

PANTHER PRIDE

School Principal: Lynn Cragg

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Western Heritage Day - Ranch Field Trip

Western Heritage Day at the Silver Spur Lodge in Haskell was another huge success.



Student, Sara Graber, riding a horse w. 2 staff assisting

Students also got to try their hand at roping a dummy calf ... and that was all before lunch.

was presented by Priscilla Diaz and Makayla Fetner. They both sang beautifully.

To wrap things up there was a surprise visit from Country Music Star Randy Travis.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ White Cane Day
- ☺ Academic Team
- ☺ Special Olympics
- ☺ FCCLA
- ☺ 'Going the Extra Mile' Recognitions



Student, Jacob King, showing off the fish he caught

Students, staff and OQHA volunteers enjoyed the

We also had a "News on 6 Storm Chaser"



Group picture in front of the Channel 6 News Storm Chaser truck

bring his van and took pictures with some of the students.



Country Star, Randy Travis, signing autographs

He signed a few autographs and had pictures taken with the students.

As you might imagine, no one wanted to go back to school.

stage coach rides, fishing, pony rides, horseback rides, hay rides, the



Student, Joey Owens, riding the mechanical bull

At lunch time everyone gathered in the dining hall for 'all you could eat' chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls and chocolate pudding.



Student, Ariana Richardson, enjoying the trampoline

mechanical bull, the trampoline and the rock climbing wall.



Student on rock climbing wall

The entertainment for the day

Linda Graber, PTO



Country Star, Randy Travis, surrounded by students

Please check our **next edition** for our **first quarter HONOR ROLL and Students of the first quarter**, as those names were not available in time for this edition yet. Thank you.

4H - Reminder

Our next meeting will be **Nov. 10th at 5:30 pm.**

Our next Bunny and Poultry Show is scheduled for

Nov. 17th at 6:00 pm



Clipart: smiley face with camera

at the OSB gym.

We hope to see you all there.

Marcella Bynum, Sponsor



White Rabbit in student's lap

School Picture **RETAKES** have been **rescheduled** for

Wednesday, Nov. 11 @ 8:00 am.

Please assure to send your order/payment with your student prior to Retakes.

Also, if you would like to order the initial picture taken, please send order/payment at your earliest, so I can place your order. Thank you.

Maggie Mattox

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Clipart: Panther behind a desk with a sign "Parkview Panthers"

White Cane Day at Muskogee Arrowhead Mall - Oct. 15th

The second annual OSB White Cane Day observance kicked-off with opening remarks from Representative George Faught,



OCB members Jeanne Meyer (right) and Carolyn Patocka w. service dog (middle) giving an award to Representative Jerry McPeak (left)

DRS Commissioner Jack Tucker and Representative Jerry McPeak, expressing

their appreciation to the **Oklahoma School for the Blind** for continuing to be **the states number one resource for blind and visually impaired individuals in Oklahoma.**

The west end of Arrowhead Mall was full of vendors (see below) waiting to share their knowledge with individuals looking for infor-

mation regarding the blind and visually impaired and to 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, productive individuals.

Demonstrations about Orientation and Mobility, Outreach, Dog Guides, Independent Living Skills, Braille, etc. were conducted by OSB students and faculty.

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.



Group picture of OSB jazz band performing at the mall

The event concluded with a wonderful and very enthusiastic concert from the OSB Jazz Band.

Linda Graber,
PTO



Linda Graber, OSB PTO, standing in front of a vendor booth, with other vendors in the background



Clipart: Boy walking with white cane in right hand and book under left arm

OSB celebrated White Cane Safety Day at Arrowhead Mall, thanks to OSB PTO.

Students in O&M classes came to the mall to educate the community on the purpose of the white cane and how they travel independently.

The **Muskogee Phoenix** highlighted Ms. Woods and Gunner Harris demonstrating these skills in an article published on Wednesday, October 14.



Student, Gunner Harris, with O&M instructor, Gina Woods, demonstrating the white cane use at the mall

OSB also had display booths from Independent Living Skills department, Braille committee and Outreach.

