



# The Talon

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## BF-DC Students Display Their Musical Talents

The many musical talents of the BF-DC students were displayed during the months of November and December.

The Will Rogers Kindergarten and T-1 students presented their fall program "Turkey Tracks" on November 26 and the Will Rogers 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Elementary Band presented "Joy of Christmas" on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The BF-DC Jr/Sr High band and vocal students presented their Christmas program "A Joyous Christmas" on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

All of the students sang and played their instruments beautifully. The parents and friends that attended the events left with their holiday spirits brightened.

Sierra Jacobs,  
Staff Reporter



## A Word from the Superintendent

Merry Christmas!

As we enter into this Holiday season I pray that each of us remember the important things in life. I hope each of us will devote time to family and friends making memories that last a lifetime.

Our school year is halfway complete. WOW! As with every other year our school has had ups and downs but the students and staff have persevered. I challenge parents to continue reading with their children over the Christmas Break. Reading with or listening to your children read is the biggest thing parents can do to enhance the education of their children.

During the upcoming months you are going to read from my column many political issues that deal with education and schools. I hope you will not just listen to me but research the issues at hand for yourself. Common Core Curriculum has come under fire in the recent months. SDE has stated they see no reason for reversing the implementation of Common Core. However, politicians have stated otherwise. My personal stance is Common Core should not be implemented. I will give you two major reasons why; first, there is no research to support this curriculum. Second, the skills and knowledge will be implemented at much lower grade levels. This does not take into account cognitive development. Would you ask to child to run before she/he could walk? I think not. Many of the cognitive skills are being passed down to lower grade levels assuming that ALL students will have the cognitive abilities to learn and perform those skills. Over 50 years of brain research tells us that this is not possible. How does this affect you and your children? **3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention!** Beginning this year any student who cannot read at a prescribed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level will be retained in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. While on the surface this seems appropriate, what about special education students, children in poverty, and those students whose cognitive abilities are slower developing?

Enough for now. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Ron Hughes, Superintendent  
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## What's Happening at BF-DC Schools

December 19th–20th  
Semester Test

December 20th  
6th grade Basketball  
@Home  
Vs. Sentinel

HS Basketball @ home  
Vs. Sentinel

December 23rd -  
January 5th



## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 6th  
JH Basketball @Sayre

January 7th  
JH Basketball  
@Sayre

HS Basketball  
@home vs Sayre

January 8th  
Blood Drive

January 9th–12th  
HS Basketball  
@Selling Tournament

January 13th–19th  
JH Basketball  
@West Central  
Tournament

January 13-14th  
JH JV Basketball @  
Cheyenne/Merritt  
Tournament

January 13th  
5th and 6th Basketball  
@Cordell

January 14th  
HS Basketball  
@Navajo

January 16th  
5th and 6th Basketball  
@WOCs

January 17th  
HS Basketball  
@Home vs. Mangum





2nd Graders Play Musical Books

For a brain break, Ms. Howes 2nd grade class played musical books. The students walk to the music and when it stops they read the book in their chair for about two minutes. This is a great way to introduce children to different genres of literature they wouldn't normally read.



4th and 5th Grade Learn About Robots

The Will Rogers Elementary 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to watch the robotics club from Western Technology Center on Friday, December 6. Students from WTC brought a robot that they have been working on since September. The WTC students prepared the robot to use in competition. The 4th and 5th grade students had a great time watching the robot and seeing what he had been programed to do. A few lucky students got to run the robot and see if they could make it go through a maze, pick up blocks and drop the blocks into a box. They quickly learned it wasn't as easy as it seemed. The robot sparked an interest with the students.



**Will Rogers Elementary  
Lost and Found**

Parents please check the lost and found area for missing coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and backpacks.

Any remaining items after January 10th will be washed and given to the needy.

5th Grade Stay  
Drug Free

The 5th grade class has been doing the D.A.R.E. program for the last 8 weeks with local D.A.R.E officer Sonny Segler. They have been working hard on learning how to overcome peer pressure to use drugs or to do anything they know is wrong. Officer Segler comes once a week and presents a ten week program to each 5th grade class. The students have a chance to ask Officer Segler questions about his job and how he got started as a police officer.

