

# PANTHER PRIDE

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## 3. + 4. Qtr. / 2. Sem. Honor Roll

### "A" Honor Roll

#### 3. Qtr.

#### Elementary (3-5)

Braylen Fuller  
Gabriella Henderson  
Kelton Jordan

#### Middle School (6-8)

Piper Conner  
Macey Millar  
Stephanie Story

#### 4. Qtr.

#### Elementary (3-5)

Braylen Fuller  
Kelton Jordan

#### Middle School (6-8)

Piper Conner  
Justin Millar

#### High School (2. Sem.)

Lydia Bradley  
John Duong  
Abigail Norton  
Julio Valdez



### "B" Honor Roll

#### 3. Qtr.

#### Elementary (3-5)

Hayden Bruzzini  
Blaze Calger  
Avery Dollar  
Eric Enzenauer  
Ryan Horton  
Kairi Husmann

Audree Montgomery  
Kennedy Sullivan

#### Middle School (6-8)

Bryan Alender  
Dayton Baccus  
Jaylee Burnside  
Julia Cisneros  
Genevieve Fitzgerald  
Ian Holm

Delilah Howell  
Nikki James  
Justin Millar  
Evy Mitchell  
Lilith Pedersen  
Anicka Weller

#### 4. Qtr.

#### Elementary (3-5)

Hayden Bruzzini  
Eric Enzenauer  
Gabriella Henderson  
Ryan Horton

Kairi Husmann  
Audree Montgomery  
Kennedy Sullivan

#### Middle School (6-8)

Jaylee Burnside  
Julia Cisneros  
Genevieve Fitzgerald  
Ian Holm  
Rudy Hunter  
Macey Millar  
Evy Mitchell  
Lilith Pedersen  
Hunter Pugh  
Leah Sailors  
Stephanie Story  
Lane Sutterfield

#### High School (2. Sem.)

Tyler Duong  
Emileigh Jackson  
Miracle Jones  
Benjamin Middleton  
Kaylie Minter  
Aislinn Popejoy  
Jacelynn Shields  
Blazen Sitterly  
Tessa Williams  
William Winston  
Katelynn Zampella

## Oklahoma School for the Blind

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### Special points of interest:

- Philbrook's "Big Show"
- SCASB Track & Field
- PARA Sports Jam
- Student Advisory Council
- Prom

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### Students of the 4. Qtr.

**Elementary:** Braylen Fuller  
**Middle School:** Macey Millar  
**High School:** Miracle Jones

### Students of the YEAR

**Elementary:** Kesslee Travis  
**Middle School:** Piper Conner  
**High School:** Abigail Norton



# Social Services Department - News, Tips, etc.



## "Caught Being Good"

- ◆ William Winston Changed the water bottle on our fountain in the 5th floor copy room.
- ◆ Ryan Horton Helped guide some younger dorm mates into the line at breakfast.
- ◆ Kolten Pennington Assisting another student with key commands & getting braille paper.
- ◆ William Winston Being my "right hand man" during our Life Science skit.
- ◆ Rudy Hunter Being a great helper to a new student and helping identify a missing cane.
- ◆ Ryan Horton Helped guide a classmate into the line at lunch.
- ◆ Leah Sailors Regularly helps students find their canes & guides them during recess.
- ◆ Ryan Horton At the bowling alley, he helped a student to the restroom.
- ◆ Branson Leonard Shared his audio player and sound machine with some of his dorm mates.
- ◆ Ryan Horton Helped put equipment away on Open Gym night.
- ◆ Jimmy Anderson and Ryan Williams They were a big help at SCASB. They were in the band and not part of the track team but they helped to haul ice chests, snacks, and canopies for us at the track. They helped set up the canopies and take them down. It was a great help having them on the sidelines.
- ◆ Eric Enzenauer Helped a dorm mate who was struggling with a pajama top that was inside out.
- ◆ Blaze Calger Shares his personal toys with others.
- ◆ Jesse Wolf Helps others find their canes.
- ◆ Samantha Six Samantha was very helpful on the Para Sports trip to Coppell, TX. She took a leadership role by helping out a couple of younger girls who had never really travelled or attended an overnight school trip. She helped them as a sighted guide, was their buddy in and out of public restrooms, and just overall provided support for them. I'm very proud of how hard Sam worked and what a great role model she was for these girls.
- ◆ Samantha Six Helped me with the Homecoming Reception in the Rec.



**It's never too late  
to be caught being  
good....**

**So keep up the  
good work  
students!!**

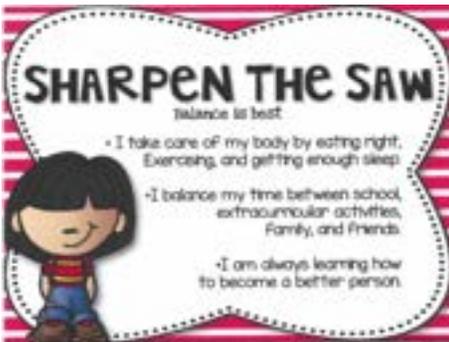
**We are proud of  
you all!**

Thank you all for your nominations.

Social Services Department  
Rebecca Mills

# 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens - Habit # 7

By Keri Chaffin & Maggie Mattox



[https://www.education.com/magazine/article/Ed\\_7\\_Habits\\_Successful/](https://www.education.com/magazine/article/Ed_7_Habits_Successful/)

## Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Teens should never get too busy living to take time to renew themselves. When a teen "sharpens the saw" he/she is keeping his/her personal self sharp so that he/she can better deal with life. It means regularly renewing and strengthening the four key dimensions of life – body, brain, heart, and soul.

**Seek continuous improvement and renewal professionally and personally.**

**Sharpen the Saw** means preserving and enhancing the

greatest asset you have – **you**. It means having a balanced program for self-renewal in the four areas of your life: physical, social/emotional, mental, and spiritual.

**Here are some examples of activities:**

### Physical:

Beneficial eating, exercising, and resting

### Social/Emotional:

Making social and meaningful connections with others

### Mental:

Learning, reading, writing, and teaching

### Spiritual:

Spending time in nature, expanding spiritual self through meditation, music, art, or service

As you renew yourself in each of the four areas, you create growth and change in your life. Sharpen the Saw keeps you fresh so you can continue to practice the other six habits. You increase your capacity to produce and handle the challenges around you.

Without this renewal, the body becomes weak, the mind mechanical, the emotions raw, the spirit insensitive, and the person selfish. Not a pretty picture, is it?

