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Eufaula Public Schools

Expect the Best

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Board Appoints Jeanette Smith Interim Superintendent

Eufaula School District would like to introduce Ms. Jeanette Smith as interim superintendent of schools due to the resignation of Mrs. Rita Ford.

Ms. Smith is a 1979 graduate of Eufaula High School, has a Bachelors degree in Human Resource Management from Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Masters in School Administration from East Central University. She has worked in the district for 13 years in various capacities including payroll clerk, superintendent's secretary, encumbrance clerk, federal programs director, pesonnel records, insurance coordinator and assistant superintendent. Prior to being employed with Eufaula Schools she worked for Oklahoma Gas and Electric for 16 years.

Ms. Smith stated, *"Being a product of this school system, along with both my children, and hopefully my grandchildren, I am humbly honored to accept this position as interim superintendent of Eufaula Schools."*

Ms. Smith feels Eufaula Schools has an exceptional staff that work extremely hard to educate our students. Her goals as interim superintendent are to establish a teamwork approach between students, parents, staff, administrators, school board members and the community to better serve our students. She will also work to increase communication between those same stakeholders by producing this newsletter several times throughout the school year and working with local newspaper staff to publish articles concerning school events and activities. She will be out in the community attending various meetings and functions making herself available to the public. With regular staff meetings and parent night events her hopes are to keep all team members informed of school issues.

This will be a year of transition for Eufaula Schools due to the change in administrators, new common core standards being mandated by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, a new evaluation system for certified teachers, the employment of several new staff members, resignations and reassignments. Our *"Eufaula School Team"* sees these changes as a challenge and will meet them head on with determination and resilience.

Ms. Smith remarked that, *"Eufaula and it's school system have always been special, but we can do even better. We want to revitalize our Ironhead spirit and traditions to make Eufaula Schools the Best it's Ever Been. Go Team Eufaula."*

Meet Our New Faculty & Staff



Front row from left to right

Rachel Tilley - ES/MS Art
Traci Spoehr - ES Teacher Assistant
Christy Richards - HS Math
Jolene Klepper - HS English
Paula Fitzer - HS Special Education
Guy Brinker - ES Custodian

Back row from left to right:

Barbara Johnson - HS Custodian
Larry Newton Jr. - HS Football
Kory Ridley - HS Vo-Agriculture
Jared Webster - HS Math
Jordan Garner - Girls Basketball
Debbie Newton - ES Music
Not Pictured - Asha Ramsey
District Speech Pathologist

Elementary School

Brenda Lewis, Elementary Principal

The summer has flown by and we have begun another great year at Eufaula Elementary. This school year brings several wonderful changes to our staff. Brenda Lewis has transitioned from early childhood principal to pre-k through 5th grade principal. Johnny Bohannon has moved from the high school to the assistant elementary principal and Martha Asher has also moved from being high school counselor to elementary counselor. Shasti James is our new District Testing Coordinator and will be teaching Title I math to grades third – fifth. Kassie Flinn has moved from pre-k to become our elementary PE instructor. Rachael Harjo is no longer teaching elementary PE and is now teaching second grade. Cassandra Dan made the move from third grade to fourth grade science. We have added a language arts class to our fourth grade and Sherrie Effinger is teaching that subject. Eufaula Elementary is proud to welcome new staff

members for the 2012-13 school year. Debbie Newton is our new elementary music teacher. Asha Ramsey will be serving our students as speech-language pathologist. Another wonderful change is that art classes are back at the elementary. Rachel Tilley is our new art teacher for kindergarten – fifth grades. The bell schedule at the elementary has also changed so that school will start 5 minutes earlier. The first bell will ring at 8:15 and students will be tardy after 8:20. Breakfast will begin being served at 7:45 and stop serving at 8:10.

Eufaula Elementary is collaborating with Creek Nation to do the “Move It Program” with our physical education department under the supervision of Kassie Flinn. Mrs. Flinn has other exciting plans for the elementary PE classes which include 4 half time performances with second-fifth grade students at home basketball games. She is also imple-

menting the “Jump Rope for Heart Program” with her students.

The Eufaula Elementary Music Department under the direction of Debbie Newton also has big plans for the upcoming school year. Eufaula Elementary students will have performances planned for: Halloween, Veteran’s Day, Christmas, and Easter. Mrs. Newton is also planning a “Character Counts” program for third-fifth grade students which will take place at the end of the school year.

We are extremely excited about the positive changes at Eufaula Elementary and we are looking forward to a successful school year. Please feel free to call (918-689-2682) or come by any time with any concerns you may have.