This week the classes are writing a 5 paragraph essay about what they have learned from the D.A.R.E. program. They are to also write how they plan to use the D.A.R.E. Decision Making Model in the future and how they will use it to make safe and responsible choices in the future. The top essays from each class will be given to Officer Segler and he will then choose the best essays. Winners will receive medals at our D.A.R.E. graduation. T-shirts have also been ordered for each of the students.

A big THANK YOU to Officer Segler for everything he does with the kids. The Teachers and students appreciate him so much and are grateful that he is willing to work so hard to help the students stay drug free.

5th Grade  
Study Geology

Les Hall, a Petro Pro for OERB, came to Will Rogers Elementary to visit the 5th grade class. Mr. Hall works for the Apache Corporation in Elk City. The 5th grade has been studying geology in Science. They have learned about different types of rocks and how each of those rocks are formed. Mr. Hall showed the class about the importance of safety in and around drill sights. He also showed the class how the drilling process works. The class found it very interesting when he showed them petroleum in different stages and how many ways petroleum is used in everyday material. After state testing the 5th grade will be doing many hands on projects deal with the importance of oil in the local economy.



BF-DC School Libraries

Extended Hours

Will Rogers Library is open until 7:00 pm on Tuesdays.

JH/HS Library is open until 7:00 pm on Thursdays.

Check out books, use computers, participate in activities, and have fun!!!!!!!





## Mid-Level Academic Team OAAC Regional Champions

Congratulations for a good job to the Burns Flat-Dill City Mid-Level Academic Team for earning the title of OAAC Regionals Champions. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mid-Level Academic team traveled to Chattanooga for the OAAC Mid-Level Regionals. Burns Flat-Dill City team faced some fearsome competition. The team beat the first place team from District B, Chattanooga in overtime 200/190. In the second round, BF-DC trailed Snyder in the first 3 quarters, finally pulling ahead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to beat Snyder with a final

score of 180/120. The third round gave the BF-DC team no competition with BF-DC dominating Big Pasture 190/30. Ryne Garrison was top scorer racking up 320 points for the day. Jake Mooney, Alexa Benedict and Aaron Schmidt also added to the teams overall score of 1020 points for the tournament. Second place was taken by Navajo with a total of 980 points. Good job 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The team will be competing in the OAAC Area competition on January 25, with the location to be determined later.

## Junior News

The juniors won the spirit stick with enthusiasm and a great amount of heart and soul at the basketball pep rally.

The juniors have held several meetings about prom and at the last one they selected different foods they would like to serve. The junior sponsors are currently figuring prices for the food items and at the next meeting the discussions for food selection will continue.

Latest breaking news: Seth Nason junior class member has made a huge change and decided to cut his mullet off. Seth is no longer Mullet Man Nason.

Katie Birdwell  
Staff Reporter

# Buy a Besogram for Your Sweetie!!!

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## FCCLA News

The BF-DC FCCLA needs recipes from every member; each member needs to have two recipes in one food category and 10 overall recipes to give to Mrs. Lyles. If anyone wants to add a recipe of their own to the cookbook please let Mrs. Lyles know. The cookbooks will be typed in January and should be ready by Spring Break.

Staff Reporter

## Jarrett Selman Attends Elk City National Stock Show

On November 23<sup>rd</sup> the BF-DC FFA member, Jarrett Selman attended the Elk City National/ Junior Heifer Show. Jarrett and his Chi heifer received 2nd in class and with his Mainetainer heifer he received 2<sup>nd</sup> in class as well.

Cheyenne McDaniel  
Staff Reporter

## Student Council Attends State

The BF-DC student council attended the Oklahoma State Student Council Convention November 8<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> in Bixby Ok. The BF-DC students learned to “lead beyond your mask”. During the convention the students attended many leadership workshops and listened to motivational speakers who sparked new life into the student council team. Jarrett Selman said, “The convention allowed me to really polish my inner leader.” The BF-DC Student Council Chapter was also awarded the OASC Gold Chapter Award of Excellence at the OASC State Convention. The BF-DC student council mem-

bers that attended State were; Jordan Hughes, president; Tracie digs, vice president’ Isaac Clark, secretary’ Lily Schneberger, reporter; Jarrett Selman, member. These BF-DC stud-co members were inspired to be a leader in all aspects of their life and plan to use these skills to make a positive influence in and out of school. The BF-DC student council challenges YOU to lead beyond your mask!

