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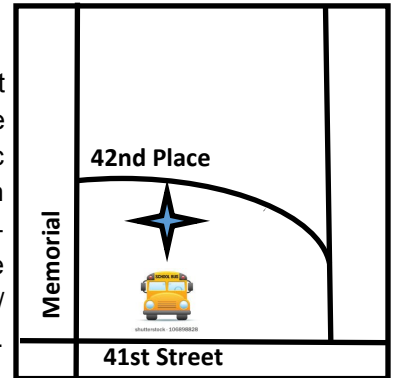
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Indian Education moves to new location in May!

The Indian Education office will move on May 18 –19, 2016, from the Roosevelt location to the Grant building at **7635 East 42nd Place, Tulsa, OK 74145**. We were located at this site sixteen years ago, with our office in the south end of the Tulsa Public Schools' bus transportation complex (between Sheridan and Memorial). You may turn south at the lights on 41st street. Our telephone numbers will be the same and the Indian Education main office will be open during the summer. Parents who need to have clothing vouchers signed or to fill out Title VII 506 applications and submit tribal cards/ letters or Certificates of Degrees of Indian Blood (CDIB's) should call for summer hours.

Our main office number is 918-833-8360.



Columbus Elementary students visit the Cherokee Ancient Village in Tahlequah, OK. They also saw the capital complex of Cherokee Nation. Jay Hester is the Resource Advisor for East Central and the Elementary and Junior High Schools that feed into the northeast area of Tulsa

(2,155 students are listed as an I for Indian only and additional students are included in the listing of 3,523 of M for multi-racial), make up over 10% of the Tulsa Public School population of 39,000 students.

Tulsa Public Schools is in a unique location in the middle of three tribal jurisdictions; Cherokee Nation, Muscogee Creek Nation and Osage Nation. Each year, the U.S. Department of International Affairs sends delegations of leadership to Tulsa to learn about urban communities, government, business, and the local industry. The international visitors are very interested in learning how children and families are retaining their history, tribal customs, language, and traditions in an urban setting and how their indigenous people can retain their own cultures. The Tulsa Public Schools, Department of Indian Education, also serves as the front door for the educational resources from the various tribal organizations and educational departments in Oklahoma to our community of American Indian families.

The Indian Pupil Education program began with a population of about 1700 identified Native American students in 1973. We now serve 3,570 or over twice as many students in 2016, with a third of the staff in the Indian Education department, of Tulsa Public Schools.

The number of Title VII 506 forms and membership cards on file, determines the level of funding that is awarded each year to provide the tutorial and educational services available for our children attending Tulsa Public Schools.

We have three thousand, five hundred and seventy students identified as American Indian (Title VII 506 forms) and one thousand seven hundred and fifty-one JOM students who have their tribal membership in over forty different tribal nations attending Tulsa Public Schools. Title VII and JOM are the two funding sources of Indian Education. We encourage parents to submit their child's information, as soon as they receive their membership cards, to ensure our information is up to date.

Resource Advisors may meet with parents at our office and will also schedule school and home visits. Our students with American Indian descent



On October 3, 2015, Columbus students participate in the traditional game of stick ball at the annual Cherokee Ancient Village Days held each year in the Fall.

Cherokee Nation and Muscogee Creek Nation representatives from the Johnson and O'Malley (JOM) Departments meet with the JOM Parent Committee during the school year at the Indian Education office. This is the investment the tribal nations provide to the educational services for native children attending Tulsa Public schools

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Tulsa students have competed each year since 2002.

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Thoreau Demonstration Academy and Edison Preparatory to set a goal of attaining a higher education after high school!

Membership is important !

The certificates of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) do not provide tribal benefits, as each tribe requires a membership, in addition to the CDIB.

Membership is also required by the Choctaw Nation for students to receive recognitions for grades and attendance as a Choctaw Star.

**TITLE VII
INDIAN PARENT COMMITTEE
2016-2017**

Chairman Tiana Glass
Vice-Chairman Katrina Exendine
Secretary Cindi Paul

Members: Joe Chamberlain
Chyanna Patterson
Jason Pugh

Teacher: Vacant
Student: Vacant

When: Second Monday of the Month
Time: 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Where: Indian Education Office
7635 East 42nd Place
(Between Memorial and Sheridan)

School Year Count for 2016-2017 Funding

The department of Indian Education conducted the annual 506 count in October 15, 2015-November 16, 2015 for the next school year's funding services.