You can pamper yourself mentally and spiritually. Or you can go through life oblivious to your well-being. You can experience vibrant energy. Or you can procrastinate and miss out on the benefits of good health and exercise. You can revitalize yourself and face a new day in peace and harmony. Or you can wake up in the morning full of apathy because your get-up-and-go has got-up-and-gone.

Just remember that every day provides a new opportunity for renewal – a new opportunity to recharge yourself instead of hitting the wall. All it takes is the desire, knowledge, and skill.

<https://www.franklincovey.com/habit-7/>

## FranklinCovey Leadership Class



Audrey DeBrosky has been attending the **FranklinCovey Leadership Class**....

What is this class? The Franklin-Covey Leadership Class is a class where **leaders from all over the U.S. get together** to learn about the seven daily habits of teens.

What are the seven daily habits of

teens? The seven daily habits of teens are to be proactive, begin with the end in mind, put first things first, think win-win, seek first to understand then to be understood, synergize, and sharpen the saw.

Through this class, Audrey has learned how to be a leader.

Audrey said that she recommends this class to anybody that is interested in learning how to be

more confident in themselves. You also get to discuss problems.

Another bonus is that you get **college credits!**



# Student Spotlight - Seniors

By Julio Valdez

In this edition of senior spotlight we will be featuring the remaining graduates of the 2021-2022 school year for OSB. You will be introduced to Jerelyn Black, Tyler Duong, Miracle Jones and Lydia Bradley.



**Jerelyn Black** is from Pauls Valley and has been attending OSB for five years. During this time she has

participated in wrestling, cheerleading, track and field and goalball. Her most memorable event at OSB came during one of the end of year talent shows when she showed off her singing skills with 'Never say Never' by Justin Bieber.

Jerelyn is most proud of her courage to stand up for herself and for those she cares about. She wants to have as much fun as she can during her remaining days at OSB.

Post-graduation, Jerelyn would like to work at a daycare or become a clothing stylist. Last but definitely not least, Jerelyn has some advice for future graduates. She encourages them to value their time with their friendships and appreciate them while they last. "We all drift apart over the years," she said.



**Tyler Duong** is from Oklahoma City and has attended OSB for the last 6 years.

He made the most out of this time participating in Close Up, Boy Scouts, DECA, FCCLA, Space Camp, cheerleading, wrestling, running club, choir, student council, goal ball and Jazz band.

After graduation he plans to work hard towards his goals. He advises all future graduates to plan ahead and to ask lots of questions.

**Miracle Jones** has attended OSB since the first grade. For most of this time she lived in Spiro.



Her best memory of OSB is having the opportunity to work and learn to live independently. Before this year ends she would like to have a party with her friends.

After graduation Miracle plans to return to OSB for another year so that she can continue learning more independent living skills. She also plans to spend time with family. Speaking of independent living skills, Miracle encourages all future graduates to focus on learning these skills and get as much as they can out of it.

**Lydia Bradley** is from Stillwell and has been at OSB since she was in the sixth grade.



She has really enjoyed her teachers and will remember them well after she graduates.

For the remainder of the year she

plans to spend time with friends and have lots of fun. She is not sure what she wants to do after graduating just yet. Her advice to future graduates, and really anyone for that matter, is to never give up.

As we conclude the 2021-2022 school year the Panther Pride newsletter team would like to thank the class of 2022 for their participation in our Senior Spotlight. We wish you the best as you transition into the real world and can't wait to hear about all your awesome accomplishments.



## Class of 2022



Back row left to right: Ben M., John D., Blazen S., Tyler D.  
Front row left to right: Audrey B., Lydia B., Jerelyn B., Miracle J., Jacelynn S.



# Advice Column - Life Advice for the Graduates

By Abby Norton



It's the time of year that we must say goodbye to the seniors.

To send them off in a good way I interviewed several adults regarding advice that the seniors may need as they step into the next chapter of life.

Here are some of those teachers' and staffs' testimonials.

## Interview #1: Mr. Jackman

**Abby:** What is something you wish your teachers would have told you before you graduated?

**Mr. Jackman:** I wish that I had talked to more adults and counselors about jobs and what to do in the future.



**Abby:** Alright, and what is some advice you would give someone about to graduate?

**Mr. Jackman:** Don't be afraid to explore job opportunities in trades like HVAC or electricians. College is okay but there are other fields that have high pay without having to pay for college.



**Abby:** Very interesting. Thank you!

## Interview #2: Mrs. Maggie

**Abby:** First question is, what was something you wish your teachers or any adult from high school would have told you before you graduated?

**Mrs. Maggie:** I wish I would have known that you need to be more reserved with your spending because a paycheck only goes so far and even though the first paycheck is exciting, it's easy to forget that it has to last.



**Abby:** That's some good advice! Second question is, what is some advice that you would give the graduates?

**Mrs. Maggie:**

My advice would be to find a good balance between fun, friends, and putting effort into education and a job. A good work ethic goes a long way.



**Abby:** That is very important. Thank you!

## Interview #3: Ms. Sheila

**Abby:** The first question is, what is something that you wish teachers or school staff would have told you before you graduated.

**Ms. Sheila:** Well, I wish they would have told me how hard life really was. I wish I would have listened to the advice they gave me.



**Abby:** Secondly, what is some advice you would give someone who is about to graduate?

**Ms. Sheila:** I think you should think about what you want to pursue in life



before you start a family.

**Abby:** I agree!

## Interview #4: Mrs. LaRue

**Abby:** What is some advice you wish your teachers told you before you graduated?

**Mrs. LaRue:** I wish they would have emphasized living our own lives before starting a family.



**Abby:** Okay, and what is some advice you would give someone about to graduate?

**Mrs. LaRue:** When things don't work out the way you want them to don't give up, keep pushing towards what you want.

You have to work hard to achieve your goals.



**Abby:** Work hard indeed!



# Employee Spotlight

By Abby Norton



The fourth term's first employee spotlight is **Mrs. Cheryl Daniels -James.**

Mrs. Daniels has been working at OSB for 15 years and teaches high school science, leadership, and previously service learning.

When she's not working at OSB Mrs. Daniels runs a firework wholesale business that she has been doing since before her time here at OSB.

Mrs. Daniels says that her favorite part about working here at OSB is "When the kids get excited about something in science. I also feel privileged to work with some amazing people here at OSB".

Her day starts with doing the announcements in her room for leadership class and then she teaches science all day, then last hour teaches leadership class.