Lily Schneberger  
Reporter

Katie Birdwell  
Staff Reporter

## Student Council News


The Basketball Homecoming dance will be on February the 14<sup>th</sup> and STU-CO has decided on the theme “Rave”, which will be neon colors and black lights. They will be selling neon glow necklaces at the dance for people to wear. In order to raise money for STU-CO, they will be selling BF-DC t-shirts after the first of the year. Look for a student council member or go to the Mrs. Smith. STU-CO has raised \$79.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by selling Pumpkin Papers and would like to thank everyone who contributed. STU-CO will also be doing a Friday Lunch for teachers one day in January, tickets will be \$5.00 per/teacher.

Katie Birdwell  
Staff Reporter

## Basketball News

The High school Invitational Tournament that was from Dec. 12- Dec. 14 has officially ended. Both the BF-DC HS boys’ basketball team and the BF-DC HS girls’ basketball team took part in the tournament. The boys’ HS basketball team fought for the consolation place against Watonga. After a long and hard fight, the BF-DC HS boys’ basketball team lost but many of them had fun playing in the tournament anyway. The BF-DC HS girls’ fought against Cordell to fight in the round for the Consolation place in the girls’ part of the tournament, but barely lost at the end of the game and didn’t get to move on to fight for Consolation place. The tournament ended With Cordell as the girls’ HS basketball champions and Ft. Cobb as the boys’ basketball champion. It was a hard and long tournament but everyone tried their best and had fun in watching and participating in the tournament.

# Ask Birdie



Need advice? Have no one to turn to? Ask Birdie!

Birdie can help you by answering any questions that may be troubling you. Submit your questions to the box on the front desk in the library and Birdie may answer you in the next newspaper! Don’t worry! Birdie will keep any information you don’t want revealed in the newspaper 100% confidential. Submit your questions today!

Birdie

# COUNSELOR CORNER

January 8<sup>th</sup>- Blood Drive will be from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. You will need to sign up the 7<sup>th</sup>.

January 10<sup>th</sup>-Deadline for the February 8<sup>th</sup> ACT

January 14<sup>th</sup>- ASVAB

January 16<sup>th</sup>- Ron Keisler from SWOSU will be here at 3:15 to talk to and help students fill out FAFSA for college and WTC will be enrolling there 2<sup>nd</sup> year students.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!

Deanna Modesto  
Staff Reporter



## Cheerleader News

The cheerleaders dressed up for the game on December 16<sup>th</sup>. They wore Santa hats and striped sleeves. They cheered their hearts out rooting for the Eagles. They brought spirit and holiday cheer to the game, pumping up the crowd. Although the girls lost, they cheered them on and lifted their spirits. Great job girls!

Hannah Baca  
Staff Reporter

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# HOROSCOPES



**Aquarius January 20<sup>th</sup> – February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
You might be very surprised with all the changes occurring in your life. Enjoy the energetic shift outward as you think about filling up your calendar with exciting activities. Just remember that it's okay to turn down an invitation if you don't feel up to it, for there will be plenty more opportunities for fun throughout the holiday season.

**Pisces February 19<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Although you may be a fairly private person, you now have a chance to show the world how well you can play with others. Perhaps you feel more ambitious today, yet you're not certain how best to apply your efforts. Don't worry about finalizing a new plan, for your greatest strength today is your ability to make it up as you go along. Have faith in the process of collaboration and be ready to create positive change.

**Aries March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
You may be feeling extremely enthusiastic today. Even if you are facing tough circumstances, you can still find something positive to focus on. But don't paint such a worry-free picture that you overlook an important truth right before your eyes. Instead, map out a realistic strategy for the upcoming months ahead and could be all you need to make your dreams come true.

**Taurus April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup>**  
New perspectives continue to expand your understanding of the big world outside your door. You are going on a journey within your mind, so take every opportunity you can to learn more about yourself as you travel. Explore your interests in religion, philosophy, or metaphysics, even if you are normally concerned with more mundane things. Put your current inspiration to work by doing your best to discover the secrets of the universe.

