



HEADS UP

Eufaula Public Schools

"Expect the Best"

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Back to School

On behalf of the *Eufaula School Board of Education*, I would like to welcome students, parents, faculty, staff, and administrators *Back to School* for another exciting year in one of the state's most progressive school districts. As we move together toward a district that exists to assure our students achieve the highest level of quality education, we are aware that only through hard work by everyone involved will this level be achieved. Parents and teachers working together toward a common goal is the dynamic combination that will provide our students hope for a bright future.

Bill Wilson, Superintendent

THERE WILL BE *SIXTEEN NEW FACES* IN THE HALLWAYS OF EUFAULA SCHOOLS THIS YEAR.

New faculty and staff members include: Cory Adcock, Teresa Andrews, Jan Bonicelli, Larry Callison, Wade Couch, Jim Haskett, Cheryl Heroneme, Shasti James, Billye Martin, Valerie O'Brien, Victoria Ridge, Jennifer Self, Kenneth Self, Glenn Sizemore, Lori Weiher, and Jenny Wilson.

New Faculty & Staff

Eufaula Schools is proud to introduce the new faculty and staff for the 2001-2002 school year:

Cory Adcock, a graduate of NSU, has been employed as junior high mathematics instructor. Cory has achieved a number of academic achievement awards and will be an outstanding addition to the mathematics department for our district.

Teresa Andrews has been employed as elementary library media assistant for Cooper McClain media center. Ms. Andrews has served as a substitute teacher for our district for the past several years.

Jan Bonicelli has been a learning disabilities teacher for Warner Public Schools for over twenty years. Ms. Bonicelli will help meet our special education needs at the junior high this year.

Larry Callison, former Stilwell head boys basketball coach, knows he has some *Big Shoes* to fill in replacing retired Coach, Lamar Armstrong, but Callison is *Up to that Test*. His twenty-four years of coaching experience in Stillwell and Ketchum Public Schools have yielded ten district titles, ten regional titles, nine area titles, and nine trips to the state championship tournament. This impressive record indicates Callison possesses that rare *Coaching Magic* that gives players the extra edge so vital in building championship teams.

Go Ironheads!

The PRIDE OF EUFAULA, winner of *Seven Consecutive State Championships*, will be marching under the direction of a new band instructor and two new assistants this year. **Glenn Sizemore** has been named Head Band Instructor for the Ironhead Marching Band. For the past fourteen years, Mr. Sizemore has been band instructor for Stidham Public Schools. Assisting Mr. Sizemore will be **Kenneth and Jennifer Self**. They are recent music graduates of East Central University. The couple will assist Mr. Sizemore in both the instrumental and vocal music programs.

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Wade Couch comes to Eufaula from the Ft. Gibson School District where he has been teaching 7th and 8th grade language arts, assisting with the varsity football program, and head coach for the varsity track team. Mr. Couch has been a classroom teacher for the past five years and will teach junior high English and coach basketball and football.

Jim Haskett will be teaching high school English this year. A former Checotah Public Schools teacher, Mr. Haskett brings with him twenty-six years of experience in teaching secondary English.

Cheryl Heroneme will be the computer lab assistant for Dixie Elementary. Cheryl has worked as a substitute teacher for the district.

Shasti James is a SOSU graduate. She has been working as a graduate assistant to SOSU's cross country track team. Ms. James will teach high school mathematics and will be assistant high school girls' basketball coach.

Billye Martin will be working in the food service department at Dixie Elementary this year. Billye has worked in the food service department as a substitute.

Valerie O'Brien will be teaching special education students at the junior high this year. Valerie is a graduate of NSU. She has been teaching the past three years for Checotah Public Schools.

Victoria Ridge will be teaching biology at Houston Homan Junior High. Ms. Ridge is an experienced classroom teacher having eleven years of experience teaching high school biology classes for Wilburton Public Schools.

Lori Weiher brings eight years of teaching experience to our district. Ms. Weiher will teach special education classes at both Dixie Elementary and Eufaula High School.

Jenny Wilson is a 1999 graduate of SOSU and has been teaching AP science classes for Coweta Public Schools. Ms. Wilson will teach EHS math and science classes.

**Let's Work Together
to ensure our
Eufaula Children
are Successful!**

- * Visit with their teachers regularly!
 - * Make sure your children have the supplies they need!
 - Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences!
- OUR CHILDREN NEED ALL THE SUPPORT
WE CAN
GIVE THEM!

Construction

Heavy rainfall in May caused some delays in completing the construction pad and initial drainage grading for the new elementary building.

Along with this delay were pockets of unstable soil the contractor was required to remove, stabilize, and replace, supervised by the Tulsa based Terracon Engineering Firm. As of July 4, the pad has been completed and tested and the initial construction site drainage grading is progressing. Now, the building project is moving into the next phase. The footings that will eventually support the building are being poured. During the month of August, plumbing and electrical will be roughed in and the slab will be poured.



Plans for erecting the building are scheduled to begin around Labor Day. Agreements have been reached with all three utility providers. *Oklahoma Natural Gas* will provide a natural gas pipeline to the new school site while *Canadian Valley Electric Coop* has contracted to provide electrical service. The

City of Eufaula has entered into a contract for water and sewer services.

"Construction on these projects should begin soon," said Mayor Bill Day.

Bids for construction on the ninth grade addition to the high school building will be opened August 9th,



with the board scheduled to consider the bids at the regular August board meeting. Scheduled completion for both construction projects is still projected for the summer, 2002.



