



Heads Up

Eufaula Public Schools
Celebrating 100 Years of Ironhead Tradition

Construction Projects

The 2013-14 school year has officially begun, and the Eufaula Ironhead School Team is off to a fantastic start. All Eufaula School staff joined together on August 12 for coffee and donuts, along with a morning of an exciting motivational program by Rhett Laubach. Lunch was catered by Nichol's Grocery and provided by Ruth Kelly Studios and J & J Educational Services.



We were happy to welcome several new employees including; Laura Gragg, Tad Clark, Samantha Faulkner, Lyndsey Skaggs, Storm Paden, Paul Vogt, Kanda Thacker, Josh Lang and Sharla Beebe to our Eufaula School Team. All these individuals will be an asset to our school district, and seemed excited and anxious to begin the school year at Eufaula.

There are lots of exciting projects happening throughout the district. Eufaula Middle School students are already hard at work putting together a video celebrating the anniversary of the dedication of the Eufaula Dam project.

There are several building and renovation projects occurring at Eufaula High School including; replacing the rotted wooden fascia around the high school with metal, adding handicap ramps in various locations around the high school, replacing the deteriorating wooden football bleachers, on the home side with aluminum bleachers and a handicap ramp, along with replacing visitor side bleachers with all new wood bleachers, have all been completed or in the final stages.

The old art building, located behind the high school, is in the process of being remodeled into a new band room complete with bathrooms, large practice area, two large storage areas and an office for band directors, this project should be finished by the first week of September. A football concession/restroom facility is also in the process of being erected in the north endzone of Paul Bell Stadium. All the previous listed projects are being funded through an accumulation of current and prior year building funds. Building funds may only be used for maintenance and building projects, and are separate from general funds, which are used for salaries and instructional program costs. Most of these projects had become liability issues for the district and needed to be completed for the safety and health of students, staff and the community.

The Eufaula Board of Education and Superintendent Smith have enlisted the help of a School Project and Planning Committee, consisting of school staff, community members, board rep and the Superintendent, to assist in creating a master building and maintenance plan to be completed in stages and over several years. As this plan is created and completed, the school district and committee members will be conveying that information to the community, at large, through various media sources and community organization meetings.

The 2013-14 school year marks 100 years of Ironhead tradition and the Eufaula Ironhead School Team plans on celebrating all year by making this another safe and successful school year!



Meet Our New Teachers and Faculty



Sharla Beebe
HS Special Ed



Laura Gragg
Girls Basketball Coach



Lindey Skaggs
Elementary



Kanda Thacker
Family & Consumer Science



Josh Lang
Elem. Paraprofessional



Storm Paden
HS Custodian



Paul Vogt
HS Custodian

Teacher and Support Personnel of the Year

Marshall Montgomery - Support Employee

Jan Pipkins - Elementary Teacher of the Year and
District Teacher of the Year

Sheila Shaver - Elementary Support Employee of the Year and
District Support Employee of the Year

Theresa Andrews- High School Support Employee of the Year

Kari Montgomery - Middle School Teacher of the Year

Kathy Kasson - Middle School Support Employee of the Year

Not Pictured: Barney Grayson, High School Teacher of the Year



Retiring Teachers and Support Personnel

Tracey Stubbs

Jan Pipkins

Lesa King

Carolyn Grayson

Byrd Farrow

Marshall Montgomery

Not pictured: Barney Grayson and Glenn Sizemore

You Will Be Missed!



Middle School

Chris Whelan, Principal

Our Middle School Students are Kicking Off the Year with a semester-long celebration of the Eufaula Dam as we recognize the historical significance of its 50th Anniversary.

As this student-driven research program develops, they are asking area residents for their invaluable input in helping them gather stories, facts and photos for a project, they are hoping, will depict the vision and

actualization of the Eufaula Dam and the Gentle Giant that resulted from its construction. The students will be using their research and communication skills along with the site's thirty new ipads in putting together their in-depth study.

Please watch their progress from the ems.eufaula.k12.ok.us website as they travel back to the 1950's to begin their journey.



Elementary School

Brenda Lewiis, Elementary Principal

The elementary school has been busy with activities over the past several weeks as we look forward to another year of exceptional accomplishments by our students and faculty.

- * Last year we enjoyed our first elementary spelling bee
- * Our Move It Program began and our students participated in PE performances
- * Our math labs were busy with student activities
- * After school tutoring was available for all students
- * Art classes returned to EES
- * Our students competed in area and state wide events
- * Our students won state writing and art contests
- * First grade students were recognized at the state capitol *Christmas Tree Lighting* ceremonies
- * Our basketball teams won a number of tournaments and had a great season of learning the fundamentals
- * Our third and fifth grade little league football teams won superbowl championships.
- * We finished the year with our first *Little Olympics*

Thank You, students, for the effort you give academically and athletically. Keep Up the Hard Work. I would also like to thank the volunteers, parents, staff and faculty for working so hard for our students. We look forward to working with everyone again this year to make 2013-14 school another Great Year!

High School

Garrett Davis, Principal

Welcome back to EHS! Whether you are new to our district or a veteran Eufaula High School parent/guardian, everyone looks forward to the start of the school year. The beginning of the year is a great opportunity to begin fresh, set new goals and strive toward greatness. We have been working diligently preparing for the new school year. It's a time of anticipation, excitement and it brings a great deal of positive energy with it. We are confident that this will prove to be an outstanding year for your family and for Eufaula High School. At EHS, we are proud of the academic progress we've made over the past few years and continue to make.

Our staff has worked hard increasing student success. For that, they are to be commended.