**Gemini May 21<sup>st</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Your moods may be a bit uncontrollable today, prompting you to react without thinking. Usually, you're the one who cleverly motivates others, but the tables are turned for the next few weeks as your associates push you into action. You won't be able to get away without cooperating, so use this time to act in a forward-thinking manner instead of waiting until it's too late. It's okay to take a risk, but allowing others to lead may be more productive for now.

**Cancer June 21<sup>st</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Your big ideas might not solve any work-related issues, but they do help you think more globally. You could try to bury your feelings so you can kick yourself into action today, but you could move so fast that you overdo it. Don't let your impulsive excitement lead you into any agreements that limit your range of action or you may feel stuck until the end of the year. Relying on your natural cautious instincts now works in your favor.

**Leo July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
You receive an encouraging boost of energy today; however, it's your decision on how best to use your current inspiration. You may be highly productive or choose to have a whole lot of fun instead. The good news is that you can get the best of both worlds, applying your playful spirit in a spontaneous way whether you are at work or at home. Whatever you do, don't waste this magical moment.

**Virgo August 23<sup>rd</sup> – September 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Your primary concern over the following weeks may involve finding the right mixture of enthusiasm and restraint as you vacillate between moving forward with your goals and retreating into the safety of your nest. Your best strategy might be to avoid making a final decision for a while. Let the internal conflict inspire you to imagine new possibilities even while circumstances continue to slow you down.

**Libra September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
You may feel another surge of mental energy as you search for long-term solutions to current problems. But don't squander a wonderful opportunity by staying within your head. Now that you are buzzing, do something about it and initiate a bold move. Don't get hung up wondering if you are making the right decision or not; any movement now is better than waiting for the perfect moment. Strike while the iron is hot.

**Scorpio October 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
You understand the big picture in theory, but in practice it's difficult to apply what you know today. Your mind is on overdrive now as it runs through every possible scenario, intensifying your resolve to make the most of your current relationship situation – even if it's not ideal. Let logic be your guide until you are back in your element.


**Sagittarius November 22<sup>nd</sup> – December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
You may feel charged up with an energetic buzz, allowing you to enjoy just about anything that attracts your attention. Unfortunately, your short-term enthusiasm can temporarily overwhelm your long-term strategic goals. Beware of saying yes too quickly, even if you are more than ready for whatever happens next. A little bit of caution improves your chances of success.

**Capricorn December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Preventing your feelings from bottling up within you is critical today because your intentions will probably slip out even if you don't express what's on your mind. Taking full responsibility for your needs is much more admirable than playing the role of a victim. Your ambitions may be honorable, but circumstances can quickly get muddled unless you are prepared to walk your emotional talk. Thankfully, your sense of integrity will see you through.



# Christmas

N	C	H	S	C	G	E	B	Y	R	A	M	C	Q	Y
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ANGEL, GIFT, SANTA, REINDEER, BABY, HOLY, SCROOGE, GHOST, CANDY, JESUS, SHOPPING, CAROL, JOSEPH, SLEIGH, CHIMNEY, LIGHTS, SNOW, CLAUS, MARY, SNOWMAN, CRIB, MISTLETOE, STAR, DECORATION, NORTH, TREE, ELF, POLE, WREATH

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# Book Review

## The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

In the book The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins, Katniss Everdeen lives in District Twelve. There are twelve districts in all, the thirteenth obliterated by the Capitol in the midst of a rebellion that brought on the creation of the Hunger Games. Each district must sacrifice two tributes, a boy and a girl, to compete to the death in an arena in the city of Panem while the every district, including the tributes families, watches.

The day of the reaping, Katniss' little sister, Primrose, is called to be a tribute. In her panic, Katniss volunteers to take her place. Soon she is whisked away to the Capitol with her fellow tribute, Peeta Mellark, to prepare for the events that are sure to leave her shaken.

This book is heart racing and riveting. You will definitely enjoy this book.

Hannah Baca  
Staff Reporter

# What is IT??

Drop your guess in the Birdie Box for a chance to win a free soda.



# What is IT??

The vents on your lockers.

The winner this week is  
**Caitlea Swartz**  
Stop by the library for a free soda.