Eufaula Summer Arts Program

The *Eufaula Summer Arts Program* was held May 29th through June 8th at Jefferson Davis Elementary. More than seventy students attended the two week program. Artists from all across the state of Oklahoma came to share their talents: Artists included:

DC and Selby Miner: Blues Musicians ~ Glenna McBride: Print Maker
JoAnn McMillan: Puppeteer ~ Karen Steele: Dancing ~ Bill Hart: Kite Maker
Gary Colbert: Native American Culture Drawing and Storytelling
Nick Farrow: Birdhouse Carpentry ~ Domenica Lovera: People Painting
Dwe Williams: Drama ~ Carrie Tisdale: Charcoal Drawing

The two week session ended with student art work and birdhouse carpentry on exhibit for everyone to enjoy, and with student performances in dance, music, and drama.

This is the ninth year the Summer Arts Program has been offered to the children of this community, and the fifth year for the City of Eufaula to sponsor the event. The Arts Council is grateful for the city's continued support, and is also grateful to Eufaula Public Schools for becoming a partner this year, and providing the facility in which the arts could be taught.

Mentors Needed!

The *Beacon Program* is seeking VOLUNTEERS to work with students during the *After School Program* this year. If you have a special talent or skill, or the time to simply listen to a child read, please call Carol Conatser, Program Director, at 918-689-1093 or 918-689-1094.

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ARD WORK, LONG HOURS, AND AN INTENSE DEDICATION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS BROUGHT THE SUMMER BEACON PROGRAM TO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED EUFAULA PUBLIC SCHOOL'S KINDERGARTEN THROUGH NINTH GRADE STUDENTS THIS SUMMER.

Ms. Carol Conatser, Director of the 21st Century BEACON program, her assistant, Kim Smelser, Site Coordinators, Janette Gatlin, Carolyn Grayson, Pam Bailey and more than fifteen classroom teachers provided a variety of enrichment programs and activities for participating students. Projects included a curriculum based unit on Oceans for five year olds, Voyager Program, *Community Hospital* for 1st and 2nd grade students, a *Smithsonian T-Rex program* for 3rd and 4th grade students, a *Futurekids* Computer program for 5th and 6th grade students, a *Community Theatre* for students in grades five through nine, and a math and science activity for the older students. Breakfast was served each morning. Lunch was served each day

prior to the afternoon's activities. Each Friday, the students enjoyed field trips to a variety of museums and parks across the state, and one day each week, Mayor Bill Day made it possible for the students to enjoy the public pool at no cost. Family night was held in the high school cafeteria the last night of camp. Charlie's Chicken catered the event to more than 400 parents and grandparents who came to enjoy student performances under the direction of Stephanie Fox and Shirley Fourshey and the Theater Group under the direction of JoAnn McMillan. Student exhibits were on display throughout the cafeteria. The BEACON program is a federally funded educational program designed to "Bring Education and Community Onboard Now" and through the combined effort of our BEACON teachers, site coordinators, and program director, our students were provided an outstanding learning and enrichment opportunity. The *BEACON After School Program* will once again serve Eufaula students in grades kindergarten through the ninth grade during the upcoming school term.

BEACON

**Bring Education
& Community
On board
Now**

EUFAULA SCHOOL CALENDAR
2001-2002

Aug 10	Fri	Reporting Day for Teachers New to District
Aug 13	Mon	Reporting Day for all Teachers & Staff
Aug 14	Tue	Student Enrollment Day
Aug 15	Wed	<i>Classes Begin</i>
Sep 03	Mon	Labor Day Holiday
Sep 17	Mon	Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Oct 12	Fri	End of First Nine Weeks
Oct 18	Thurs	Professional Day - State OEA Convention
Oct 19	Fri	Student/Faculty Holiday
Nov 19-23		FALL BREAK
Dec 21		End of Second Nine Weeks
Dec 24 - Jan 4		WINTER BREAK
Jan 07	Mon	Classes Resume
Jan 21	Mon	Professional Day
Feb 18	Mon	Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Mar 01	Fri	OEA Professional Day
Mar 08	Fri	End of Third Nine Weeks
Mar 18 - 22		SPRING BREAK
Mar 29 - April 1		Easter Holiday - Optional Snow Days
May 22	Wed	Last Day of Classes
May 23	Thurs	Parent/Teacher Conference
May 24	Fri	Report Card Day

2001 EUFAULA HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug 31	Checotah	Home	7:30
Sep 07	Wilburton	Home	7:30
Sep 14	Okemah	Away	7:30
Sep 21	Westville	Away	7:30
Sep 28	Victory Christian	Away	7:30
Oct 05	T. Sequoyah	<i>Homecoming</i>	7:30
Oct 12	Vian	Home	7:30
Oct 18	Haskell	Away	7:30
Oct 26	Cascia Hall	Home	7:30
Nov 02	Warner	Away	7:30

HEAD COACH: Kerry Roberts

2001 JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Sep 04	Hartshorne	Away	5:00	7-8-9
Sep 13	Checotah	Away	5:00	7-8-9
Sep 20	Ft. Gibson	Home	5:00	7-8-9
Sep 27	Muskogee	Home	5:00	7-8-9
Oct 04	Warner	Away	5:00	7-8-9
Oct 11	Hilldale	Home	5:00	7-8-9
Oct 16	Holdenville	Home	5:00	7-8-9
Oct 25	Henryetta	Away	5:00	7-8-9

All E.J.H. football dates begin with the 7th grade at 5:00 p.m.

IRONHEAD FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

Aug 13	Vian	Away	5:00
Aug 16 - 18	Checotah Tournament	TBA	
Aug 20	Spiro	Home	5:00
Aug 27	Wilburton	Away	5:00
Aug 30	Vian	Home	5:00
Sep 06	Crowder	Home	4:00
Sep 10	Wilburton	Home	4:30
Sep 13	Crowder	Away	4:30
Sep 20 - 21	District Playoffs		

COACH: Bart Banfield

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