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Sequoyah Times



New Superintendent By Kendall Lee

The new Superintendent of Sequoyah Schools is Mr. Leroy Qualls. His past employment includes being the Director of Higher Education for the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees, the Assistant Principal and Director of Indian Studies for Tahlequah High School, basketball coach at Tahlequah High School and Principal and basketball coach here at Sequoyah High School.

Mr. Qualls said that his immediate goal as Superintendent is advancing student learning and ensuring students have the best possible resources.

The New Principal By Kendall Lee

Mrs. Jolyn Rose, the new Principal, is a very enthusiastic person with many goals for the students of Sequoyah Schools. On her first day she had a lot of catching up to do. She had to immediately get familiar with names and faces of staff, faculty, and students. Overall she said she had a "fantastic day and Sequoyah is a great school."

One of Mrs. Rose's goals is to increase the ACT and EOI scores. She wants Sequoyah students to have a "clear choice, whether it be college or a career when they graduate." When asked if she would make changes education wise, she said she would just "stick more to the curriculum. If anything were to be changed it would be how much time is spent on the core curriculum."

Overall, Mrs. Rose wants nothing but the best for Sequoyah Schools.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| Veteran's Day 11/12/12 No School | Thanksgiving 11/23/12 No School |
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Go Purple or Go Home

By Morgan Bernard

Thursday, October 18, Sequoyah hosted a home football game against Jay High School (Sequoyah won 46-24 - Go INDIANS!). At this game Sequoyah fans were encouraged to wear purple for domestic violence awareness month. Cheerleaders sold purple football shirts for \$15 in conjunction with the Cherokee Nation Attorney Generals Office. Many students and other fans showed up proud and loud in their gleaming purple shirts.

Fast Pitch Softball

By Aurora Autry

The Lady Indians Fast-Pitch Softball team is State Runner Ups, with a record of 30-8. Coach Turtle will miss the three seniors on the team, Kara Linch, Jessica Bluebird, and Susie Davis. Their season went great and they are very proud. So if you see a softball girl tell her congratulations and good job.

Student Council

By Kya Davidson-Simmons

Student Council is a club that helps put on school wide activities, such as homecoming, blood drives, and senior night.

During this years' homecoming activities the Student Council hosted a powder puff football game with the assistance of several of the football boys. The game took place on Thursday, October 11, 2012. During the powder puff game the seniors played freshman and sophomores played juniors. The seniors beat the freshman and juniors beat the sophomores, which lead to the seniors playing the juniors. In the final match up, the junior girls won it all. The games were very competitive and a lot of fun for everyone involved. Anticipation and trash talk for next years games have already began.

Also, during the month of October Student Council hosted Classic Horror Movie Nights. The attendance for this activity averaged 25 per movie.

Blood drives have also been very successful for the Student Council. Last year Sequoyah High School was second out of all the Oklahoma high schools in the number of people donating blood. Oklahoma Blood Institute rewarded Student Council with a \$1,000 check.

This years blood drive took place on November 1, 2012 and was a success with approximately 70 people donating.

Senior Night is planned for November 2, 2012.

It will take place before the football game for all seniors participating in Fall OSAA activities.

Mrs. Brant is the Student Council sponsor, Brandon Keen is President and Zane Kee is Vice-President.





Josten's By Kristin Duncan

Jostens is the company that Sequoyah Schools uses to order junior class rings, senior announcements, cap and gowns, and other various senior mementos. Jostens has a website (<http://www.Jostens.com/>) where students can create and view their rings and can also view yearbooks. Underclassman can visit this site and get a preview of what is to come for you.

Domestic Abuse Art Contest By Marissa Sanders

October is usually when we have our annual "Think Pink" football game, but this year we decided to switch it up for a different cause and that is domestic abuse. Cherokee Nation Attorney Generals Office sponsored an art contest to see who could come up with the best poster dealing with domestic abuse. On October 18, 2012 the posters were judged and Nathalie Tomasik won 1st (\$50), Foster Hackworth came in 2nd (\$30) and Sarah George got 3rd (\$20)

Why Sequoyah? By Melia Hawk

Alyssia Jones is a seventeen-year-old senior at Sequoyah Schools from Stillwell, OK, who is more than ready to throw her graduation cap in the air. As a member of the robotics team, manager of the cross-country team, and resident of the on-campus dorms, Alyssia is still able to find time to fill out college applications. When asked why she left Stillwell to attend Sequoyah, she said, "My mom made me (laugh), but I like it here, it's a pretty good school." Sequoyah being called the "School of Choice," proves to be true, considering students from all over choose to come to here. Jones says, "It's the place to go for a good education, because there's not that many students and you can usually have one-on-one time with their teachers. You also have the total access to knowledge thing going for you." Alyssia also likes that Sequoyah is a private school, "You have to apply and be accepted in order to attend the School of Choice, so that must mean the academics are off the charts." She feels that the College Prep class has helped her plan for her future and plans after high school.