Local organizations also had displays, including Nano Pac, NewView Oklahoma, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Visual Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Oklahoma Council of the Blind and National Federation of the Blind.

In honor of my white cane: **"Independent"** by Richelle Zampella

*I am not afraid to walk alone.
Do you see all these people?
Every one of them, proud to be like me.
Each step I take need not be*



Student, Richelle Zampella, playing the saxophone

*accompanied.
Do you understand?
Every one of us needs to brandish the white flag that shows we are independent.*

Faye Miller,
O&M instructor/sponsor



A German Shepherd (service dog) surrounded by white canes laying on the ground

Updates from our Social Services Department



Posted Notes image with note "Caught being Good"

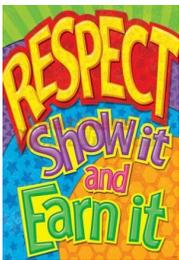
Students & Staff "Caught Being Good" for October

- ◆ Patelin Cogswell - for helping another student to class and for being helpful in the dorm with students and adults.
- ◆ Brianna Brennan - for helping another student to class.
- ◆ Will Carney & Kaylee Ragon - for helping another student in an outside activity.
- ◆ Avery Carrington & Ben Middleton - for having a great attitude during a group project.
- ◆ Angel Cozort - for sharing with a group.
- ◆ Xerek Hitchcock - for escorting another child to the clinic and always helping in the dorm setting.
- ◆ Dayton Baccus - for assisting another student on the playground.
- ◆ Shannon Winter - for helping students in the classroom.
- ◆ Jimmy Anderson - for helping a student to the cafeteria and calming them down.
- ◆ Mrs. Crouch - for going beyond the call of duty.
- ◆ Laci Goins - for going beyond the "Call of Duty" with students & adults.

Social Services Department
 Donna Ausmus
 Jane Thomas
 Sylvia Sterling

Once again it is time for the **Holiday Food Baskets** that we give to OSB families in need. **Please send non-perishable food items with your student** and have your student give them to their teacher. We will also have a **box down in the front office** that you can drop your items in. Thank you

CHARACTER BUILDER WORD for NOVEMBER



Clipart "Respect, show it and earn it"

Student Assessment Services worker, Jane Thomas, and intern Cindy Allen, will be visiting classes in grades 1 through 6 with messages about the term **"R E S P E C T."**

Students will learn how to earn the respect of others by their actions, as well as how to give the gift of respect to those they observe and interact with throughout their day.

Jane Thomas,
 Social Services Specialist



Clipart "Remember the Golden Rule: Treat others the way you want to be treated."

Boys Bash 2015

On October 13th I was asked by Mrs. Sterling to accompany some of our 8th grade young men to "Boys Bash 2015", which was held at Fort Gibson's Field House.

"Boys Bash" is an event where 7th thru 9th grade young men from public schools all over this area gather for educational lessons concerning sex and sexuality. It is sponsored every year by the Crisis Preg-

nancy Center and by my estimation there were several hundred young men in attendance.

I personally felt that the information shared was very informative and relevant for the young men and hopefully will aid them in making wise personal choices in their future.

OSB's students seemed to be attentive and they also enjoyed the BBQ lunch, which was supplied for those who attended.

Paul Butler,
 High School Teacher



Clipart - Group of Teenagers hanging out

Library Reminders

Good Afternoon All. Just a quick reminder on the opportunities to support your library program this year.

Homeland Dollars for Schools



Clipart: school board and utensils and the words "Dollars for Schools" written on the board

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. If you do not have one yet, please go to below listed link to fill out an application.

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

Box Tops for Education

BUY 3 BOX TOPS EARN 100



Box Top image with pictures of Box Tops items advertising participating products

Thanks for supporting our school! Together, we can make a big difference! Keep clipping Box Tops and send them to Mrs. Collins in the Media Center. Each Box Top is worth ten cents. Also be on the lookout for Bonus Box Tops on your favorite items.

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.

