



TIGER TRACKS

THE OFFICIAL EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER OF BROKEN ARROW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Every Child, Every Day: The BA Way

Welcome back to another great year at Broken Arrow Public Schools. Over the summer and at our Back to School Kickoff, you heard about a renewed focus on three things in our district, or as I like to refer to it, the equation for success: Literacy + Engagement = Graduation. We want every child who enters our district to be literate and engaged so that they may ultimately graduate.

Literacy not only includes reading but also numeracy, which is the ability to apply numeric concepts. These two basic skills open up a world of possibilities for our students and ensure their ability to be successful after they graduate.

We also want every child in our district to have a connection with at least one employee, whether that be a teacher, custodian or coach. They should be involved in activities that are meaningful to them and to have good relationships with their peers. Engagement also means that parents are involved in their child's education and that our community supports our students through everything from volunteering to cheering on the Tigers.

If students are literate and engaged, graduation for each and every student at Broken Arrow High School becomes very attainable. And, when our students have diplomas in their hands, they are poised for success in college or careers.

The journey to reach that ultimate goal of graduation begins the moment they enter our district. Every employee at Broken Arrow Public Schools contributes to the success of our students. We need bus drivers to get students to school and child nutrition workers to feed them. Our custodians and maintenance workers make sure our schools are clean and safe learning environments. Our administrative staff keeps our schools running efficiently and effectively. And, of course, our teachers teach them. We can all keep students engaged by going out of our way to say a kind word, give them some personal attention and notice when they need a little extra help.

When you come to work each day, ask yourself, "What can I do today in my work to help our students succeed?"

Every child, every day. That's the BA Way.

Jarod Mendenhall

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Superintendent of Schools



Welcome Back: Exciting changes await students, staff

As the 2014-2015 school year began, Broken Arrow Public Schools concluded a great period of transformation across the district by improving facilities with a safer and more enriching learning environment for students.

For the first time in more than 30 years, students and staff returned to buildings free of pre-fabricated structures, one of the primary objectives of the 2009 bond issue. With new classrooms and renovated buildings, the first week of school was a whirlwind of excitement.



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Today, the City of Broken Arrow is asking citizens to vote on a number of public projects, many of which directly impact our schools such as street and infrastructure improvements, as well as public safety. There are also several run offs for state and federal officials including state superintendent, all of which influence our daily lives and laws impacting education. Registered voters may cast their ballots today until 7 p.m. at their **assigned precinct**. For more information about the special election, **click here**. **Click here** to view a sample ballot. The district hopes everyone makes an effort to get to the polls today. Our participation in local elections ensures Broken Arrow remains not only a great place to live and work, but also to learn.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A TIGER!
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 26 – Election Day – City of Broken Arrow special election, local/state/federal primaries

Monday, September 1 – Labor Day – No school

Tuesday, September 2 – BAEA Annual Ratification Meeting- 4:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Media Center

Friday, September 5

- Tulsa Area United Way Day of Caring

- Live United Crosstown Showdown: BA v. Owasso varsity football game – 7:00 p.m. at Tiger Field

Monday, September 8 – Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 9 – BAPS United Way Campaign Launch

Friday, September 12 – BA v. Bentonville varsity football game – 7:00 p.m. at Tiger Field

Tuesday, September 16 – 2015 Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year announced. Good luck Mrs. Boyle!

Friday, September 19

- Professional Day – No school

- “Choose Your Adventure” Professional Development – Secondary, 7:30 a.m., Elementary, 12:30 p.m.

*times subject to change

- BA v. Union varsity football – 7:00 p.m. at Union

Friday, September 26 – Homecoming – BA v. Yukon varsity football game – 7:00 p.m. at Tiger Field

Saturday, September 27 – St. John Broken Arrow Community Health Fair- 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at BAHS

**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.*