Mrs. Daniels goal is to finish up the year strong and make sure the kids are lifelong learners and stay curious about the world.



The second employee spotlight is **Mr. Robert Miller** OSB's resident AT, computers, and robotics teacher.

Mr. Miller has worked at OSB longer than anyone else on campus, which is a long time!

His favorite part about working at OSB is teaching students how to work with their technology and helping the teachers work with the students and their technology.

Mr. Miller's day consists of getting to school early to sort out his day and teaching his multiple classes about typing, computer skills, iPad or other technology skills, and robotics.

Mr. Miller says, "My goal for next school year is to expand my curriculum to include 3D printing. I'd like for students to make good use of our 2 new 3D printers, designing and printing models."



Last but not least is the third spotlight **Mrs. Tera Webb.**

Mrs. Webb is a physical education and math teacher here at OSB and is also a coach of many things like cheerleading and track & field.

She has been working at OSB for 22 years and her favorite part about OSB is the kids, because they make it challenging but fun!

Mrs. Webb's day consists of planning out her day and teaching all day long and then after school she holds practices for extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Webb says her goal is, "To make it to the end of the year in one piece, then prep for year 23 at OSB!"



# Congratulations KARLA CUNNINGHAM



Please join us in congratulating Karla Cunningham, LPN on her recent graduation from Langston University with her

**B.S. Rehabilitative Services degree .**

Karla excelled in her studies and was named to the President's Honor Roll.

Congratulations on a job well done!!

Thank you,  
Glinda Huitt, MSSL, BSN, OCN  
Nursing Services Supervisor



# Elementary Easter Egg Hunt

**By Whitney Gamble**

On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the OSB Elementary students had a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt across the road at Civitan Park.



The weather was a little windy, but otherwise a perfect day.



After the egg hunt, complete with many beeper eggs as well as traditional ones, the students gathered in the Rec Center for

refreshments, to count their eggs, and to redeem the prizes for the special prize eggs.



The students had such a great time! Thanks to all who brought candy, furnished eggs and prizes,

and helped with the students. It couldn't have been done without you!



# Elementary Field Trip to Honor Heights Park

**By Whitney Gamble**

On Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, the OSB Elementary students got to take a field trip to Honor Heights Park here in Muskogee.

It was a cool, windy day, but that didn't stop our students from having the best time ever!

They played their hearts out, made new friends from other schools, had a terrific lunch, then played some more.

It was truly an awesome day for them!



Thank you Mrs. Leatherman for putting it all together and making it happen for our students.



# Elementary "Inflatables Fun Day"

**By Whitney Gamble**

Jumping, jumping, and more jumping!



OSB Elementary students had a wonderful time on Wed, May 11<sup>th</sup>, getting to

spend most of the day outside enjoying three different inflatables.

The weather cooperated nicely, although it was a bit warm.

With lots of sunscreen and water, they had an unforgettable day!



Thank you to Mrs. Leatherman for organizing that, and getting all the students and teachers cotton candy!

It was most definitely a SWEET day!!



# Microcredits/-loans - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography lesson

By Paul Butler



The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Western Geography class was recently studying about Central America and the Caribbean Islands.

Our textbook was sharing illustrations of how a Microcredit (or Microloan) many times changes a large number of people's lives in these areas.

Microcredit is a small loan, often times less than \$200 dollars - many times about \$85 dollars. The Borrowers in Central America and the Caribbean invest this loan in various kinds of business ventures, such as a sewing machine, which enables them to start making clothes in order to sell, or maybe poultry in order to sell the eggs, just to name a few.



Our textbook brought out that there is a **97 percent success rate** in the repayment of these Microcredit loans as well, which are paid back in small increments.

So often it changes impoverished people's lives in these areas, as it gives them a means to make an income and support themselves. This principle is also applied in other parts of the world like Africa or India.

So, in our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class we learned about profit/lost and what an investment was and how it often takes money (an Initial Investment) in order to make money.



I challenged the students to take a Microloan of \$5 dollars from me and to try to invest it into a business venture of some sort in order to make a profit.



I had all 6 of my students take me up on that challenge.

First, I had them gather ideas from family, other teachers, staff, adults, and friends, possible ways in which the student might invest the microloan of \$5 dollars in order to gain a profit and then they could choose from the list of ideas.

Noah D. and Stephanie S. went into business together, combining their loans of \$5 dollars each and purchased a box of Graham crackers, a bag of fun size Hershey Chocolate Bars and a bag of Large Marshmallows. They washed their hands thoroughly and then sanitized and formed an assembly line making up individual S'mores Singles Kits, ready to purchase in an individual Ziploc bags.

"The S'mores kiddo's" sold their "S'mores Singles" like hot cakes making **\$36.50** after paying me back their Microloan of \$5 each.



Stephanie made a profit of **\$31.50** &



Noah made a profit of **\$5**.

Next, Payton C. and Macey M. took my Microloan of \$5 each and went into business together to purchase a Box of Blow pop Suckers which they then sold for "3 for a dollar" making **\$22.25** combined.



Payton made **\$14.25** & Macey made **\$8**



dollars profit after repaying their initial Microloan of \$5 dollars each.

Last but not least, Lilly M. and Blake P. joined together to purchase a box of Airheads with their Microloan and sold Airheads "2 for a dollar." After paying back their Microloan of \$5 dollars they made a profit of **\$17 dollars**.



Lilly made **\$14** & Blake made **\$3** dollars.



## WOWZA WEEZA !

At the end of our experiment, each student that participated voluntarily donated a small portion of their profits along with my donation to Samaritan's Purse, which is a Christian Organization that is currently giving needed Aid to the Ukrainian People who are displaced because of the Russian/Ukrainian War.

I am SO **EXTREMELY PROUD** of these 6<sup>th</sup> Graders and their business ventures.

Some of the lessons the students experienced were...

1. Basic Math Skills
2. Profit & Loss
3. Wholesale & Retail
4. Economics terms like Assets/Liabilities
5. Salesmanship

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# Microcredits/-loans (continued)

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- 6. Work Ethic
- 7. Organization
- 8. Responsibility
- 9. Rejection
- 10. Credit
- 11. Benevolence
- 12. We also talked about Banking terms like Interest & Collateral.



**GREAT JOB EVERYONE!**

Thank you, Mr. Butler

Here are the students' "Take Aways" on the Micro-Loan Project ...

