



the article and pictures were not available in time for this edition.

Thank you.

Oklahoma School for the Blind

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September 30, 2015

Elementary Braille Club

This is the third year of the Elementary Braille Club, and the first meeting was Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

We are looking forward to another year of fun and excitement.

The meetings will be every two weeks on Tuesdays from 4:10 pm until 4:45 pm.

Students that have their forms and have not returned them with the parent's/guardian's sig-

nature yet, please try to do so by the next meeting on October 13.

Thank you.

Ruby Barker,
Sponsor

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Space Camp
- ☺ Library News
- ☺ OSB Poets
- ☺ White Cane Day
- ☺ 4-H Update
- ☺ Girl/Boy Scouts News
- ☺ Blue & Gold Update
- ☺ Going the Extra Mile

Boys Bash

The Boys Bash is coming up on

October 13, 2015

from **10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

It will be held at Ft. Gibson.

Permission slips will be coming home soon.

Social Services Dept.
Donna Ausmus
Jane Thomas
Sylvia Sterling

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A national orientation and mobility program of Braille Institute of America



Reminder:

Oklahoma Cane Quest
Thursday, December 10, 2015.

Parent Permission Forms

due October 30, 2015 !!!



Space Camp - Huntsville, Alabama

Students Rocket to Space Camp

By Cheryl Daniels

During the week of September 19-25, two OSB High School students traveled to the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL to participate in **SCIVIS**.

SCIVIS stands for **S**pace **C**amp for **I**nterested **V**isually **I**mpaired **S**tudents. The camp, designed especially for visually impaired kids, began in 1989. It is coordinated by teachers of the visually impaired and facilitated by specially trained staff counselors at the Space and Rocket Center. An army of chaperones assists the counselors with technical / Braille / adaptations and orienting the students with their surroundings. The staff there is very open to learning the best ways to allow our students to be independent and to make changes in order for the presentations to be more accessible. One counselor even told me he was taking a Braille course just to be better at working with our students every year!

Senior, **Logan McCoy** and Junior, **Will Carney** worked and played hard all week, doing things



Will Carney (right)

like climbing 30' telephone poles, 50' rock walls and zip lining.



Logan McCoy

Logan signed up for the "**Advanced Academy (AA)**" program where he got to experience what it might be like to

move around in space by SCUBA diving in the "UAT" or Underwater Astronaut Trainer, walking and bouncing in the 1/6 gravity chair, and spinning in the "MAT", Multi Axis Trainer.



Logan McCoy

The AA group also participates in missions where they each have an important role whether it's in the space station, mission control, or out hanging in a space suit making repairs.



Will Carney

Will chose the "**Aviation Challenge**" program where he participated in SEAL ops training, jet fighter missions, and wilderness and water safety.

He got to experience a helicopter crash simulation where he and his team had to swim out the window of their "downed" chopper and help his team get to safety. They also flew down a 150' zip line into the water in a parachute harness.

This program takes the kids around where they get to learn the history of flight while touching fighter planes.

Students met wonderful role models - the older students even got to speak via teleconference with actual NASA professionals who are blind or visually impaired themselves.

This year a SCIVIS alumni was on hand speaking with students and chaperones about her PH.D.

thesis, which focuses on the misconceptions the public has about being blind.

SCIVIS is so much more than just a fun week at camp - it can be life-changing for kids and a great learning experience for me as a VI teacher. I always learn so much by spending time immersed with other teachers of the visually impaired from around the world.

