

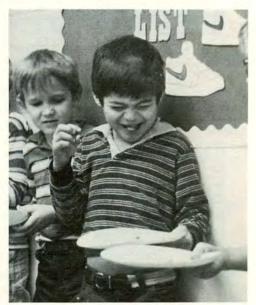






A picture was worth a thousand words at the Briarglen Elementary first grade tasting party.









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From the Superintendent's Desk

Growth In Student Population Continues



Dr. Wesley Jarman

Union Public Schools are continuing their growth in student population. Our final count at the end of the 1981-82 school year was 6140.7 students in average daily attendance. At the end of the first semester of the 1982-83 school year the A.D.A. is 6586 or an increase of 445.44 students. This is a percentage raise of 7.25. Keep in mind these numbers are A.D.A. which means all the absences have been taken off. The enrollment is a much higher number and is in the 7000 student range.

We will be sending to you very soon a couple of questionaires dealing with your opinions about (1) leveling of students in the elementary school and (2) poll of the Community Toward Education (PACE).

Irvin Signs Letter of Intent



A dream came true recently for Union senior, Kyle Irvin. For several years he could visualize himself running down the ramp at an O.U. football game onto the field with thousands of on-lookers. Irvin has signed a national letter of intent to play football with the Oklahoma Sooners. In August he will move to Norman to join a slate of nationwide freshmen recruits at Owen Field.

Irvin is the only Union athlete who has achieved the status of a four year letterman in football and baseball since the school began competing at Class 4A and 5A levels. Union's winningest quarterback over a four year period and a member of the West All-State team has followed in the footsteps of his father, Don Irvin.

The elder Irvin, Director of Elementary Education at Union schools, was an All-State running back at Poteau High School in 1954. After graduation, he went directly to a Brooklyn Dodger minor league baseball team for two years before quiting to persue a college education at Northeastern State University.

The decision was a tough one for Kyle. "I made my decision by looking at where I felt I could have the best job opportunities after school," he said. "My whole family lives in Oklahoma and they want me to stay here. I want to stay here so they can see me play."

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

The leveling issue will need to be addressed hopefully prior to the 1983-84 school year. Prior to last year, students were leveled according to academic ability by grade into 4-5 levels depending on the size of the class. Students in lower levels were placed in smaller classes and students in higher levels were in a larger class. Last year we changed the concept and divided the classes thusly: If a class had 100 students for instance, we took the top 50 and divided them equally into two classes of 25 each and the lower 50 were placed into two classes of 25 each.

We began a pilot program at Darnaby Elementary this year for the second and third grades. We placed these students in a heterogeneous group. Which means, that these students were randomly selected without regard to their academic ability. The purpose of the experiment was to see if this kind of approach was better for students. We have attempted to level students in reading and math and have encouraged intermingling of groups in Art, Music, P.E., etc.

We hope that we will be able to clarify the desires of parents, teachers, administraters and the board of education, and formulate a policy that will apply district wide.

It is difficult in a district our size to have more than one approach in our elementary program. A student should be able to move from one of our schools to another in our district and be able to continue in the same curriculum.

The other survey, PACE, will sample some of your opinions about the school district and its services to the community. These will be random selections from the computer list so it will be very important for each recipient to make an effort to answer the questions according to your persuasion and promptly return to the Administrative Center. We will make it convenient as possible for you.

It is the desire of The Union Board of Education and the Administrative Staff to make the schools as effective as is possible. Your input is invaluable in helping us make decisions that will accomplish this task.

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Pictured from left: Sally Reibert, Employee of the Month; and Tonya Rozell, Educator of the Month.

Employees Recognized For Job Dedication

Educator of the Month is Tonya Rozell, third grade teacher at Grove Elementary.

Tonya has been employed with Union schools for 1½ years. Her fellow teachers describe her as a true pro who is flexible, pa-

tient and always positive.

The beginning of the school year began with construction nearing completion on some classrooms at Grove Elementary. Ms. Rozell's room was one not finished. Instead of making this a negative situation, she created a learning experience for her students. Classes were held outside on a few sunny days, in the media center and on stage!

Ms. Rozell now has a classroom - but that hasn't hampered her zest for teaching or her students' desire to learn.

She's a real "trooper". Teachers like this are what make Union a special place.

Sally Reibert, nurse at Boevers Elementary, was selected Employee of the Month.

Mrs. Reibert has been employed with Union Schools for seven years. In that time, she has organized and taught special programs to students besides doing her regular duties.