◆ **Stephanie said:** "I learned that you will need to accept rejection and that you must be quick on your feet if you are selling the same product as someone else. Lastly, it is great to give to those who don't have as much as you."

- ◆ **Noah said:** "I learned that making money is harder than it looks. Another thing is to keep up with your money or it can get stolen. I really liked doing this project and I hope my money is helpful to the Ukrainian Refugees."
- ◆ **Lilly said:** "I have learned how to be responsible, to take care of my money and keep up with my product and giving to those in need is good!"
- ◆ **Blake said:** "I learned to be responsible with handling money. I learned how to sell. I learned it takes patience and it feels great to give to the less fortunate."
- ◆ **Payton said:** "I learned it takes a little nerve because I was a little bit nervous at first and it also takes patience because I have none. It takes confidence in myself. The sixth grade class is donating to those in need so I'm

happy about all this. Thank you Mr. Butler for making me go out of my comfort zone."

- ◆ **Macey said:** "Well, it may have been only one day, but a fun day that was. I sold blow pops 3 for \$1 dollar. We were hall walking that day which made my job ten times easier. I could stop kids in the middle of the hall, acting like one of those annoying salesmen. I'm honestly very grateful I got to learn about Microloans and how they've changed people's lives. I even enjoyed learning about owning my own business."  
*(Macey only participated one day and then went home sick)*



## OSB's Spelling Bee

By Cassie Shelton



Congrats to all of our contestants who participated in the **2022 OSB Spelling Bee.**

We had 16 contestants this year.

The last round was intense, but it was Hunter Pugh that took first place, Treysen Radick with 2nd, and Kelton Jordan at 3rd.

I did not thank Jeana Jones for making our number lanyards!!

**THANK YOU** so much Jeana! They turned out great!

And **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped me with the Spelling Bee! It wouldn't have been as smooth as it was without you. We had Mrs. LaRue moving everywhere on stage to help the students to the microphone and back to their chairs.



**Great job Mrs. LaRue!**



**EVERYONE !**



From Left:  
Treysen, Hunter, Kelton

# OSB Art Contest

By Cassie Shelton & Maggie Mattox

This school year we had a special treat for our students that like to show their creative side.

During the second semester Mrs. Moore held art classes once a week after school for those interested. We had students from Elementary to High School that showed their interest and their talents.

Here are the winners of our first Art Contest...

## 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Treysen Radick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Braylen Fuller
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Piper Conner

## 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Aislinn Popejoy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Audrey DeBrosky
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Adan Duran



Treysen



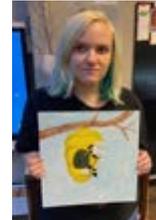
Braylen



Piper - Art project not available



Aislinn



Audrey



Adan



# Philbrook Museum's "BIG Show"

By Maggie Mattox

From March 12, 2022 - May 08, 2022 the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa held a "BIG Show" exhibit.

The **BIG Show** highlighted the creativity of young people across Tulsa and Oklahoma. With drawings, paintings, sculptures and more by artists ages 4-18, the exhibition was presenting a diverse group of work all 12 x 12 inches (or less) in size. Visitors had a chance to both view art and make their own art inspired by what they've seen.

Presented with support from Sheri & Charlie Stinson.

<https://philbrook.org/exhibitions/the-big-show-work-by-young-artists/>

On March 30, 2022 a few of our students got the chance to take a trip to the Philbrook Museum to see the BIG Show first hand.

This was especially exciting since Oklahoma School for the Blind

had **10 students**, with a total of **12 art works**, represented.

Artists Stephanie Story, Payton Crum, Macey Millar, Lorie Cox, Jerelyn Black, Tyanna Culley, Emileigh Jackson, Tessa Williams, and Samantha Six, were accompanied by Angel Cozort, Aislinn Popejoy, Katelynn Zampella, Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Garner to enjoy the various art projects displayed at the BIG Show and to see their own creations being admired by visitors. What a fun day.

We are very proud of our young artists and their creations.



# SCASB Track & Field

## By Emileigh Jackson

April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> was SCASB track & field. Our students and teachers traveled all the way to **Jackson, Mississippi** to participate.

All of the band and track athletes attended this year. Usually, our band goes to the cheer and wrestling SCASB in January but, due to COVID, we weren't able to attend that SCASB therefore, they attended Track SCASB this April instead.



The band portion took place the evening of April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was a participation award for the band

# PARA Sports Jam

## By Emileigh Jackson

This year, on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, some of the kids at OSB had the awesome chance to compete in the PARA Sports competitions in **Coppell, Texas**.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> was the goal ball tournament. We had three teams compete along with other students that were placed onto two other teams.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> was the track events. These events included javelin, discus, shot put, 50 meter,



and their awesome performance!



As far as track awards go, **Katelynn Zampella** placed first in the 200 meter dash, first in the standing long jump, first in the standing triple jump, and fourth in the 60 meter shuttle. **Way to go!**

**William Winston** and **Piper Conner** both placed second in shot put.

**Emileigh Jackson** placed fifth in triple jump.

And, our **Oklahoma Girls team** overall got fourth place!

All of the students performed so amazingly!

**Thank you** to everyone that helped out!



Thank you to all of the adults and PARA sports for making this trip possible.



100 meter, 200 meter and 400 meter races, running long jump and archery.

Overall there were 16 students that attended and 7 staff members.

The students included John Duong, William Winston, Elbin Carrillo, Samantha Six, Emileigh Jackson, Jerry Rodriguez, Katelynn Zampella, Treysen Radick, Piper Conner, Ian Holm, Nikki James, Leah Sailors, Noah Dougan, Macey Millar, Blake Priddy, and Stephanie Story.

The staff included Mrs. Cragg, Mrs. Coplen, Mrs. Kaulay, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Karla, Mr. Billy, and Mr. Logan.



# Special Olympics "Track"

## By Tera Webb

On Wednesday, March 23, 2022 the following athletes traveled to Poteau to compete in the Special Olympics Athletics Competition:



**Genevieve Fitzgerald** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in standing long jump and 3<sup>rd</sup> in softball throw.

**Miracle Jones** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 meter dash and 3<sup>rd</sup> in softball throw.



**Kolten Pennington** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 50 meter run and 1<sup>st</sup> in softball throw.

**Jacelynn Shields** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 meter dash and 1<sup>st</sup> in softball throw.



**Blazen Sitterly** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in standing long jump and 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 meter walk.



**Lane Sutterfield** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in standing long jump and 2<sup>nd</sup> in softball throw.



