

# COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

Connecting the 24 PTAs within the Broken Arrow, Oklahoma School District

February 2012

## Important Dates

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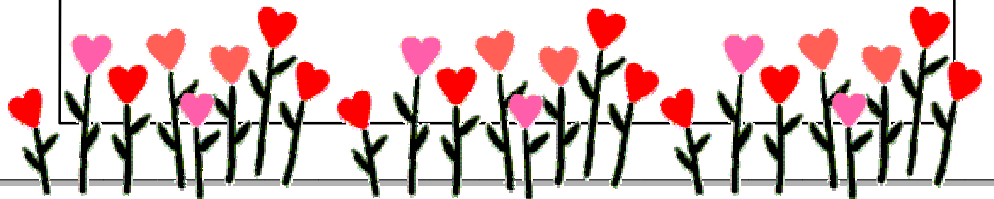
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### FEBRUARY

- 10 Registration Deadline  
for Primary Elections
- 20 President's Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 27 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM

### MARCH

- 6 Primary Elections
- 7 PTA Council Meeting
- 12 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM
- 19 - 23 Spring Break  
NO SCHOOL



## Cheryl's Blog

It's that time again! It's time to start thinking about nominations and elections. This has always seemed like one of the hardest things I have ever had to do in my many years in PTA. That balance between experience and a fresh perspective can be hard to find. Sometimes it is even a struggle just to fill the slate. But, never fear! There is hope! Oklahoma PTA is offering training on February 11<sup>th</sup> at the Union Education Service Center. One of the workshops being offered will help you learn new ways to recruit new members and officers. There is also a workshop on proper nominations and elections procedures that will help to make the process less daunting. Other workshops offered include finalizing your budget, planning your budget for next year and advocating for your children. More information on this training can be found in this newsletter.

One of the ways that you can be an advocate for your child is to vote. The Oklahoma Presidential primary election is March 6<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to register to vote in the Presidential primary is February 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration applications are available at your County election board, library, post office, tag agency and many other public places. For more information on registering, early voting, absentee voting, or the new Voter ID law that is now in effect, see the Oklahoma State Election Board website at [www.ok.gov/elections](http://www.ok.gov/elections)

Checking It Off ✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓✓



- Time to convene your nominating committee.
- High School Seniors that plan to major in education can apply and submit scholarship applications for OK PTA Scholarships.
- Check renewal status of your by-laws.



# WOW!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Following Schools have 100% Teacher Membership:

### Elementary Schools:

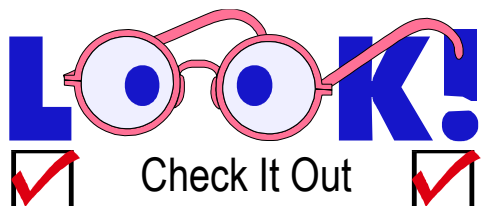
Wolf Creek - Spring Creek - Park Lane - Lynn Wood - Oak Crest  
Liberty - Leisure Park - Vandever - Westwood - Arrow Springs

### Middle Schools:

Oliver                      Haskell  
Sequoyah                  Centennial

### High Schools:

SIHS                      NIHS



## ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE????

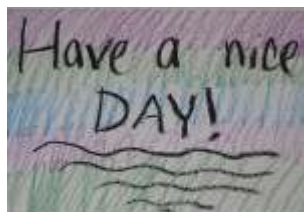
**BA PTA Council would like to award the TOP 3 Schools with an **AWARD** of \$100.00 each for those who receive the biggest percentage increase in their membership ending March 31st.  
*(Pending Approval of Council)***

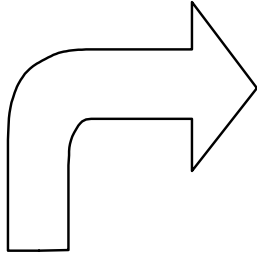


My name is Kenzie Chabino. We are very excited about what is happening across our great state of Oklahoma with this project. Our mission is simple: *To love, to live, to change the world, one gift at a time!* We are starting with the Gift of Giving and we need your help!