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



Clipart picture of a factor building and the words Funding Factory

Funding Factory turns your used toner and inkjet cartridges into cash to fund the media program. Send your old cartridges to our school media center.

From the Heart Jewelry

Since **Sept. 14, 2015**, the Media Center is selling OSB Jewelry. Stop by, check it out and show your OSB Pride. Prices vary



Picture of a bracelet with a blue panther paw charm

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

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



Clipart: Master Yoda reading a book

Star Wars Reads

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

Monday night,

November 16 at 7:00 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



Clipart: Dark Vader reading to Princess Leia

Academic Team - Update

On Monday, October 12th our OSSAA Academic Team competed against Webbers Falls and Bokoshe in the OSSAA District Seeding.

We won both our games and **seeded first in our district** scoring 290 points in two games.

Logan McCoy scored 110 points, demonstrating fantastic math skills.

Richelle Zampella scored 40 points and Jennifer Ratliff scored 30 points.

We will travel back to Mason for OSSAA Regionals on Saturday, November 14th and will be wrapping up our season with the Oginali Conference.

We will end our season with games and awards on **Tuesday, November 3rd**.

To the date of this article, Logan McCoy and Richelle Zampella are in a tight race for highest points. Logan has 210 points in 18 quarters and Richelle has 240 points in 24 quarters. Kaylee Ragon is next up with 80 points in 20 quarters.

Congratulations to all our team members.

Although individual points are important, playing as a team, especially in the 60 second quarters, is just as important.

Jennifer Ratliff, Regan Spaulding, Logan Deaton, Brianna Brennan and Ariana Richardson round off our teams.



Clipart: Smiley face, winking one eye and holding both thumbs up

Faye Miller,
sponsor

Girl Scouts - Update



THIS CHICK LOVES TO CAMP
Clipart: Chick roasting a marshmallow in front of a tent, with text "This chick loves to camp"

Girl Scout Troop 11224 began the year with a weekend long Jamboree at Camp Wah-Shah-She in Bartlesville, Ok.

The Girls enjoyed campfires, canoeing, hiking, crafting, and learning to cook on a camp stove. They learned all about the legends of Wah-Shah-She and completed their bronze boot while at the event.

And best of all, out of the 20 or so troops at the event **we won**

the Best Gate Post for 2015. The girl's campsite post was made up of Cardboard Wonder Woman and Bat Girl standing guard below a troop flag stating "We Read Braille, What's Your Super Power?" They also decorated each tent with capes and super hero masks and filled the trees with glittering super lights.



2015 Jamboree certificate "Best Gate Post - Congratulations!" with a girl with backpack shown below

We will be participating in a special Juliette Gordon Low event in November to honor her many contributions to scouting.

Girl Scout registration is still open.

Try new things. Make new friends. Go on more adventures than you can count. With us, there's a whole world of new opportunities waiting for you.

If you are interested in joining our group as a Girl Scout or Volunteer, please contact Barbara Collins, Library, at Ext. 8236 or via email: bcollins@osb.k12.ok.us.

Leader – Becky LaRue

CoLeader – Carla Cotney

Registrar/Product Sales – Barbara Collins



Three fire safety clowns with a big 911 sign, standing in a "living room"

Elementary "Fire Safety Program" field trip



OSB student, Treysen Brown, being greeted by one of the Fire Safety Clowns

October 20, 2015 Mrs. Adams' and Mrs. Wassom's classes went to the Muskogee Civic Center to enjoy the

Muskogee Fire Fighters Clown Society fire safety program.

The children were educated and entertained by these very brave

public servants. Afterwards the two classes visited Fire Station No. 5 and the children were given free reign to explore a fire truck. There are several students who have added being a fireman to their "what I want to be when I grow up" list. It was a great field trip!

Kathy Adams,
Teacher

Safety rules everyone should know:

- Crawl low to the ground if your room is full of smoke.
- When to dial 911 and what information to provide.
- Use the back of your hand to see if the door is hot.
- Always make sure that handles of cooking pans are not pointing off the stove.