**Kesslee Travis** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 100 meter walk and 3<sup>rd</sup> in softball throw.



**Anicka Weller** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100 meter walk and 3<sup>rd</sup> in softball throw.



**Jesse Wolf** placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 50 meter run and 2<sup>nd</sup> in softball throw.



**William Winston** won BEST sighted guide runner and cheerleader for the team.



Mr. Logan was an awesome bus driver, Nurse Karla kept us safe, and Mrs. Jones and Mr. Carden were the best helpers the crew could have had.



# Jr/Sr Trip

## By Staff

Do you know what giant teeth, a tornado tube, roller coasters and food all have in common? It's the Jr/Sr Trip!



This year the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders traveled to Oklahoma City and partied like rock stars.

Thursday night a heated game of **Family Feud** "Juniors versus Seniors" kept them entertained.

It was close but the Juniors outwitted the Seniors.

Friday morning the class got up early for breakfast at **Braum's** before hitting the road to OKC.



The day was spent at the **Oklahoma Science Museum** where they



explored various exhibits including giant teeth, a tube that simulates the wind speed of a tornado, and even got to be a little

childish with giant Legos.

Some even got to ride on a Segway.



Friday evening they enjoyed a dinner of seafood at **Pearl's Crabtown** where they got to try dishes like alligator, crab legs, and a favorite was jambalaya. After dinner they had the best ice cream at the **Marble Slab Creamery**.

Saturday morning, after breakfast at the hotel, the class ventured to **Frontier City** where they spent the day riding roller coasters and enjoying time



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## Jr./Sr. Trip (continued)

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together.

One of their favorite rides was the **Brain Drain**, which is a 7 story steel looping thrill ride. This bright blue, yellow and orange piece of machinery puts 24 riders face-to-face as they **ROCKET** back and forth in suspense before **WILDLY** looping in an adrenaline-drenched 360-revolution.



Make sure to catch your breath before the ride stops upside down, dangling over 72 feet in the air! Be sure to ask Abby, Aislinn, Blazen and Jimmy how fun it was. Don't ask Ms. Goins, she swears she will never ride it again.

After a long day in the park the class had dinner at **Pop's Route 66 Restaurant**. They filled their bellies with burgers and treats and bought lots of fun sodas before returning to OSB.

The Junior/Senior Class would like to thank everyone who made the

weekend possible.

The brave sponsors included Mrs. Cragg, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Jackman, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Billy, Mr. Carden, Mrs. LaRue, and Ms. Goins. They will probably need a few days to recover.



## Graduation & Graduation Party

### By Staff

The evening before graduation STUCO organized a great cookout with hamburgers, brats, inflatables and lots of fun and companionship. The weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time before having to say good-bye the next day (which was accompanied by lots of tears).



During graduation Benjamin Middleton gave a wonderful Valedictorian Address:

*"Good afternoon parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and distinguished guests.*

*I would like to start by thanking all of the people who helped the class of 2022 make it to the stage today beginning with all of the staff at the Oklahoma School for the Blind. Whether you are a Direct Care Specialist, Nurse, Food Service, Maintenance,*

*Secretary or Teacher, our school would not be the same without you and it is important for you to know just how much our lives are impacted by all you do to make sure we are taken care of in the best school in the state.*

*Personally, I would like to thank my parents, teachers, and friends for supporting me throughout my years of education. Without your support and encouragement I would not be standing in front of you today.*

*Two years ago when Covid changed our world we never thought we would be here today. So much has changed in those two years. We learned that even when the world shuts down, we can adapt and keep going. The 2021-22 school year was our first steps into the "new normal" and we are ready for any obstacle the world can throw at us. We have learned how technology can be our best friend and worst enemy.*

*Do you remember snow days?*

*Well, we don't*

*because now we have virtual school instead and learning to work remotely has taught us that nothing, not even Mother Nature, can keep us from learning. Heaven forbid the Wi-Fi go down because I don't think I have used a pencil in two years. But, even with all of these changes we have somehow managed to not give up on our goals. And even when we missed our friends and our interactions with them, all of the things we learned as part of the "new normal" was worth it and we persevered.*

*Our class quote is something Henry Ford said. We all know*

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# Graduation & Graduation Party (continued)

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Mr. Ford is famous for revolutionizing factory production with his assembly-line methods. He once said **"If you think you can do a thing, or that you cannot do a thing, you are right."** I agree with this statement. We believed that we would make it through a world-wide pandemic, and we did. We believe that we can take the lessons we learned from our years at OSB and apply them to our futures and we will. We will not let the word "can't"

stop us from trying to follow our dreams and thanks to our time here at OSB we have the courage to continue to "think we can" and turn that thought into "we did".

One last thought before we hear from our commencement speaker. Fellow graduates, I encourage you to take a few minutes and remind yourself of all of those things you thought you couldn't do over the years and yet you somehow managed to learn to do them. Those obstacles have turned into victories for you and as we move forward we need to

remember what Mr. Ford said and continue to think that we can so we can have many more victories in life.

Thank you."



## Recreation Activities

By Nancy Brice

I can't believe that the school year is coming to an end. We made it through the March weather. We

made air fresheners on **Craft Night**.

We sang for spring on **Karaoke**

Night! Spring Break was a well needed break for all of us. We ended the month with

a big splash and went **swimming** at the Muskogee Swim and Fitness.

In **April** we started off with **Crazy Game Night**. I would like to thank Angel and Leah for being the team leaders. They were rock stars!

The ESA ladies of the Muskogee area were not able to be with us for their annual **pizza night**.

They did send the donation and we sent our thanks and a few pictures of us eating that great pizza.

We finished our last **Craft Night** of the year making hand prints into trees.

We were able to go **bowling** this month. Having a Striking good time!

We missed a few birthdays thru the year so at the end of April we celebrated all the **Birthdays** thru May.

I can say we are very flexible when plans change. The storms came in the last week of April and the outside Rec at the park became Rec at our wonderful New Gym. That worked out better!

The students played **Basketball**,

**Hop Ball** and many other activities.

While most of the High School went to the **Prom**. The rest of us went to McDonald's for some real tasty food and fellowship.

The **May** activities began with **Homecoming**. All the girls and guys looked really nice. Congratulations to Audrey our 2022 homecoming queen!

The month of May ended with a trip to the **"Tahlequah SkateHouse"**. The students had an awesome time.

I know with the summer coming there will be great things happening at summer camp. Hope to see ya there.