The Title VII 506 count is 3,570 students.

Our Cherokee JOM count is 470 students

and Muscogee JOM count is 1,281 students.

Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students may have membership in any tribal nation but must attend school in the appropriate Cherokee or Muscogee nation area to be served.

For those parents needing their tribal school clothing voucher signed, our address is:

7635 East 42nd Place

Tulsa OK 74145

(South of 41st street between Sheridan and Memorial)

Summer Hours may be adjusted during June, July and August

Monday — Friday

8:00 AM—4:00 PM

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Cherokee Tag Count and TPS

The Indian Education department also counts the number of Cherokee students with membership cards, which is verified by school attendance and sent to Cherokee Nation for the annual Cherokee car tag count. A check of over \$75,000 in 2015-2016 was distributed to the Tulsa Public Schools general fund for grants to schools with Cherokee populations. It is important for parents of Cherokee children to apply for their child's own membership in the tribe.

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Muscogee Challenge Bowl - Five Middle School Teams and Two High School Teams



Thoreau Demonstration Academy sponsor is Ms. Patti Phillips. Team POME YVHV (white wolf) members with Miss Muscogee Nation, Shannon Barnett (Muscogee Creek /Cherokee) and Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation, Madeline Gouge (Muscogee Creek / Kiowa).



L. to R. Danielle Clopton, Brianna Middleton, Lillian Faught and Allie Jaramillo are going over their study guides of the history, traditions, language, government, current events and departments of the Muscogee Nation before their competition begins!



L. to R. Samantha Bird and Eliana Grass from **Thoreau Demonstration Academy**, Jr. Miss Muscogee Nation - Madeline Gouge, Joshua Ciudad and Griffin DeHay from **Edison Preparatory Middle School**. They combined a team to compete on February 12, 2016.



Front row: L.to R. Cayden One Bear, Brianna Hawkins, Blake Sitzman, Back row: Sponsor Mrs. Erin Parker, John Bear and Joseph Ciudad Del Valle representing **Edison Preparatory High School** on February 5, 2016.

Memorial Muscogee Creek Challenge Bowl Teams

Memorial High School Team CATE (red) CHARGERS, were Gaige Burley, Kayli Fermo, Niya Smith and Katelynn Stevens, sponsored by Memorial teacher, Mr. Joe Ballard.



Memorial Jr High - YAHV (wolf) Team

L. to R. Lhailynn Brown, Julia Alvarez, Hvbon Lewis, Corrina McGuirk and Sponsor, Mr. Trygve Jorgensen from Indian Education.

Edison Preparatory Middle School Team

Team Green Tsa-la-gi members were Lyric Hawkins, Seth Spoo, Casey Willis , Emily Workman and Elaina Workman. Students begin to prepare in September under the sponsorship of Edison teacher, Mrs. Erin Parker and Co-sponsor Lillian Williams.

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Tulsa Public School Seniors

East Central H.S.	Chance Lamho	Muscogee Creek
Edison Preparatory	Thomas Scott	Muscogee Creek
Memorial H.S.	Victoria Carney-Peters	Choctaw
Tulsa MET	Haley Neel	Cherokee
Rogers College High	Anthony Barnett	Muscogee Creek
B. T. Washington	Evan Parton	Cherokee
Webster H.S.	Nikki Prince	Cherokee

Students of Excellence!

The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission, represented by Chairman Sammy Haynes, Commissioners Matt Roberts, Gwenn RedCorn, Rob Anquoe, Ann Dapice, Patsy Powell and Kimberly Teehee recognized the "Students of Excellence" during the Awards Night at the Clinton Middle School auditorium on April 25, 2016. A graduating senior from each School is nominated by Indian Education for their outstanding participation in cultural activities, leadership, academics and community service. Congratulations to each of you for the accomplishments you have achieved!

Career and College Fair

Indian Education successfully hosted a college / career fair at the Wilson Learning Center on January 27, 2016. American Indian seniors and juniors from each of the high schools, including Street School, were given the opportunity to visit with several tribal, educational and career organizations from across the state and at least one, from New Mexico. FAFSA instructions were provided to supplement the information the students received from the gathered organizations.



L. to R. Indian Education Resource Advisors Shari Williams and Trygve Jorgensen share the stage with Pete Coser, Jr. from the Muscogee Creek Nation Employment & Training Department.

