

SANDITE SUCCESSES!

January 2023



GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT SAND SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



WELCOME 2023

Sandites begin the new year with lots
of things to celebrate!

TRIKES FOR TYKES

Early Childhood Education Center

Students at the ECEC received new tricycles thanks to a grant from the Sand Springs Education Foundation! The kids love riding them with their friends during recess. Thank you to Ms. Soozie and Ms. Jenni for submitting the grant. These trikes will impact many students for years to come!



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Limestone Technology Academy

Limestone students participated in a schoolwide spelling bee. Each classroom had two representatives that participated in the competition. Fifth grader Tyler Blackwell was named the overall winner. Congratulations to Tyler and all who participated!



SPELLING CHAMPS

Angus Valley Elementary

Angus Valley held their schoolwide spelling bee! The bee was coordinated by Gina Myers and judged by Kama Wilson, Angelia Noel, Laura McGehee, and Robi London.

1st Place: Keaton Smith, Grade 5

2nd Place: Jaily Williams, Grade 4

3rd Place: Josie Burton, Grade 5



MASTER GARDENERS VISIT FIRST GRADE

Garfield STEAM Academy

Tulsa Master Gardeners visited Garfield STEAM Academy first graders on January 12. Mrs. McAllister's class learned the differences between spiders and insects. Students learned to identify the body parts and the ways these creatures grow. They also learned which spiders are friendly and which are not.

SIXTH GRADERS WIN THE STOCK MARKET GAME

Sixth Grade Center

Under the leadership of Ms. Sandy Gilstrap, the 6th grade Gifted and Talented class played The Stock Market Game during the fall semester. The game teaches students about the stock market, mutual funds, how to build and diversify a portfolio, when and where to take risks, and more. The students won First Place in the region for grades 4-8.

Way to go, Sandites!



COOPER LONSDALE EARNS AG RECOGNITION

Charles Page Freshman Academy

9th grader Cooper Lonsdale has been named the 2023 Miss Tulsa County Teen United States Agriculture! Under this title, Cooper will work to ensure Oklahomans understand the importance of agricultural sciences to ensure the fortitude of future generations.

Congratulations, Cooper!





SENIOR RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FOR SHORT FILM

Charles Page High School

Charles Page High School senior director Sam Bennett received a \$5,000 scholarship to Oklahoma City University. The scholarship was awarded to Sam for his short film, *Santa's Debt Crisis*.

With the help of his Sandite TV and Art, Film, and Literature classmates, Sam created the short film, which was submitted to the Oklahoma City University High School Student Film Festival. The festival had nearly 250 entries, but only 20 were selected to participate.

Check out the Sandtonian story about Sam at CPHSSandtonian.com -- our digital student newspaper produced by students and supervised by Michael Ross and Hannah Nelson.