Recreation Director,  
Nancy Brice



# FCCLA

## By Emileigh Jackson

On March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Macey Millar, Emileigh Jackson, and Angel Cozort participated in State competition for Creed Speaking and Children's Literature levels 1 and 2. They all put so much into their competition and did so well!

FCCLA State Convention took place on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.



Angel Cozort and Emileigh Jackson both attended the State Convention accompanied by Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Jackman. Macey Millar was scheduled to participate but unfortunately she was unable to attend.

The convention took place at the Oklahoma City Convention Center for the first time ever. At the convention, there was a guest speaker, honorary FCCLA members were mentioned, there

was the voting for the upcoming years FCCLA leaders, and State level STAR event winners were recognized / awarded.

For the awards portion, sadly Emileigh and Macey didn't place in the top three and therefore didn't get awarded. However, Angel placed third in Children's Literature Level 1!

## Congratulations Angel!

After the convention, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Jackman, Emileigh, and Angel all headed to Pops, a gas station, in Arcadia Oklahoma to eat lunch. Pops is a very popular Route 66 attraction.

After leaving Pops with full stomachs and some very interesting sodas, they headed to the Round Barn in Arcadia.

The Round Barn is a very old Route 66 attraction that's been around since 1898. On the first floor of the barn there is a gift shop and museum that holds so much history! The second story of the barn is a big open space that is often used for weddings and

parties. It was huge and had a big tall roof.

After leaving the round barn, they all headed home to end their State Convention trip.

Thank you so much to everyone that helped arrange everything and all of the great opportunities!



A big special thank you to Mrs. Jackman for traveling with us and especially Mrs. Garner for working hard to make all of this possible.

FCCLA ended the year with one final blood drive.

FCCLA has had such an amazing year. Thank you to everyone that helped make FCCLA possible and to everyone that donated blood!



# Disability Awareness Day

## By Lorie Cox

### State Capitol Visit

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, OSB Student Council members and Elbin Carrillo went to the state capitol building to see how the senate and house representatives vote on bills and most of us were able to talk to the representatives and senators!



From Left: Mrs. Young Mock, Tessa, Kaylie and Senator Burns

We split off into three groups and made our way around the building finding our local legislatures in order to introduce ourselves and talk about the importance of our school. We left portfolios with them or their assistants that gave

lots of information about OSB and how much OSB does for us.

We were called to the House and Senate floors and were recognized as representatives of the Oklahoma School for the Blind which was very exciting!

After we met our legislators, we had lunch at Bee Healthy Cafe.

After lunch we went to the Oklahoma History Center and visited all the stands that had accessible items for multiple disabilities and stayed for the DRS Student of the Year Ceremonies.

**Elbin Carrillo** was named the **DRS Student of The Year** and he



Elbin receiving his award

was allowed to give a moving speech!

We enjoyed our time at the capitol and we are proud to represent OSB.



From Left: Lorie, Tessa and Elbin



From Left: John, Kaylie and Ben

## Student Council

By Lorie Cox



The 2021-22 OSB Student Council has been very busy this year.

Some of the things they accomplished was donating a basket for the spaghetti fundraiser and visiting the state capitol on Disability Awareness Day.

They also sold hat passes in order to raise funds for the Graduation Party at the end of the year.

STUCO was also able to get a 4-square and basketball court approved to be purchased and added to the playground area.

This year they are going out with a bang for the graduation party. They plan on cooking out, having inflatables and an afternoon of fun and fellowship before saying goodbye for the summer.

The students voted to install Kaylie Minter as the 2022-23 STUCO President and are looking forward to what she has planned for next year.

STUCO would like to thank everyone for supporting the OSB Panthers and hope everyone has a relaxing summer!

See you next year!



## Superintendent Hofmeister's Student Advisory Council

By Emileigh Jackson

On April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, Superintendent Hofmeister held the second Student Advisory Council meeting. Junior Kaylie Minter and Sophomore Emileigh Jackson had the amazing opportunity to participate!

The first Student Advisory Council meeting was held virtually in January but, unfortunately, none of our students were able to attend the first meeting.

During the meeting, they talked about many different problems that students are facing. A couple of the different problems that were discussed included problems such as mental health and the lack of counselors. Oklahoma was one of the last states to not require health education such as mental health.

Some other topics also included issues with racism and homophobia, especially with the fact that schools are not

addressing these issues.

Also discussed was the impact that COVID had on our schools and students, especially the mental factor, had a major impact. The impact specifically affects students due to the fact that **"200,000 kids have lost both of their parents due to COVID"**, which was a fact discussed within the council.

One of the last topics that we talked about was the teachings of relationships and consent, more so the fact that not many schools do this and it is something that is very important to learn at a young age.

At OSB, we had someone come to the school and teach about consent a couple of months ago. It is very important every school has opportunities like that at least once a year to learn.

We are so happy that Kaylie and Emileigh got the awesome opportunity to attend this student advisory council.

 **Thank you so much to DRS and OSB** for making it possible. They are so excited to attend the next meeting in June!

**OKLAHOMA CITY (Jan. 4, 2022)** – State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister has named 74 high school students from around Oklahoma to her 2022 Student Advisory Council. This is the seventh year the group has convened to assist Hofmeister and the Oklahoma State Department of Education with policy matters.

"These students are among the top high school leaders in our state, and it is imperative to get their feedback. The insight we receive from this council is incredibly valuable, and their thoughtful reflection and fearless vision is instrumental to our decision-making," Hofmeister said.

<https://sde.ok.gov/newsblog/2022-01-04/hofmeister-announces-members-2022-student-advisory-council>

## Tessa's Book Corner

By Trinity Vreeland



This quarter Tessa's Book Corner will be featuring 'Light a Single Candle' by Beverly Butler.

This realistic fiction book, written in 1973, is a classic novel featuring a blind character that is still worth reading today.

Cathy is 14 when she loses her

sight and is forced to adjust to a visionless world. This change depresses her at first.

However, she becomes a strong, independent teenager through the experiences that she has to endure. She was pushed into going to a school for the blind over 100 miles away with no clue what to expect.

Challenging social situations

helped her to grow emotionally.

**Tessa's recommendation:** "Cathy is a relatable character because she lost her vision at the same age that I did. I was inspired by reading this book about a strong, brave, blind girl. This is an empowering book for blind people, and I fully recommend it." \*\*\*\* (4/5)

## Wellness Corner

By Abby Norton



The last few **Wellness Wednesdays** of this year the main things that were focused on

were: mindfulness and meditation, financial literacy, and physical fitness/sports.