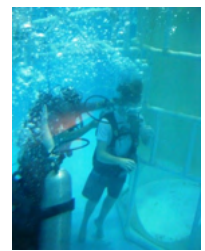
Special thanks to the following:

- ◆ Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation of Tulsa for their consistent support of this inspiring program
- ◆ OSB Administration for allowing the students and myself to attend
- ◆ Barbara Clinkenbeard and Ronnie Darden for assisting with transportation

For more information you can visit <http://www.tsbvi.edu/space/index.htm>



Will Carney (right)



Logan McCoy (right)



Ms. Cheryl Daniels

Updates from our Social Services Department



September Students & Staff "Caught Being Good"

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| Skyler Moore | - for helping another student fix a Braille problem. |
| Gavin Day | - for being a gentleman and using his manners. |
| Makayla Fetner | - for being polite and patient with other students. |
| Jacob Nash | - for helping another student to class. |
| Brianna Brennan | - for holding the door open for others. |
| Blake Priddy | - for holding the door open for people. |
| Kesslee Travis | - for using nice words. |
| Payton Crum | - for using good manners with a new student. |
| Cherokey Carney | - for being honest. |
| Dayton Baccus | - for helping another student to find the cafeteria. |

Jaime Allenbaugh & Amy Morgan - for putting together a celebration for "Guatemala's Independence Day".



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Character Builder Concept for OCTOBER

The student assessment department is visiting classes in elementary grades KG through 6th grade, with ideas to help them develop positive personal traits.

The "character builder" Word Of The Month for October is "**HONESTY**."



This word can be used in many ways, ranging from the need to tell the truth, to being tactful when giving a friend an honest answer about an idea or opinion.



Students will receive information from a book examining this

concept, and will also take part in learning activities which allow them to apply the idea of honesty to their personal life experiences.

WRONG
is **WRONG**,
even if *everyone*
is doing it.

Jane Thomas,
Social Services
Specialist

RIGHT
is **RIGHT**,
even if *no one*
is doing it.

Testing Dates



EXPLORE testing (8th Grade) will start on October 5th!

ACT testing (HS) will start on October 27th!



The **Oct. ACT** will be given on the following dates:

Oct. 27th and **28th** in the morning, starting at **9:00 am** and on

Oct. 29th in the afternoon, starting at **12:35 pm** (*tentative*).

If needed, we will continue on Nov. 3rd - starting at 9:00 am.



The ACT test will be given in Mrs. Barrett's room (4th Floor).

If you need any information, please contact Mrs. Kathy Barrett.

Thank You

Library News

Good Afternoon All. Just to update you on the opportunities to support your library program this year.

Homeland Dollars for Schools



OSB Dollars for Schools **Account# 63108** can be used at any Homeland in the state at the register when checking out. Use your One Card to support a School.

Fill out the form to participate in the Dollar\$ for School\$ and automatically contribute to the school of your choice every time you use your Homeland One Card!

There is no cost to you, and with the purchase of products at Homeland, using your One Card, you can help support our school.

<http://www.homelandstores.com/dollars-for-schools/dollars-for-schools-participant-application/>



Box Tops for Education

Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to Mrs. Collins in the Media Center. Each Box Top is worth ten cents.

Also, **sign up to support our school with Box Tops for Education and earn 5 Bonus Box Tops for our school when you subscribe to the Box Tops email newsletter.**

You'll receive:

- ◆ Coupons
- ◆ Exclusive free sample offers
- ◆ Bonus Box Tops offers
- ◆ Updates on your school earnings
- ◆ PLUS 5 Bonus Box Tops just for signing up!

Just go to **BTFE.com/signup** to get started!

Make sure to enter our Box Tops ID number so our school gets credit for the Bonus Box Tops.

Our school's Box Tops ID number is: **580970**

Funding Factory Ink Cartridge Recycling Program



Funding Factory turns your **used toner and inkjet cartridges** into cash to fund the media program. Just bring them to the Media Center. Thank you.

From the Heart Jewelry



Starting **Sept. 14, 2015**, the Media Center will be selling OSB Jewelry. Stop by, check it out and show your OSB Pride.

Prices vary (~ \$7-\$9).

Thank you again for supporting the OSB Library Media Center Program.

Barbara D. Collins,
Library Media Specialist
Oklahoma School for the Blind



Read, You Must!

Star Wars Reads

Master Yoda invites all Jedi's, Wookies and Princesses to celebrate all things Star Wars.

Monday night ,

October 12 @ 7 pm

in the Rec Center.

There will be crafts, trivia, games, and a Light Saber Thumb Wrestling Tournament.