Organizations in attendance and their locations include the following:

- Bacone College, Muskogee
- Cherokee Nation Higher Education Scholarship Foundation, Tahlequah
- Cherokee Nation College Resource Center, Tahlequah
- Choctaw Nation Higher Education, Durant
- Choctaw Nation Career Development Program, Durant
- College of Muscogee Nation, Okmulgee
- Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Muscogee Creek Nation Higher Education, Okmulgee
- Muscogee Creek Nation Employment & Training, Okmulgee
- Northeastern State University, Tahlequah
- Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee Visual Communications, Okmulgee
- Oklahoma State University - Tulsa, Tulsa
- Tulsa Community College
- United States Air Force
- United States Army
- United States Navy
- University of Oklahoma, Norman
- Wright Career College, Tulsa



Students visited the booths for handouts and to ask individual questions. They were also given a brief presentation by all the organizations present. Participating Tulsa Public Schools were Central, East Central, Edison Preparatory, Hale, McLain, Memorial, Rogers College High, Street School, Washington, and Webster.



Muscogee Nation Sponsors Botball Challenge in Tulsa Public Schools

The Challenge was held on November 5, 2015 at the Expo square grounds for elementary teams representing twelve Tulsa Public Schools. Indian Education Resource Advisors and community volunteers were competition score keepers and provided enthusiastic support to participants. This fall activity will be repeated on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the same location.

Many teams have been improving their coding and plan to increase their scores at a higher level of skill. This was the first time teams of girls and many Native American students had been introduced to the process and competed in the competition. Muscogee Nation opens it up to all students, however, to encourage their tribal participation, they will sponsor teams which include students from their membership.



The Spring Botball Challenge was held at the Expo Square pavilion on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

2016 INDIAN EDUCATION SENIORS

The 39th Annual Awards were held on April 25, 2016 for secondary students and one hundred and thirty-one Indian Education graduating seniors from Tulsa Public Schools. Over 1,500 Indian Education students are listed on the counselor's honor roll, principal's honor roll or achieved recognition at their school sites and were recognized with certificates of achievement. Elementary awards were held on April 18 and 19, 2016.

Central H.S.: Darien Bryant, Desiree Fields, Talia Grass, Dreama Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Tymon Meadows, Tynise Meadows, Ashanti Sanders and Lady Willis.

East Central H.S.: Jessica Gaytan, Richard Glover, Larry Johnson, Chilton Lamho, Shawnee Littlecrow, Enrique Martinez, Alyssa McNeil, Kergan Seek, Gunner Smith, Brianna Ward and Cody Willis.

Edison Preparatory: Kayla Andrus, Toben Bray, Justin Burleson, Lane Bushyhead, Brianne Carpenter, Sydney Childers, Cynthia Cochran, Mason Falling, Anthony Fryer, Terrance Gray, Brendan Hatfield, Hayden Hunt, Madeline Luster, Nathaniel Mantle, Michelle Norsby, Elise Polk, Casy Rash, Drew Rowlands, Emily Russell, Martha Sanders, Jada Scott, Stephanie Scott and Lauren Tyler.

Hale H.S.: Williams Boyd, Ana Hunt, Alexandria Proud, Jonathan Sowers, Ashleigh Slack, Allissa Ballance, Timothy Bolding, Weston Wright, Damon Chambers, Brent Deo, Colton Flowers, Marisa Gomez, Noah Gray, Megan Laws, Donovan Partee, Tyrie Montgomery, Shawna Carrillo, Malachi Coleman, Obie Iron, Allie Hudson and Raine DeRoin.

Margaret Hudson: Tia James



Cherokee Stories are told by Resource Advisor, Jay Hester to celebrate Earth Day for elementary students at the University of Tulsa on April 22, 2016.

Sacha Sells, Taylor Sells, Mikal Teague, Trisdan Thompson, Brendan Wesley, Prentice Whittaker and Chandler Ziegler.

Webster H.S.: James Boone, Niko Colbert, Tristen Davies, Sadie Demauro, Deon Dixon, Ashlee Francisco, Hannah Hawkins, Devante Hester, Wynn Lane, Adam Lindsay, Nikki Prince, Frankie Reese, Justin Richard, Martin Salazar, Zackary Schrimsher, Trey – Onza Sharkey, Summer Stevens, Nicole Tidmore, Jonah Tilley, Jordan Ward and Michael Warder.

Will Rogers College H.S.: Troy Amos, Rebekah Applegate, Anthony Barnett, Cody Carter, Noah Crutison, Jasmin Downing, Autumn Files, Chance Finley, Jesse-Mae Harris, Megan McBroom, Jason McIntosh, Sarah Patterson and Mickayla Roland.