Special Olympics "Bowling" Results

Wednesday, October 21st, the Special Olympic team traveled to McAlester for a bowling tournament. As always, our crew had a fun time at the Great Balls of Fire bowling alley!

Mr. Culie was an excellent bus driver as always. Ms. Jamie Allenbaugh, Mr. Carden, and Nurse Kim were awesome helpers as our bowlers took on other Olympians from McAlester and Glenpool.



Student, Justin Whitmire, getting ready to let go of the bowling ball on a ramp, with teacher Chris Carden by his side

Here are the results:

Senior:

Triston Gibson **2nd place** in ramp bowling

Juniors:

Jacob King **2nd place** in open bowling
 Morning Star Clark **1st place** in ramp bowling
 Andrew Wagon **1st place** in ramp bowling
 Seth Wedel **1st place** in ramp bowling
 Justin Whitmire **3rd place** in ramp bowling

Sophomore:

Lorenzo Rodriguez **1st place** in ramp bowling

Elementary:

Miracle Jones **1st place** in ramp bowling
 Kolten Pennington **1st place** in ramp bowling

Blazen Sitterly

2nd place in ramp bowling
 Tera Webb,
 P.E. Teacher



Student, Morning Star Clark, rolling her bowling ball of the ramp



Clipart: 'Way To Go' in blue and yellow WordArt style



Student, Kolten Pennington, getting ready to roll his bowling ball of the ramp

FCCLA Update

On Wednesday, Oct. 21st, FCCLA members traveled to Ft. Gibson High School for the **NE District II** meeting.



Artist's picture of the American flag with the bold eagle in the front

During the opening ceremony, members said the pledge of allegiance and listened to the Star Spangled Banner, which was performed by students from the Stillwell High School Band.

A representative from each school went on stage and introduced themselves, stated their chapter goals, and the number of members representing their school.

The keynote speaker was Oklahoma artist **Richard Hight**. He used a combination of art, music, and inspirational words to entertain and astound his audience.

He drew incredible pictures of horses and the American flag.

He told us a wonderful and funny story about his fifth grade year; how he began drawing.

After Mr. Hight was through speaking, OSB FCCLA members got to meet him and have their picture taken with him.



Group picture of artist, Richard Hight, and the OSB FCCLA members

The meeting was adjourned and FCCLA members went to Hornbacks in Muskogee for lunch.

It was a great day full of fun, laughter, and exciting new experiences. FCCLA members in attendance gave the day two thumbs up.

FCCLA Members attending:

Jennifer Ratliff
 Regan Spaulding
 Ariana Richardson
 Richelle Zampella
 Tai Yauri Thomas
 Conner Hilton
 Nicholas Jackson
 Kaylee Ragon

Kaylee Ragon
 & Ariana Richardson

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

Please check out
our website at:



OSB Panther symbol

OSB Employee / Staff Changes:

New Hires:

Laura Freeman, Transportation Specialist;
Jennifer Thomas, D.C.S. on evenings;
Elisa Fuentes, D.C.S. on nights.

Welcome on board. Glad to have you !



Clipart: The word "Welcome" in WordArt style , wavy with different colors.



Clipart: Happy Birthday ribbon with balloons

UPCOMING Birthdays

Students

Jamal Perry	Nov	10
Brianna Brennan	Nov	13
Michael Thompson	Nov	15
Nicholas Jackson-Morrison	Nov	21
Jacob King	Nov	24
Julia Cisneros	Nov	25
Hunter Kelley	Nov	25
Holly Felkins	Nov	26

Staff

Kim Crawford	Nov	23
Jeremy Jackman	Nov	23
Barbara Collins	Nov	27

GOING THE EXTRA MILE - October 2015



Clipart: 'Thank You'. Letters in various colors.

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

Ann Page for always being there to help any student before, during, and after school.

Kathy Barrett

Laci Goins and **Avonda Harris** for volunteering to go with the band to OKC for the DRS Expo.

Chris Ferrell

Mike Bynum for helping out on home going by driving the bus.