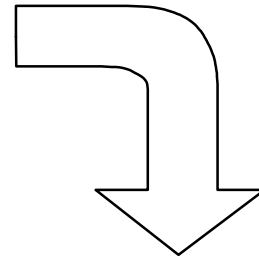
The idea is...that every kid in the state of Oklahoma make a handmade card!!  
Your school can decide who to give them to...(Nursing Home, US Soldiers, Blue Star Mothers, Hospitals.)  
That's right, we can do it. ONE KID, ONE CARD.

Date is to be announced.  
For More information go to : [www.kenziescause.org](http://www.kenziescause.org)





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**PRESENTS TRAINING ON ADVOCACY,  
BUDGET PREP, RECRUITING NEW BOARD  
MEMBERS AND NOMINATIONS/ELECTION**

Attendees will learn how to find new leaders, the proper procedures to nominate and elect officers, prepare a budget for next year along with how to finalize this years budget and ways to become a better Advocate for the Children of Oklahoma.

**Two locations to choose from  
Saturday February 11, 2012**

Union Education Service Center  
8506 E. 61st  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
9:30 till 12pm

Putman City  
Hefner Middle School  
8400 N MacArthur Blvd  
OKC, OK 73132  
9:30 till 12pm

RSVP to State Office  
With location you will be attending and  
what training you need.  
405-681-0750 or [director@okpta.org](mailto:director@okpta.org)



# State Winners in the Reflections Program will have a reception at the ESC in Broken Arrow on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 2:00pm.

You or your schools PTA can sponsor a child on the Food 4 Kids "Waiting List." The cost is \$4.00 a week per child.



For More Information Please Contact:  
Brenda Heigl at 918-851-2924 or  
bjheigl@valornet.com

## I Nominate...

The following survey will assist the Nominating Committee in making fair and judicious decisions regarding the slate of officers for the 2012/2014 school years. Do you have suggestions of qualified persons for consideration by the nominating committee? Please fill in the names below:

**\*\*Remember, an officer cannot hold the same officer for more than two consecutive two years term. \*\***

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

The President presides over ALL association meetings, and is a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. Attends monthly council meetings (if applicable). Attends the OK PTA state convention. Must currently be a part of the PTA Council Executive Board.

VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

The right hand of the President. Presides over meetings in the President's absence. Substitutes for the President as needed. May be called upon to replace the President if the position is vacated for any reason. Is responsible for Parent Involvement.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

Is responsible for Membership(s)

SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

Takes minutes at all regular and executive board meetings. Assists in other necessary correspondence of the association.

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible for all monies taken in and paid out, the financial books and all government forms.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the BA PTA Council Attn: Nominating Committee (can be sealed in an envelope). This information is strictly for use by the Nominating Committee.

ALL SUGGESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND THESE FORMS WILL BE DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.



**Yes, I'd like to serve on the 2012/2014  
BAPTA Council Executive Board**

Please Interschool to BAPTA Council Attn: Nominating Committee by February 10, 2012. Give to Sandi Grizzle – Nominating Chair. Please contact the BAPTA Council President if you have any questions [baptacouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:baptacouncil@hotmail.com).

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the positions which interest you. Nominees for the Executive Board will be announced in accordance with our bylaws. (If you are currently serving, please indicate your interest in continuing in your position.)

**PTA Executive Board (Elected)**

- President - Must currently be on the BAPTA Council Executive Board
- First Vice-President
- Second Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

**Committee Positions (Appointed)**

- Parliamentarian
- Historian/Publicity
- Hospitality Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Scholarships Chair
- Legislative Chair
- Reflections Chair
- Bylaws Chair
- Membership Chair

**Remarks:**

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**List all PTA Position(s) you have held:**

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