Each month had a different corresponding theme. March was "Mindfulness March", April was Financial Literacy month, and May is National Physical Fitness and

Sports Month.

The last few topics in March were steady breathing and stretch breaks to remind everyone to take some time to rest and calm down.

One interesting thing included was a **breathing technique** that you can use when you feel overwhelmed. You start by inhaling for 5 seconds, holding for 5 seconds, exhaling for 5 seconds, and then holding for another 5 seconds repeating the steps multiple times.

In April the key points were about the importance of financial stability and other things like knowing the difference between your needs and wants but also the importance of paying bills.

Lastly, in May we learned about physical fitness and that we should strive to get 60 minutes a day to celebrate physical fitness in May!



## Mr. Jackman's Spanish Class Trip

By Abby Norton

Mr. Jackman's Spanish class took a trip to **Las Americas**, which is a Spanish supermarket in Muskogee.

This Spanish class consisted of Anika Weller, Josie Cox, Kyler Harrington, Mykel Eagel, and Julia Cisneros. Other students and staff joined the class on the trip including: Trinity Vreeland, Tessa Williams, Mrs. Miller,

Ms. Woods, and Mrs. Sandy.

During their exploration of the Spanish store the students got to use the Spanish speaking skills that they learned during the year in real life situations.

The students split into groups of two and shopped for the ingredients on their shopping list while asking for any assistance they needed in Spanish. Once the shopping was done they worked

hard to prepare food for a small party!

They had chicken taquitos, fruit cups, mangonadas, street corn, and platanos fritos,



Fruit Cup



Street Corn

which is a fried banana that is meant for

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# Mr. Jackman's Spanish Class Trip (continued)

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cooking.

"The trip made the students leave their comfort zone because all the employees were speaking Spanish. I also enjoyed working with Mrs. Garner, the O&M teachers, and Mrs. Sandy because it was fun to see them in something other than a classroom environment. The students got to learn new FACS skills while using what they learned in Spanish.

After the work, they enjoyed the

fruits of their labor in a really culturally immersive experience".

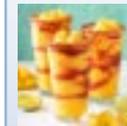


A massive thank you to Mrs. Sandy and Mr. Jackman for putting this together and helping so much with the cooking process.

**You rock guys!!!!**



**Taquitos** = A small rolled-up tortilla that contains filling, including beef, cheese or chicken. The filled tortilla is then crisp-fried or deep-fried.



**Mangonadas** = A frozen mango treat with an infusion of bold flavors – it's sweet, tangy, spicy, & delicious!!



**Platanos fritos** = Fried bananas.



**Buen apetito!**



Ms. Sandy cooking



Abby & Trinity working hard



Julia working on the corn



Anicka & Mykel peeling corn

## Prom

By Abby Norton

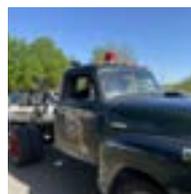


The Jr/Sr class had a fantastic "Night Under the Stars".

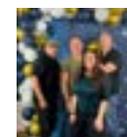


This was a night of fun and friends and all around joy!

To start out the night all the attendees of the night rode to the venue at 810 Ranch in style thanks to the **Cruis'n Angels** Car Club and their awesome cars!



We headed to the venue where we paraded beautiful and handsome outfits and the night started with dinner provided by Gino's Italian restaurant and put together by Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Thorton.



After dinner the party started with the very special appearance of our first live band **The Hype!**



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They played a variety of different songs and made dancing irresistible with their amazing vocals and instrumentals.

Later that night this year's **Prom king** and **queen** were announced.

The 2022 Prom king and queen are **Ben Middleton** and **Kaylie Minter!**

There are many people that deserve to be thanked for their help

in making this event happen such as: Love Bottling for providing drinks, Lakeland Florists for providing the flowers on the tables, 810 Ranch Cattle Company, Gino's Italian restaurant, The Cruis'n Angels Car Club, Mrs. Mock for taking photos, the maintenance staff for making the photo backdrop, Ms. Goins for filling in for Mrs. Webb as emcee, and the administration for making the event possible. Thanks to the contribution of these people the Jr/Sr class had the best time making memories "Under the Stars" at Prom.



**THANK YOU**

## Homecoming / Spring Concert

By Abby Norton

This year 2021-2022 Home-coming and Spring Concert were combined to make the event more exciting!

This year's homecoming attendants were: Freshmen Tessa Williams and Ocie Webster, Sophomores Katelynn Zampella and Jerry Rodriguez, and Juniors Abby Norton and Elbin Carrillo.

The queen candidates and escorts were: Lydia Bradley and John Doung, Miracle Jones and Ben Middleton, Audrey DeBrosky and Tyler Duong, and Jacelynn Shields and Blazen Sitterly.

Don't forget about our returning



queen Morgan Hudson, the lovely flower girl Gabby Henderson, crown bearer Blaze Calger, and escort William Winston.



The **home-coming queen** out of the class of 2022 is **Audrey DeBrosky!**



After the homecoming ceremony the OSB Jazz Band went on to finish the night with their amazing performance that included the songs: Light em' Up (*My Songs Know What You Did In the Dark*) by Fall Out Boy, Blinding Lights by The Weekend, Counting Stars by One Republic, and Bang! by AJR.

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE



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

Thank you Susanna Jackman for helping other teachers enhance their curriculum in creative and fun ways!

S. Young Mock

**Thank you ...**

Laci Goins for covering announcements while I was out.

Maggie Mattox for making sure staff had access to student accommodations for testing.

Cassie Shelton for sponsoring the "Bee" art contest.

Susana Jackman for creating the fabulous video of our Life Science skit and making costumes for skits.

C Daniels

Thank you Rob Culie for going the extra mile with the kids. He comes up with very creative activities for the kids in P.E. and the kids have a great time!

He's also very professional and always has a positive attitude.

Traci Davenport

**Thank you ...**

Mr. Culie, Mr. Jackman, Ms. Maggie, and Ms. Goins. This crew helped make Homecoming look beautiful! They all pitched in to create the balloon decor. And a big thanks to Mr. Culie for taking all the balloon decor down the next day.

Mrs. Garner, Ms. Jamie, and Mrs. Shelton for helping with dress

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# GOING THE EXTRA MILE

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descriptions and making sure kids had dresses to wear!

Mrs. Eckerson for making sure the littles were prepared for their big day at Homecoming.