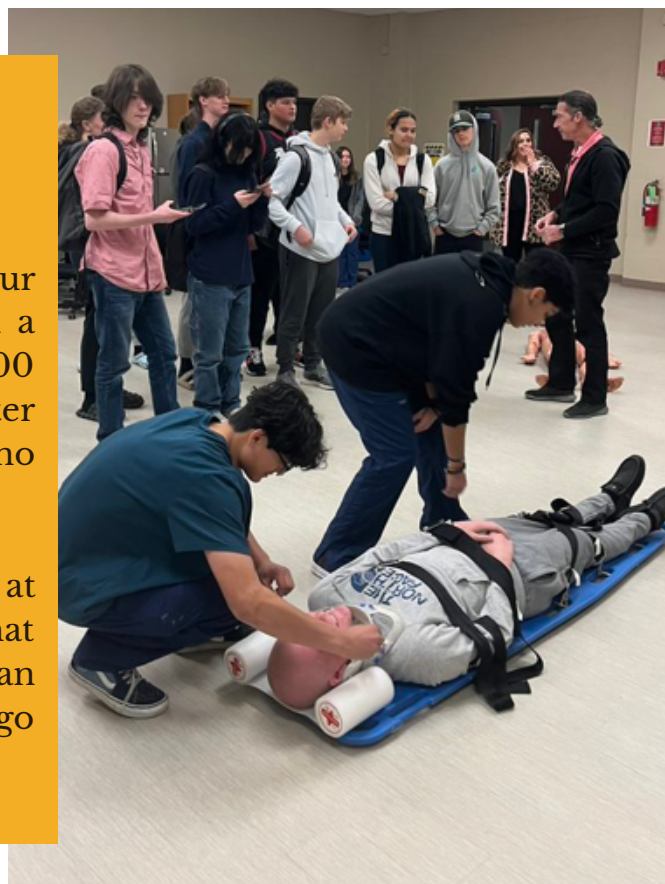


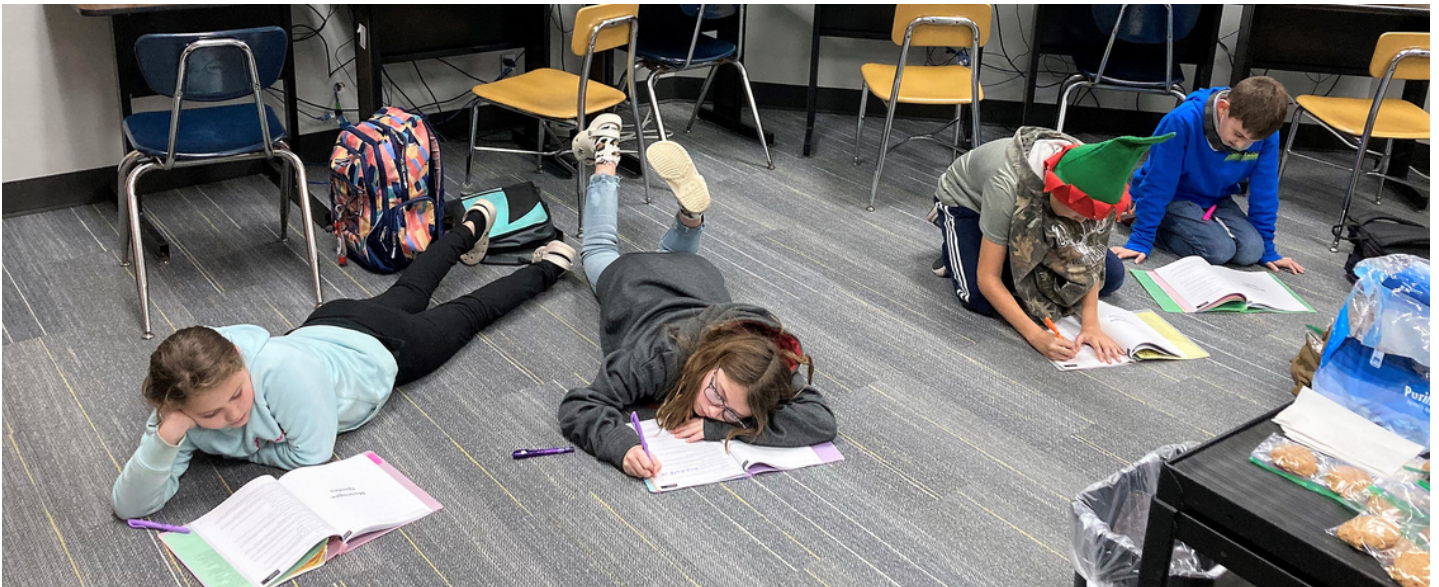
SOPHOMORES VISIT TULSA TECH

Charles Page High School

Thanks to the vision of Ryan Bivin, our counseling staff, a team of bus drivers and a whole committee of teachers, all 400 sophomores toured Tulsa Technology Center campuses. The students were awesome, and no doubt dreams were created and nourished.

We are always thankful for our partners at Tulsa Tech for creating relevant programs that provide our students with a vision and a plan for their lives beyond high school. You can go anywhere from Charles Page High School!