Come sample some Yoda Soda, Hutt Dogs, Darth Taters and Wookie Cookies.

Costumes optional.

May The Force Be With You





Congratulations to the following students whose poems were selected for publication in the

**Creative Communications
Fall 2015 Student Anthology!**



OSB Poets



Brianna Brennan
for her poem "My Sister"

Cherokey Carney
for her poem "Hold On Mother"

Will Carney
for his poem
"Someone Different"

Cameron Hughes
for his poem
"Horse"

Kaylee Ragon
for her poem "I Don't Understand"

Regan Spaulding
for her poem "My Mother"

Michael Thompson
for his poem "My Wish"

Richelle Zampella
for her poem "Losing You"



Faye Miller



OSB White Cane Day Celebration



**Tuesday,
October 13, 2015
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Arrowhead Mall
501 North Main Street
Muskogee, OK 74401**

The Oklahoma School for the Blind Parent Teacher Organization cordially invites you to attend the second annual White Cane Day celebration at Arrowhead Mall.

You will be able to visit with the many knowledgeable vendors, observe the students from OSB demonstrating Orientation and Mobility techniques, Dog Guide demonstrations, take a look at the various displays of technology used by the blind and visually impaired and learn about the Oklahoma School for

the Blind, its long history, and how we continue to strive, to empower students from across the state of Oklahoma to be independent, self-sufficient and productive individuals.

The Oklahoma School for the Blind is the statewide resource for the education of blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma. We provide a hands-on demonstration lab to assist in selecting appropriate equipment to meet the needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

White Cane Day is an educational program to help inform our community about the aspirations, hopes and abilities of individuals

who are blind and visually impaired.

**The OSB
Jazz Band
will perform
in concert 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

If you need additional information please feel free to contact

Linda Graber at 918-781-8200 or via email: lgrab@osb.k12.ok.us &/or **Jeanne Meyer** via email: jmeyer194@gmail.com.



**It does
not take
sight,
to have
vision!**

4-H Rabbit & Poultry Show - Sept. 8, 2015

OSB hosted another successful 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Show.



Regan Spaulding & Cheryl Daniels



Will Carney

Here are the Results...

<u>Holland Lop</u>		
Garrett Kennedy	1 st place + Breed Champion	Buck
Regan Spaulding	2 nd place	Buck
Rylie Spaulding	3 rd place	Buck
Skyler Moore	2 nd place	Doe

<u>Havana</u>		
Rylie Spaulding	1 st place	Buck

<u>Mini Satin</u>		
Ariana Richardson	1 st place + Breed Champion	Buck

<u>Dutch</u>		
Skyler Moore	1 st place + Breed Champion	Buck
Tai' Yauri Thomas	2 nd place	Buck
Katelyn Moore	5 th place	Buck
Audrey DeBrosky	2 nd place	Buck

<u>Loin Head</u>		
Kaylee Ragon	1 st place + Breed Champion	Buck
Jacob King	2 nd place Rescreen Champion	Buck

<u>Netherland Dwarf</u>		
Holly Felkins	2 nd place Rescreen Champion	Doe

<u>Polish</u>		
Abbie Page	1 st place + Breed Champion	Doe
Tai' Yauri Thomas	4 th place	Doe
Abbie Page	2 nd place	Buck

<u>Mini Rex</u>		
Jacob King	1 st place	Buck
Avery Carrington	2 nd place	Buck

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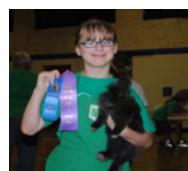
Ariana Richardson

Here are the 2015-2016 4-H Officers:

President:	Audrey DeBrosky
Vice President:	Tai' Yauri Thomas
Treasurer:	Avery Carrington
Secretary:	Jacob King

Our next meeting will be on
Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30 pm.

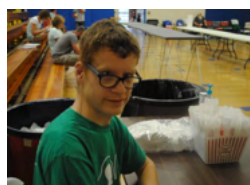
Marcella Bynum,
4-H sponsor



Kaylee Ragon



Will Carney & Marcella Bynum



Jacob King

Way to go !!!