The 39th Annual Awards were held in the Clinton Middle School auditorium . Good work!

McLain H.S.: Shadamecia Adams, Steven Barnes, Nikita Hopkins, Rachel Jeffrey, Nicholas Mancino, Dorian Mustin, Logan Smoote and Kion Walker.

Memorial H.S.: Jaylon Alexander, Hannah Bailey, Trevor Boone, Victoria Carney-Peters, Riley Lower, Kylee Morris, Isaiah-Lamonte Phillips, Nautica Mishion, Monique Pope, Chase Ragsdale, Niya Smith, Klynton White and Kristina Williams.

Street School: Jessica Brizendine, Jeff Emery, Kimberly Freeman, Danielle Roche, Delaney Thorp and Kristie Vanbuskirk.

Tulsa Met: Kendall Adams, Haley Neel and Travis Young.

B.T. Washington H. S.: Breanne Acree, Morgan Almirall, Evan Barton, Caleb Burrell, Grayson Glover, Lilly Grant, Jerikah Greene, Isaac Grill, Tiana Guthrie, Jurnee Hawkins, Emma Hopkins, Willis Humphrey, Sydney Johnson, Matthew King, Mekenzie McIntosh, Myles Murdock, Taylan Nero, Julianna Phillips, Breonna Presley, Amanda Robinson, Alexandra Schnoor, Daryle Sells, Katrina Sells,

Congratulations to each of you!

A list of tribal offices throughout Oklahoma can be found at aiccm.org/oklahoma-tribes for tribal scholarship information.

**Indian Education Title VII and JOM
Staff Assignments 2016-2017**

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**New Resource Advisor
Shari Williams**

Halito,

Sa hochifo ut, Shari Williams, Chata sia! I am thrilled to be working for the Tulsa Public School Indian Education Program! For the past 17 years I have served as an educator, administrator and advocate for Indian students, families and communities. I believe education is essential and the key for students to gain the necessary

skills to meaningfully contribute to their communities and as resources to students and families. My experience in education extends beyond the classroom, I have served on state and national education boards to ensure educational equality for Indian people at all levels of academia.

I received a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from American Indian College, Phoenix, AZ and a M.Ed in Curriculum & Instruction from Arizona State University.

I have a daughter that lives in Edmond with her family. They blessed my life this past December, when my first grandchild came along. I spend every moment I can reading and singing to my grandson.

I look forward to meeting and serving more families this next school year.

Yakoke!

Roger McLain 918 - 833- 8368

Academic Resource Advisor
mclairo@tulsaschools.org

After School Tutoring was available to Native American students at the following sites during the 2015-2016 school year. Applications may be requested from Resource Advisors assigned to your school or directly from Mr. McLain.

Secondary School sites:

Edison Preparatory: Dr. Julie Longjohn and Damaris Potris

Memorial J.H.: Tina Berry and Jerrico Martin

McLain 7th Grade Academy: Charlene Johnson

Elementary School sites:

Academy Central: Georgia Jno Baptiste and Denise Love

Anderson: Lotoya Sales

Lewis & Clark: Shelly Harrison, Kelli Thompson and Chris Snyder

McKinley: Noah Stout

Park: Patricia Doherty, Angela Statum and Sara Fleming

Patrick Henry: Kathleen Fisher and Lana Whitaker

Sequoyah: Amanda Anderson , Danielle Chapman and Julie Macy

Skelly: Cynthia Boese, Cassie Hunter, and Colette Melkisetian

Annual Native American Assembly

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“Rock the Moc” at Indian Education

November 13, 2015.

Celebrating Native American month with a cultural display of tribal moccasins.

Jean Froman 918 - 833- 8364

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Lead Teacher for Reading and Math Tutors

Five Elementary Sites:

Bell: Katy Roubidoux
Disney: Ruby Theophilidis
Mark Twain: Joyce Clagg
Reading: Teresa Howard

Hamilton: Melany Shawnee
Springdale: Rose Foster
H. Susan Sanders

District-wide Cultural Exchange Days (10 Elementary Schools)

Please contact Ms. Froman to schedule “People of the Plains” cultural activities and stories presented by the Indian Education staff. The Culture of the Plains people will be presented during the next five years on selected Fridays. The Five Tribes people were covered this past five years, as the curriculum is rotated in order to serve as many elementary Tulsa Public Schools as possible during this time frame.