Brian Culver

Mrs. Crouch and **Laci Goins** for going beyond the "Call of Duty" for our students.

Sylvia Sterling

Ruby Barker for embracing technology this year to help her braille students be part of a national research study. She works with her students as they VoiceOver on the iPads with a refreshable braille display and practice reading tasks. She has had to learn how to navigate the pilot app, then work with the kids as they learn to navigate this app. The students' reading rates and comprehension has increased this semester because of her open-

ness to embracing this new technology. Thanks for going the extra mile!

Allison Garner for working with her Food Prep classes this year to make our year better. She and her classes have prepared snacks for visiting students at the Academic Team District Seeding Tournament. Her snacks for Outreach's teacher meeting were also a huge hit. The snacks were shared with teachers of the visually impaired, orientation and mobility instructors, and staff at the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Thanks for going the extra mile!

Maggie Mattox for walking the extra mile down to my classroom to return the report cards I didn't get completely filled out.

Kathy Adams

Maggie Mattox for always going the extra mile when taking and recording attendance. She takes that job very seriously, and is only satisfied when she knows why a student is not in class, when he/she can be expected to return, and if he/she has that "doctor's note", as applicable and required by the OSB Handbook. We love you Maggie, keep up the good work!

Jane Thomas

Rachel Butler for giving up her lunch time many days and her prep time as well to help me learn how to write IEP's.

Jamie Wassom

Jamie Allenbaugh for being a tremendous help to me in both Math classes and PE

classes. She definitely deserves this nomination.

Tera Webb

Bobby Carter for working 12 hour shifts to help cover staff shortages.

Cammeron Brice for volunteering to take on unassigned extra duties, e.g. scheduling route drivers for home going and pick up.

Avonda Harris, along with all her regular duties, transition training, and supervisor training, she is always willing to drive routes whenever asked.

Donald Baccus was willing to take a long route at the last minute on his wedding anniversary.

Ronnie Darden

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



Clipart: dog wagging his tale with the words 'Thank You' listed above.



November 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					

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
Tue., 3 rd	5:30 pm	Academic Team leaves for Academic Meet at Hilldale
Thur., 5 th		Future Shock Career Day
Tue., 10 th	5:30 pm	4H Meeting
Wed., 11th	8:00 am	School Picture RETAKES
Mon., 16 th		MS Field Trip to NSU Optometry
Tue., 17 th	6:00 pm	4H Rabbit and Poultry Show at OSB gym
23rd – 26th		THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Sun., 29 th		Dorms open / bus routes run
Mon., 30 th		Classes resume



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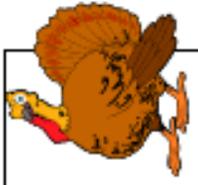
Upcoming December / January Events:

Wed., 2 nd	9:00 am	FCCLA District Star Events
Thur., 10 th	9:00 am	Cane Quest at OSB
		Special Olympics "Music and Dance"
Wed., 16 th	10:00 am	Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal for all students & staff
Thur., 17 th	1:00 pm	Elementary Christmas Play
		Last Day of School
Dec. 21st – Jan. 1st		Christmas Break - NO School
Sun., Jan. 3 rd		Dorms Open / Bus Routes run
Mon., Jan. 4th		Classes Resume





November 2015



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Dorms Open	2 Cookie Decorating 6:30 PM	3 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 PM	4 China King High School 5:00 PM	5 Home Going	6	7
8 Dorms Open	9 Golden Corral Elementary/JR High 5:00 PM	10 Open Rec/Outside 6:30 PM	11 Open Gym 6:30 PM	12 Home Going	13	14
15 Dorms Open	16 Star Wars Reads Literacy Night 7:00 P.M.	17 Bunny Show/Open Rec 6:30 PM	18 Thanksgiving Dance 7:00 PM	19 Home Going	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Thanksgiving Break						
29 Dorms Open	30 Open Rec 6:30 PM					



ALL Calendars are "subject to change". - Please visit our website <http://osb.k12.ok.us> for updates.