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students at OSB spent the first two weeks of school reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See'.

They were busy learning about different animals and different colors.

Celebrating the color yellow they planted yellow mums in the planters at the front door so that everyone entering our wonderful school could enjoy beautiful fall flowers.

Kathy Adams



Getting "Ready" for Fall. THANK YOU GUYS !!!

FCCLA

FCCLA members who attend the upcoming District Leadership meeting in Ft. Gibson (10/21) 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 black FCCLA polo shirt to wear for the day.

Shirts will be returned following the meeting.



Jennifer Ratliff at FCCLA LEAD Conference at Camp Tulakogee in Wagoner

Upcoming 2015 FCCLA Dates:

October 21 9 am – 1 pm
District Leadership Meeting,
Ft. Gibson High School

December 3 9 am – 2 pm
FCCLA District STAR Events

Allison Garner,
FCCLA sponsor

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Blue & Gold Updates

Girl Scouts



Juniors and Cadets went camping last weekend at camp Waj-shah-she for the jamboree and had a great time.

Girl Scouts' "Thin Mint Sprint 5k run (or walk)" will be held at Bentley Park Sports Complex, 8505 E. 148th St., Bixby, OK on **Saturday, October 3rd** and starts at **9:00 am**.

Thin Mint Sprint is a part of the living healthy program.

Boy Scouts



Boy Scouts are doing awesome. Cubs and Webelos are up and running.

Mr. Quinn and 3 of his eagle scouts have been coming and helping get the troop going.

Webelos Meaning: We'll Be Loyal Scouts

Webelos Goal: Prepare a Cub Scout to be a Boy Scout

Popcorn sales for Boy Scouts, Cubs and Webelos will be **until October 22nd**.

All orders and money need to be turned in by then.

Thank you all for your support.

Becky LaRue



Boy Scouts doing a team building activity



Cubs & Webelos doing the pledge



Our "Blue and Gold Sausage" sales went very well. We sold approx. **\$12,000.00** worth of products. It was a close run for the **top seller**, but **Skyler Moore** won the title. Hunter Kelley came in 2nd and Jacob King placed 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS !!! - Job well done, everyone !

We would like to thank everyone who sold and everyone who bought. **THANK YOU!**

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**It takes more than
sight to have vision!**

Please check out
our website at:



OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

Retirement/s:

Don Mason, Maintenance (after **46** years!)

CONGRATULATIONS DON !

- You will be missed !!!



New Hires:

Brent Webster, Maintenance

Ana Ledezma, evening DCS

Floyd Webster, Bus Driver (temp.)

Welcome on board. Glad to have you !

GOING THE EXTRA MILE - September 2015

Thank you **Avonda Harris**, for always going the extra mile and putting together great receptions for retirement parties, or other occasions, and for involving the kids. I am sure they appreciate being part of something important. Also huge thank you for all you do to help the kids getting ready for Prom, Homecoming, or any other event they need a dress, hair do, etc.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you to **Becky LaRue & Marcella Bynum** for all they do with the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4 H, etc. And thank you to all the "behind the scene" hands that helped with the Blue & Gold fundraiser, delivery, etc. We appreciate you all.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you to **Laci Goins and Faye Miller** for going out of their way to coach, challenge, mentor, and transport the OSB Academic Team to and from meets. These professionals go beyond what is expected and give of themselves to our students. They receive little or no recognition but that isn't why they work so hard. They are a fine example to all of us.

Susan Young Mock

Also, thank you to **Ronnie Darden** for going above and beyond expectations in his role as Dean of Students. Few are aware of the extra hours he spends on campus to support his staff and to be with our students. He is an asset to OSB and we are blessed by his hard work.

Susan Young Mock

Thank you to **Jamie Allenbaugh, Darlus Reeves and Amy Morgan**, who organized an independence day parade for a student in B2 who was upset because he missed his family's independence day celebration because he wasn't home that day. To make him feel better Jamie, Darlus and Amy organized an independence day celebration for the dorm after school hours.