High School

Garrett Davis, High School Principal

All of us at EHS are looking forward to a great year with this year’s faculty and student body. Our enrollment has increased from what our numbers suggested last May, which is great news! At this time, the high school has 397 students enrolled for this school year. Our largest class is the sophomore class and our smallest class is the senior class. We have added eight new staff members in our Counseling, English Math, Special Services, Physical Education, History and Vocational Agriculture departments. We feel like these eight staff members are great additions to our school and will help our students continue to excel at EHS. We have also added some classes that we did not offer last year. In our English department, we now offer Speech. In the History department, we now offer Civics and Native American History. Our Vocational Agriculture has added Agriculture Leadership, Equine Science and Wildlife Science. We are very excited about giving our students the opportunity to take advantage of these classes.

Our test scores from last year have been released. At EHS we will always try to improve our test scores no matter what our scores rank. We are proud of our students and faculty for the effort put into the areas in which we scored well. The areas that we are low in are being evaluating to find ways to improve student success. The following are our 2011-12 scores: Algebra I-84%, Algebra II-54%, Geometry-86%, English II-91%,

English III-90%, Biology I-74%, U.S. History-74%.

A great school ensures that every student is reaching his or her full academic potential, with their social and emotional needs recognized as an integral element of their academic achievement. This means all of us have to build multiple paths, with many steps to success, for students to achieve mastery of the essential learning in each subject.

I feel that my responsibility as the principal is to ensure your child receives a quality education within a safe, respectful environment. I know the staff at Eufaula High School shares that same focus. I am a firm believer in the home/school connection. Please feel free to contact me at the school with any questions, concerns, or just to introduce yourself. Working together only enhances your child’s educational experiences.

It is our desire at EHS to keep you informed of all that is taking place at school. Up-to-date and additional information will be sent to you through the districts calling service and will appear on our school web page. If you have questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to give your child’s teacher or me a call. I look forward to having a long and rewarding relationship with you and your family.

Middle School

Chris Whelan, Middle School Principal

Eufaula Middle School has kicked off another wonderful year. With the new year, Eufaula Middle School has many new and exciting changes to its staff. Coming from the High School, Kristy Young will take over 8th grade Science, Lori Rippy and B.J. Drake have made the move from elementary. Mrs. Rippy will be teaching 7th grade math and Mrs. Drake will teach 6th grade Language Arts. Josh Luna and Tonya Venable will be sharing the 6th grade Social Studies responsibility. We have two new employees this year, Asha Ramsey, a Speech Pathologist and Rachael Tilley, an elementary and middle school art teacher. We are very excited about the changes and look forward to working with them.

Eufaula Middle School and The McIntosh Co. Coalition have teamed up to start a new drug awareness program for MS Students. The Program is called *Too Good for Drugs*. The curriculum focuses on the School, Community and Family with a strategic approach to develop a safe and supportive environment that has established healthy drug-free norms. The curriculum will be taught by members of the community as well as school staff members throughout the school year.

Eufaula Students Against Litter (ESAL) will be out in the community again this year. Each school year, ESAL, in coordination with *Team-Up to Clean Up* select a needed area in the community and spend a day each semester doing what they can do to beautify that area. Be looking for the announcement in the Indian Journal for the fall clean up dates

Pam Bailey

Teacher of the Year

Pam is "all about" her students and their needs. She shows a genuine compassion and respect for them. Pam is a tireless volunteer for all school activities and is truly a great asset to our district. *Congratulations on being our district's Two-Time Eufaula Teacher of the Year!*



Bevela Pierce

Support Person of the Year

An inviting attitude toward students, parents and faculty, a willingness to always help, and the ability to meet the demanding responsibilities of her position as elementary school secretary earned Ms Pierce *Support Person of the Year*. Congratulations!



Ironhead Football!

Coach Larry Newton Jr.



It is Great to be back home in Eufaula. The positive influences I had growing up here were among the many reasons that I became a football coach.

We currently have a total of sixty football players in grades 9-12, with only seven seniors. Our 8th grade team has twenty-five players and the 7th grade is currently at thirty.

The young men worked extremely hard over the summer and continue to work hard into the first few weeks of practice. We looked good during our preseason scrimmages. I was looking for us to hit hard, fly to the football and be in good condition. We accomplished our goals.

In addition to training hard the past several weeks, the players have had a history lesson in learning about the Great Eufaula Ironhead Tradition. They understand that it is expected of them to work hard on and off the field, and I am proud of them for accepting the challenge.

Thinking back to those earlier days of Ironhead football I can remember a time in this great town when the business would paint their windows Maroon and White on Football Fridays. Store fronts would be painted with slogans, athlete's numbers and Ironhead logos. Banners and flags would be on display up and

down the streets and in stores. I would love to see that tradition return. It gives our students that great sense of pride and a feeling of importance from their community and school.