Ms. Christine and Mr. Mike Robinson for helping with the equipment delivery that just happen to arrive when I was busy with Homecoming stuff! You guys rock.

Ms. Nancy and Mr. Ferrell for helping with the lapel flowers.

Mr. Logan for livestreaming the Homecoming event.

T. Webb

Thank you Machel Thornton & Team for working so hard to accommodate students by giving them food choices whenever possible.

Tammy Saccomano

Thank you Mrs. Leatherman for setting up our end of the year field trips for our Elementary Students. We appreciate you!

Jennifer Eckerson

## Thank you ...

Dawn Bryant for helping me with student accounts. The students and I are very appreciative.

Kitchen Staff for providing nutritious and delicious meals to our staff and students all year. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

Melissa Graves for taking such good care of the front office. Your smile, friendliness and politeness shows during every conversation. You help the school to run smoothly!

Coday Stewart for all of your help with the computer and internet issues throughout the year.

Maintenance and Custodial for all of the project you have been completing and keeping the school looking fantastic.

DCS & ILS for taking such good care of the students. The students look up to you as you are their second family. You do an amazing job!

Tonya Givens

## Thank you ...

Coday Stewart for putting in many many extra hours of his own personal time to develop the new amazing OSB website!

Laci Goins, Allison Garner, and Cheryl Daniels for working with our students on their Senior Summary of Performance Plans and helping them prepare their power points for the "big show" every year!

Maggie Mattox for her endless help with Edplan in coordinating with other school districts and SDE/Wave reps to ensure we are compliant and "in the green"! Also, for her attention to detail and helping all processes to run more smoothly!

Annette Underwood for wearing many hats in helping the clinic staff, working with NSU Optometry, and keeping the Outreach Department on track!

Karen Reed

Thank you to my Elementary Teachers for collaborating and working so well together and just being a positive, cohesive group. They help each other with curriculum, classroom management, and put the students first in all that they do! I'm proud to have them on my elementary team!

Shawna Coplen

DCS - I second Tonya's nomination! You all take such good care of our students and they love you for it!

Shawna Coplen

Thank you so much Jeana Jones for going above and beyond by offering hearing tests to the entire staff! And then to follow that up by consulting an audiologist and getting recommendations. Wow, you are REMARKABLE!!!

Tammy Saccomano

Thank you Jeana Jones for bringing your friend Denise to feed us street tacos on Wed! It was delicious, and you are thoughtful.

Whitney Gamble

Thank you Mrs. Eckerson for helping with the Homecoming Reception at the Rec.

Nancy Brice

A HUGE THANK YOU goes to Marcella Bynum for Going the Extra Mile recently during the torrential rains. During a particularly rainy morning, Marcella braved the rain and met incoming students in the parking lot to escort them inside. Her clothes were literally drenched, and she had to go home to quickly change clothes before returning to work after her morning duties were complete. Marcella performed her duties with a smile and did not complain about the working environment. She truly cares about the students and wanted them to be taken care of to the best of her ability. Great job, Marcella!

Rita Echelle

Thank you Laci Goins & helpers (*whoever they may be*) for all your hard work with our seniors to get them ready for graduation and to make this day special for them.

Maggie Mattox

Thank you Susan Young Mock for organizing the Graduation party with your STUCO members, so the graduates would be able to close out the year with a bang and fun memories.

Maggie Mattox

**Thank you guys for going the extra mile. It is highly appreciated.**



**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to **Dawn Bryant** (left) for **Employee of the Year** and to **Whitney Gamble** for **Teacher of the Year.**

# Birthdays

## Students

### JUNE

ZAMPELLA, KATELYNN	6	5
MIDDLETON, BENJAMIN	6	10
MILLAR, MACEY	6	12
HEFFLEY, AUSTIN	6	18
JORDAN, KELTON	6	30

### JULY

BRADLEY, LYDIA	7	20
PRIDY, BLAKE	7	21
CULLEY, TYANNA	7	27

### AUGUST

ALLEN, XANE	8	2
SUMMERLIN, NEAL	8	2
BROWN, TREYSEN	8	8
JACKSON, EMILEIGH	8	10
WEBSTER, OCIE	8	12
SAILORS, LEAH	8	12
HENDERSON, GABRIELLA	8	18
MINTER, KAYLIE	8	20
BURNSIDE, JAYLEE	8	22
WILLIAMS, RYAN	8	27
DAVIDSON, NOAH	8	31



## Staff

### JUNE

BUTLER, PAUL	6	4
BYNUM, MARCELLA	6	7
ANDERSON, TRESSY	6	10
POFAHL, VICKIE	6	14
HARGROVE, CHRISTY	6	16
COOMER, ROSIE	6	18
MILLER, RENEE	6	18
DAVENPORT, TRACI	6	27
LEATHERMAN, LAURA	6	29

### JULY

DANIELS, CHERYL	7	7
PAGE, ANN	7	18
HARRISON, SANDY	7	20
MATHEWS, JODI	7	22
GIVENS, TONYA	7	27

### AUGUST

MILLER, ROBERT	8	10
YOCHEM, LISA	8	26



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## OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

### New Hires:

Regina Huggins, Housekeeping/Custodial Worker, 3/28/2022  
Autumn Reeve, DCS, 4/4/2022  
Cheri Slate-Roudebush, DCS, 4/4/2022



### Separations:

Munekia Moore, ILS, 4/18/2022  
Kim Slaten, ILS, 6/30/2022  
Samantha Charles, Teacher (Outreach), 7/31/2022  
Ruby Barker, Teacher, 7/31/2022  
Reneé Miller, Teacher, 7/31/2022  
Dennis Paul Butler, Teacher, 7/31/2022



### Reassignments:

Tonya Givens, Business Manager, 5/1/2022  
Melissa Graves, Admin. Assistant, 5/16/2022



### Open Positions:

There are several open positions at OSB at this time.

Please check our website at <http://osb.k12.ok.us/> - **Employment Opportunities** (bottom of the home page) - for more information.

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

June 6 - 16	Summer School / Camp
June 6 - 16	Summer Program "Skills to Pay the Bills"
June 26 - 30	VIBE Camp (transition age group)
July 11 - 15	VIBE Camp (adults) - Group 1
July 24 - 28	VIBE Camp (adults) - Group 2
<b>Aug. 8 - 11</b>	<b>Professional Development</b> - ALL Staff report back to school
<b>Aug. 14</b>	<b>Enrollment Sunday</b>
Aug. 15	First Day of School