Becky LaRue

Thank you to **Mr. Carter** who has been coming in early for the last three weeks to help assist the boys at the dorm. Way to go Mr. Carter and thanks for being so willing to help out.

Jennifer Ogle



UPCOMING Birthdays

Students

Kolten Pennington	Oct	19
Logan Deaton	Oct	20
Lorie Cox	Oct	25
Richelle Zampella	Oct	25

Staff

Karla Cunningham	Oct	3
David Likins	Oct	8
Donald Baccus	Oct	21
Mark Miller	Oct	25
Rob Culie	Oct	25
Carla Cotney	Oct	26

BELATED Birthdays

Students

Isaiah Hayes	Aug	4
Logan McCoy	Aug	5
Treysen Brown	Aug	8
Malerie Levens	Sep	20
Patelin Cogswell	Sep	24

Staff

Karen Bryan	Aug	2
Rhonda Hinds	Aug	6
Robert Miller	Aug	10
Patsy Perceful	Aug	11
Clint Tibbs	Aug	16
Jaime Allenbaugh	Aug	19
Ruby Barker	Aug	21
Lisa Yochum	Aug	26
Christine Boone	Aug	28
Karen Reed	Sept	4
Jordan Tinsley	Sept	4
Avonda Harris	Sept	14
Crystal Roberson	Sept	15
Chris Carden	Sept	19
David Stewart	Sept	21
Jennifer Eckerson	Sept	26






October

2015

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

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Sat. 3 rd	9:00 am	Girl Scouts' "Thin Mint 5K Run" at Bixby, OK Muskogee Super Hero Fun Run, Honor Heights Park, Muskogee 
Mon., 5 th -Thur., 8 th		8 th Grade "Explore Testing" 
Mon., 12 th	5:00 pm	Academic Team - OSSAA District Meeting 
Tue., 13 th	10:00-5:00	White Cane Day at Muskogee Arrowhead Mall
Fri., 16 th		DRS Expo, Oklahoma City
Tue., 20 th	5:30 pm	Academic Team leaves for Academic Meet at Ft. Gibson
Wed., 21 st	9:00-1:00	FCCLA District Leadership Meeting at Ft. Gibson High School
Tue., 27 th	9:00	ACT Testing 
	4:45 pm	Academic Team leaves for Academic Meet at Sallisaw
Wed., 28 th	8:00 am	School Pictures - RETAKES 
	9:00 am	ACT Testing 
	6:00 pm	OSB FALL FESTIVAL
Thur., 29 th	9:00 am	Jostens to meet with Jr. & Sr. regarding Graduations, etc.
	12:35 pm	ACT Testing - time tentative, pending duration of Jostens visit - 

Upcoming Events - November 2015:

Tue., 3 rd	5:30 pm	Academic Team leaves for Academic Meet at Hilldale
Thur., 5 th		Future Shock Career Day
Fri., 6 th		1/2 Day Professional Development
Mon., 16 th		MS Field Trip to NSU Optometry
23rd—26th		THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Sun., 29 th		Dorms open / bus routes run
Mon., 30 th		Classes resume



October 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Home Going	2	3
4 Dorms Open	5 Karaoke 7:00 P.M.	6 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 P.M.	7 Bounce House/Pizza Party 5:30 P.M.	8 Home Going	9	10
11 Dorm Open	12 Star Wars Reads Literacy Night 7:00 P.M.	13 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 P.M.	14 Fall Dance 7:00 P.M.	15 Home Going	16	17
18 Dorms Open	19 Dirt Worm 7:00 P.M.	20 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 P.M.	21 Swimming 6:30 P.M.	22 Home Going	23	24
25 Dorms Open	26 Halloween Movie 6:30 P.M.	27 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 P.M.	28 OSB Fall Festival 6:30 P.M.	29 Home Going	30	31 Happy Halloween



All calendars are "subject to change". For questions to the Rec. Calendar, please contact Kim Politte.