Success requires countless hours of dedication with everyone working together to ensure our students will have the quality of life they deserve. Families play a key role in that success.

Our students and school district want and need your involvement and support to continue to help our students make academic progress. We value you as a partner in your child's educational journey. Research shows that family involvement promotes student success resulting in improved academic performance, regular school attendance, better social skills, and students continuing on to post-secondary education. I hope to meet many of you as we work together to help our students reach for their dreams and be successful. Here's to a great school year full of exciting opportunities for our students!

Head Band Director and Assistant

The new head band director is Tad Clark. Mr. Clark received his Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Arts from the University of Tulsa where he has spent the last six years instructing the *Sound of the Golden Hurricane* Marching Band, the basketball pep band and the *Symphonic Winds* concert band.

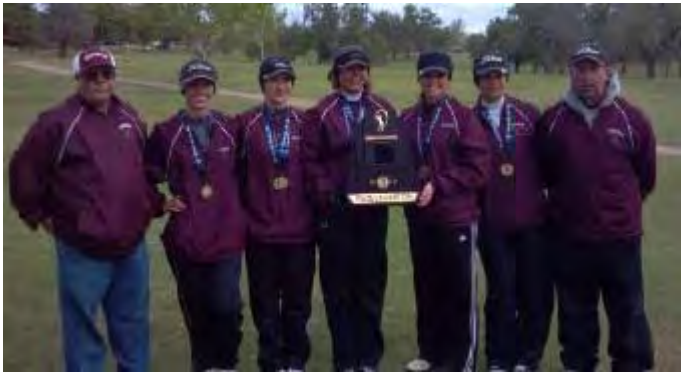
Prior to his tenure at Tulsa University Mr. Clark spent eight years in the Marine Field Band Program where he held multiple responsibilities to include Assistant Enlisted Conductor, Assistant Drum Major, SNCOIC of Training, Brass Quintet Leader, Low Brass Commander and others.

Mr. Clark's Assistant Director is Ms. Samantha Faulkner. Ms. Faulkner is a University of Tulsa Graduate with a degree in Music Education. Ms. Faulkner is a woodwind specialist who was All State Clarinetist at Claremore High School. Ms. Faulkner has numerous awards from State Solo and Ensemble Contest on a variety of Instruments.



Both Directors are excited to be here and are looking forward to continuing the band's success.

Making History!



State Champions!

Thirteen Years after the First Ladies Golf Team Teed Up for Eufaula Schools, the 2012-2013 Lady Ironheads Brought the State Championship Trophy Home.

Follow the Golf Teams this spring from their website at ironheadgolfbosterclub.com.

Coach Bill Bumgarner, Hannah Rippey, Melissa Eldredge, Faith Lasiter, Heidi Stafford, Taylor O'Brien and coach Robert Nixon.

Congratulations on an Outstanding Season

JV Football

- Sept 17 Stigler 9/JV at Home 7:30
- Sept 30 Hilldale at Hilldale 6:00
- Oct 07 Glenpool at Home 6:30
- Oct 14 McAlester at Home 6:30
- Oct 28 Morris at Home 7:00

Fastpitch

- August 15 Holdenville/Wilburton at Home 5:00 PM
- August 16 Beggs Festival
- August 17 Weleeka Festival
- August 19 Stigler at Home 4:00
- August 20 Beggs at Home 6:00
- August 22-24 Wilburton Tournament
- August 26 at Crowder 5:00
- August 27 Weleetka/Quinton at Home 4:00
- August 29 at Morris 6:00
- August 30 Okmulgee at Home 4:30
- Sept 05 Wetumka at Home 4:30
- Sept 09 at Wilburton 4:30
- Sept 10 at Holdenville 5:00
- Sept 12 Heavener at Home 4:30
- Sept 16 at Checotah 5:30
- Sept 17 Crowder at Home 4:30
- Sept 19 Hartshorne at home 5:00
- Sept 23 at Haskell 4:30
- Sept 24 Choteau Warner at Warner 4:00
- Sept 26 Districts

Football Schedule

- Sept 06 Sperry at Home 7:30
- Sept 13 Vian (at Vian) 7:30
- Sept 20 Keys at Home 7:30
- Sept 27 Idabel (Homecoming) 7:30
- Oct 04 Stigler (at Stigler) 7:30
- Oct 11 Spiro (at Spiro) 7:30
- Oct 17 Valliant at Home 7:30
- Oct 25 Roland (at Roland) 7:30
- Nov 01 Checotah (Sr. Night) 7:30
- Nov 08 Heavener (at Heavener) 7:30

Junior High Football

- Sept 12 Beggs 7-8-9 at Home 5:00
- Sept 17 Stigler 7-8-9/JV at Home 5:30
- Sept 24 Haskell (at Haskell) 7-8-9-/10 5:30
- Oct 01 Henryetta (at Henryetta) 7-8-9 5:30
- Oct 08 Spiro (at Spiro) 7-8-9 5:00
- Oct 15 McAlester (at Home) 7-8 5:30
- Oct 22 Checotah (at Checotah) 7-8-9 5:30
- Oct 28 Morris (at Home) 9 5:30
- Oct 29 Morris (at Home) 7-8 5:30

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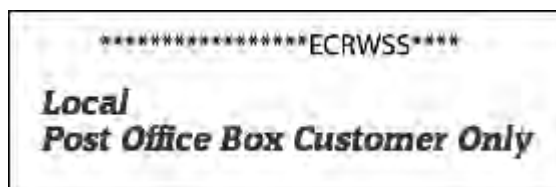
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