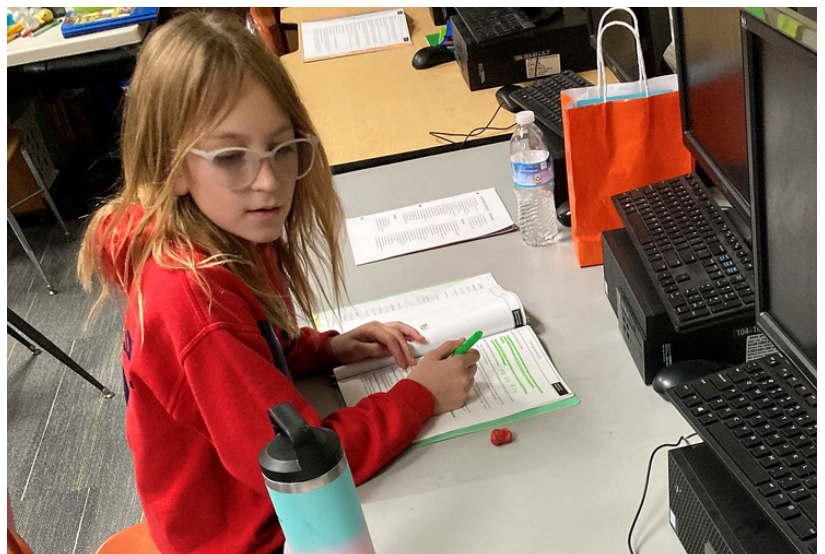
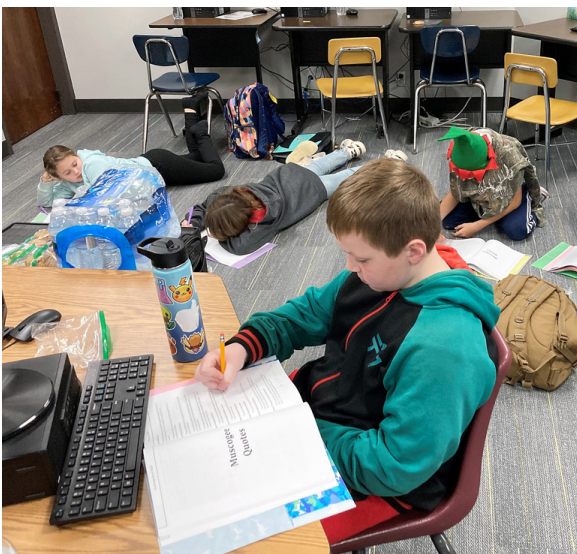
CHALLENGE BOWL PREPARATION

Sand Springs Indian Education

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Challenge Bowl competition is just a few weeks away, and our teams and their coaches have been busy. Sand Springs has four teams competing this year! Jeanie Carpenter, Julie Ferguson, Reanna Barr, and Jase Gaylor are our coaches this year.

Team members include:

Josie Grona, Chloe Grona, Ryann Brown, Kevin (Rowdy) Brown, Noah Barr, Zailyn Garland, Brody Ketcher, Hayden Hillis, Jacey Feather, Dylan Crosby, Uriah Schroeder, Bo Holt, Kinley Snow, Noah Brown, Riley Wilson, Nathan Feather, Kyevara Owens, Lindsey Seymour, David Bilby, and Kendell Grant.



Congratulations

TEACHER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS
2022-23



Sand Springs Public Schools is proud to announce the 2022-23 Teacher of the Year Finalists. These five educators were selected from 12 exceptional SSPS teachers.

One teacher from this list will be selected as the winner and announced in February. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and Sandites.org for updates.

Congratulations to these phenomenal educators! Thank you for your commitment to the students of Sand Springs.



Katy Edmonson
Clyde Boyd
Middle School



Melissa Nelson
Pratt Elementary



Madison Orme
Early Childhood
Education Center



Stephenie Sivadon
Limestone Technology
Academy



Jessica Sprague
Charles Page
High School



School Board Recognition Month

SAND SPRINGS BOARD OF EDUCATION



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SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Sand Springs Public Schools

January is School Board Recognition Month! We would like to recognize the members of the Sand Springs Board of Education.

Rusty Gunn, Bo Naugle, Jackie Wagnon, Mike Mullins, and Whitney Wagers are an integral part of the Sandite family. They help develop important school policies, manage our annual budget, campaign and advocate for school bond initiatives, and make tough decisions on complex issues.

These individuals are committed to providing our students with every opportunity possible to make them successful members of our community.

Thank you to the Sand Springs BOE for your service!