Annual Elementary Awards Night April 21, 2016



Mr. Mitch McGehee congratulates an Honor Roll student!

Brett Coon 918 - 833- 8369

Resource Advisor
Webster H.S.
Central H.S.
Central Jr. High
Clinton M.S.

Elementary Schools

Academy Central, Burroughs, Chouteau, Emerson, Eugene Field, Lee, Mark Twain, Park, ECDC Porter, Robertson, and Remington.

Annual Awards Recognition

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Resource Advisor
East Central H.S.
Tulsa Met. H.S.
East Central Jr. High
Tulsa Met. Jr. High

Elementary Schools

Bell, Bell Primary, Columbus, Cooper, Disney, ECDC Reed, Kerr, Lewis/Clark, McKinley, Mitchell, Peary and Springdale.

Higher Education /Career Fair

hesteja@tulsaschools.org

Trygve Jorgensen 918-833-8372

Resource Advisor
Hale H.S.
Hale Jr. High
Memorial Jr. High
Traice Academy

Elementary Schools

Celia Clinton, Hamilton, Hoover, Jackson, Jones, Kendall/Whittier, Lanier, Lindbergh, MacArthur, Owen, Salk, Sequoyah and Skelly.

Higher Education/ Career Fair

jorgetr@tulsaschools.org

Lillian Williams 918- 833- 8367

Resource Advisor
Edison Preparatory
Memorial H.S.
Margaret Hudson
Street School
Edison Preparatory M.S.
Thoreau Demonstration Academy

Elementary Schools

Carnegie, Eisenhower, Eliot, Grimes, Grissom, Key, Marshall, McClure, Patrick Henry, Wright, and Zarrow International.

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Shari Williams 918 - 833- 8365

Resource Advisor
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Rogers College H.S.
B.T. Washington
Carver M. S.
McLain Jr. High
Monroe Demonstration
Rogers College Jr. High

Elementary Schools

Anderson, ECDC Bunch, Gilcrease, Hawthorne, Mayo, Penn, and Whitman.

Annual Awards Recognition

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Edison Preparatory students participated in the Second Annual STEM competition on November 23, 2015 at the University of Tulsa under the direction of Dr. David Brown. Teams from area schools were composed of Native American students to increase their knowledge of STEM courses.

School Supplies

Parents must bring proof of student enrollment in Tulsa Public Schools.

- This may include a school letter with child's grade and/or schedule of classes.
- A signed Indian Education 506 form must be filled out or on file.
- Parents may also submit a membership card/letter (Front and Back) for JOM participation, if it was not copied at the Tulsa Public Schools Enrollment Center.

Please call to schedule a time with your Resource Advisor or the main office.

918-833-8360

Indian Education Office

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7635 East 42nd Place

Tuesday

August 22, 2016

9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

August 23 2016

9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.

Thursday- Friday

August 24,-25, 2016

9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M

School supplies are available year round during regular Office Hours

8:00 A.M.- 4:30 P.M.

You can be Choctaw Star!

This year 40 Choctaw students were recognized by the Choctaw Nation as Choctaw Stars. However, we have over 250 Choctaw students attending Tulsa Public Schools and would encourage you to contact the Indian Education office for information.

How does your child get nominated?

1. Fill out a 506 - This identifies your tribe.
2. Submit a membership card/letter to Indian Education - you must be a member for JOM or tribal services.
3. Earn All A's for semester = \$25.00 gift card
4. Earn A/B's for semester= \$10.00 gift card
5. Earn Perfect Attendance for semester = \$25.00 gift card.
6. Second grade and up to seniors in high school.
7. Keep in touch with your resource advisor, as they are the ones who nominate students each semester.
8. If your grades need improvement, contact Indian Education for extended day tutoring. It is available to all students, as a service.

**Calendar of Events
Summer 2016**

The Indian Education Office will be open with summer hours: June, July and August 2016.

Fall 2016

- Fall Classes BeginAugust 22, 2016
- Indian Education School Supplies.....August 22, 2016
- College Connection, Central Park HallSeptember 11, 2016
- Extended Day Tutoring BeginsOctober 2016
- Cherokee Cultural Challenge Bowl.....October 2016
- American Indian Heritage AssemblyNovember 2016
- Muscogee Nation In-service.....December 2016

Spring 2017

- Muscogee Challenge Bowl.....February 2017
- Annual Awards Recognition.....April 2017

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