



TIGER TRACKS

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF BROKEN ARROW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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From the Superintendent District food drive a great success

During the week that followed Spring Break, Broken Arrow Public Schools participated in a district-wide food drive with Move for Hunger, an organization that works with relocation companies across the country to collect non-perishable items that would otherwise be thrown away. For the past three years, Move for Hunger has also partnered with BAPS to collect and deliver donations to our local food bank and emergency assistance organization, Broken Arrow Neighbors.

While we collected nearly 13,000 pounds of food during the first two years of our district-wide food drive, I am thrilled to announce that this year, not only did we reach our goal of 18,000 pounds of food, we surpassed it by over 3,000 pounds! Our students and staff pulled together to donate 21,000 pounds of food items to Broken Arrow Neighbors which will undoubtedly help countless members of our community.

Summer is an especially critical time for the Broken Arrow Neighbors food pantry since many students are home from school and are not able to access food through child nutrition services at the district. According to Broken Arrow Neighbors, this creates an increase in demand during a time when food drives are not usually common. Because of your hard work, Broken Arrow Neighbors will be able to serve more community members, and in many cases, more of our very own students.

Witnessing the effort put forth from our staff and students during this food drive has served as a reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together. I sincerely appreciate your dedication to this cause and am proud to be your superintendent. It's a great day to be a Tiger!



Microsoft 365 vs. Google Apps for Education

Recently Broken Arrow Public Schools implemented two innovative technology tools for its staff members – Microsoft Office 365 and Google Apps for Education (GAFE). But what's the difference?

Microsoft Office 365

Office 365 is a cloud-based service that offers several upgrades from older Microsoft versions including the ability to:

- Create and edit Word, Excel and PowerPoint files wherever and whenever.
- Enjoy a consistent Office experience across PCs, Macs, Windows tablets, iPads and most mobile devices.
- Utilize Microsoft OneDrive, which gives users unlimited personal cloud storage that can be accessed from anywhere and that syncs with their computers for offline access.
- Access Outlook and OneDrive from home or your personal devices.
- Share and edit documents with other colleagues through OneDrive.
- Download Office 365, including Word, Powerpoint, Excel and other tools, for free on up to five devices.

For more information on Microsoft 365, please [click here](#) or contact the Technology Help Desk at 918-258-1585.

Google Apps for Education

Created as a teaching and learning tool, GAFE gives educators and students the ability to create, edit, and collaborate with one another. It also organizes and simplifies work flow in the classroom. This teacher-to-student tool creates a teaching and learning experience that enhances engagement while also preparing students for current and future technology.

- This does not replace Outlook for email or other Microsoft Office applications currently utilized for various job functions, but it is intended to be an additional tool for instructional purposes.
- You can share and collaborate on Google products with other staff members OR students. These may include documents, presentations, spreadsheets or forms.
- Educators can instruct students to collaboratively work together in real time without having to be in the same room.
- A student's ability to organize and access work is now easier than ever.

If you are interested in using GAFE in the classroom and need assistance getting started, please contact Brandon Chitty at blchitty@baschools.org. For additional information on GAFE and other educational technology, visit basfusion.org.



OLIVER! THE MUSICAL AT BAPAC

Broken Arrow High School drama students are bringing Charles Dickens' beloved novel "Oliver!" to life April 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center. Featuring a cast of 45 high school students as well as 34 elementary and middle school students from across the district, this Lionel Bart musical follows the young, orphaned Oliver on his wild adventures through Victorian England. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at the BAPAC Center box office from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, please call the box office at 918-259-5778 or the BAHS Drama Department at 918-259-4768.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 9-April 11 – BAHS Spring Musical, “Oliver”

April 12-April 18 – National Library Week, Librarian Appreciation Week

April 13-April 17 – Districtwide Art Show at NSU-BA, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

April 16 – Star Awards Gala at Tulsa Renaissance Hotel Ballroom, doors at 6:00 p.m., festivities at 6:30 p.m.

April 17 – The Midtown Men, Spotlight Series show at the BAPAC, 7: 30 p.m.

April 19-April 25 – Administrative Professionals Appreciation Week

April 20 – BA PTA Parent Advocacy Task Force meeting at the ESC, 7 p.m.

April 27 – Board of Education meeting at the ESC, 6 p.m.

May 2 – Rachel’s Challenge Walk-A-Ton at BAHS Memorial Stadium, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., \$10 per person

May 4 – ECC to Kindergarten Parent Information Night at Country Lane Primary, 6 p.m.

May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4-8 – School Health Team Appreciation Week

May 7 – Retiree Paperwork Meeting at the ESC, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 11-14 – B & A Connections Enrollment

May 11-15 – Police Officer Appreciation Week

May 12 - ECC to Kindergarten Parent Information Night at Aspen Creek Elementary, 6 p.m.

May 16 – Tiger Threads Sidewalk Sale in front of BAHS, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 19 – Class of 2015 Graduation at the BOK Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and ceremony begins at 7 p.m.

May 28 – Last day of school

**The above list is not a comprehensive list of all district events but represents events that will impact a majority of our employees or campuses, or that are large in scale. For a comprehensive list of events, [click here](#) and apply the appropriate filters.*