All of our students, from little league to varsity, need to know there is a community of people who are proud of them and are behind them in their effort to work hard.

Just a reminder, please don't leave the game until the clock expires. Keep in mind how the young players feel when fans begin to leave before the game ends? Who knows, your support might keep that one individual from failure.

Eufaula was once known for having more fans at away games than the hosting team. Let's get that tradition back and see what happens.

The new field house is very close to being completed and will locker seventy-eight players. On behalf of all the coaches, players and football boosters, I would like to thank those who are making the new field house possible. I would also like to thank all the fans that attended the scrimmages and who donated a towel to the football program.

Thanking You in advance for your support of the Eufaula Ironhead Football Program and for our Fine Young Students at Eufaula Schools.

IT'S GREAT TO BE AN IRONHEAD!

Girls Basketball Coach



I am excited about the tremendous opportunity of being the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Eufaula. We had a successful summer and are expecting great things

this season. I was thoroughly impressed by the combination of senior leadership and underclassmen contributions this summer. I hope you will support the Lady Ironheads as we compete this basketball season

Jordan Garner

Be Sure to Check the
ACTIVITIES CALENDAR
for All
ACADEMIC TEAM
ATHLETICS
BAND
MUSIC
& More
Schedules & Events



Ms. Kassie Flinn's
Elementary School
PE Class
Will Perform
in the Middle School
Gymnasium at the
following Elementary
Basketball Games
Dec 18 - Jan 28
Feb 5th - Feb 12

Basketball

November 30 at Beggs 6:30
December 04 Spiro at Home 6:30
December 07 Stigler at Home 6:30
December 13 - 15 Wilburton Tournament
December 18 - Kellyville at Home 6:30
December 20 - at Morris - 6:30
January 7 - 12 - Henryetta Tournament
January 14 - at Stigler 6:30
January 15 - Checotah at Home 6:30
January 18 - at Haskell 6:30
January 21 - 26 - Ft. Gibson Tournament
January 29 - Beggs at Home 6:30
February 1 - at Kellyville 6:30
February 5 - Morris at Home 6:30
February 8 - at Checotah - 6:30
February 12 - Haskell at Home 6:30

NOTICE

Let the District's
Automated Phone System Alert You of School
Closings, Emergencies and Other
Administrative Notices.
Make Sure You Leave Your Current Phone Number
On File at Your Child's School

Football

Aug 17 Scrimmage at Morris
Freshmen 6:00 Varsity 7:00
Aug 23 Scrimmage at Wilburton
Freshmen 6:00 Varsity 7:00
August 31 at Sperry - 7:30
Sept 07 Vian at Home - 7:30
Sept 14 at Keys - 7:30
Sept 21 at Idabel - 7:30
Sept 28 HOMECOMING - Stigler 7:30
Oct 05 Spiro at Home - 7:30
Oct 12 at Valliant - 7:30
Oct 18 - Roland at Home - 7:30
Oct 26 at Checotah - 7:30
Nov 02 - Heavener at Home 7:30

JV SCHEDULE

Sept 6 - 7th 8th 9th Holdenville Home 5:00
Sept 11 - 7th 8th 9th at Stigler - 5:30
Sept 20 - 7th 8th - Haskell Home 5:30
Sept 25 - 7th 8th 9th - Henryetta Home 5:30
Oct 02 - 7th 8th 9th - Spiro Home 5:30
Oct 16 - 7th 8th 9th - Checotah Home 5:00
Oct 23 - 7th 8th 9th at Morris 5:00

Fast Pitch

Sept 01 Wilburton Tournament 1:00

Sept 04
Checotah & Kellyville at Checotah TBA

September 06 Preston at Home 4:30

September 10
Weleetka v Eufaula
Wilburton v Eufaula at Home 4:00

September 11 Canadian at Home 4:00

September 13
Canadian and Pittsburg at Canadian 4:00

September 17 Checotah at Home 6:00

September 18
Crowder and Porum at Crowder 5:30

September 20 - 21 District Tournament

Cross Country

September 01 - TU - 8:00
September 15 - Tah-Sequoyah - 7:30
September 22 - OBU - 8:00
September 29 - Tahlequah - 8:30
October 13 - Regionals - TBA
Oct 20 - State - TBA

Academic Team

Aug 30 - Panola
Sept 06 - Talihina
Sept 20 - Buffalo Valley (HS and MS)
Sept 27 - Wilburton
Oct 04 - Eufaula
Oct 11 - Stigler
Oct 25 - Eufaula
Nov 1st - Wilburton
Nov 8th - Warner
Nov 10th Regional Tournament
Nov 15th - BMAC Awards Banquet
Jan 5th - Stigler Brain Bowl
Jan 12th - Area Tournament
Feb 02 - State Tournament

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