One of Sally's major projects is the annual Monique Webb Blood Drive held at Boevers Elementary. Boevers was the first elementary school in the area to sponsor a blood drive. The event has been a tremendous success each year.

Mrs. Reibert always has a smile and a kind word to share with those around her. Her total dedication to her profession and students are perfect examples of Union Pride.

Resource Center Helps Students Learn

A unique resource center for learning disabled adolescents has been developed at Union Junior High under the direction of teachers Donna Garrison and Debbi Wolin.

The idea for the center took root after Union schools participated in an inservice program provided by the Oklahoma Secondary Learning Disabilities Project located in Cushing, Oklahoma. Elaine Minson, Union Special Services Director, adopted the Cushing Project and received federal funds to help implement it. Through initial inservice and follow-up, the program provides teachers with proven methods for serving the secondary level learning disabled adolescent. Individual and group teaching techniques, special materials, and help in the areas of mainstreaming, grading, and effective education are a part of the Oklahoma LD Project.

The idea for the center was conceived by incorporating ideas used by the Cushing Project as well as developing many original ideas specifically designed for Union students.

The center, located in Mrs. Garrison's classroom, is equipped with learning stations for math, science, language arts and social studies. Most of the textbooks have been taped (tape-recorders and headphones abound), and the books have also been color-coded (a special technique of highlighting terms, definitions and concepts in textbooks).

The room is also equipped with a computer. Instructors Donna Garrison and Debbi Wolen have developed a file where special content area study guides have been developed and tests have been re-written at lower readability levels.

Special programs within Union Public Schools are continually seeking ways to expand and improve services to students with special needs. The new resource center is a beaming example of the dedication and interest Union teachers have for their students.





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Grandparents Get Special Day At School



They arrived at the school with smiles and eyes searching for the familiar grin of their grandchild. It was Grandparents Day at Peters Elementary. Over 200 grandmas and grandads came to school for special tours and lunch with their grandchildren. They praised schoolwork and met their grandchild's special friends who "come over to play".

Principal Joe Eidson was on hand to greet the grandparents. He said the goal of this special day was to share -share friends, share time and share that unique love of a child and a grandparent.

Needless to say the day was a tremendous success. The grandparents left the school exactly like they arrived with a smile and a warm halo of love and caring.







Queen coronation.

Music Departments Prepare For Competition

By Ed Tackett Director of Fine Arts

During March, the music departments of our secondary schools will begin their contest schedule. These contests involve vocal and instrumental soloists, ensembles, and concert groups. For the past two months, our music departments have intensified their efforts to prepare for these pre-district, district and state contests.

On March 5, soloists and ensembles from the high school and junior high school along with the junior high school concert choir will compete in district contests at Sapulpa. On March 31, the high school concert groups will participate in state competition at Tulsa University.

March 11, concert bands from the Seventh Grade Center and the junior high school will be competing in the district solo and ensemble contest at Jenks High School.

Our high school concert band will compete in a state contest on April 5 in Stillwater

All of our bands have planned for pre-district adjudication at either the

Blue-White Festival or the Webster pre-district contest.

Last month, the high school concert band gave a concert featuring Irv Wagner of the University of Oklahoma. This concert was also the Band

Janice Payne won second place in Women's Extemp and third place honors in Poetry at the Memorial High School Speech Tournament in February.

Five members of our outstanding high school competitive speech team have qualified to compete in regional speech competition on March 25 and 26. These students are: Janice Payne who qualified in Women's Extemp,

Poetry, and Debate, Nicci Simmons who qualified in Original Oratory, and Ken Dugan who qualified in Men's Extemp and Debate.

The Union Junior High School Speech Department will present "Prime Time Crime", their first production of the year on March 3 and 4 in the junior high school commons. Tickets will be available at the door at \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

Briarglen Elementary School Vocal Music Department will present the musical "Wheels" on April 6 in the Briarglen gym. There is no charge for this production.

Art works from two schools will be displayed in the Union Schools Administrative Center reception area during the month of March. Art works from the Seventh Grade Center will be on display during the week of March 14-18, and art works from Briarglen Elementary School will be shown during the week of March 28 - April 1. You are invited to view these works between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

Children from the cast of the touring musical "Annie" visited Peters Elementary School February 9. This visit allowed our students a close up look at these child actors. Our students were allowed to ask questions of the cast members about the life of a traveling actor.

Award winners in the Young Talent in Oklahoma Competition include two Union High School students, Eric Snodgrass and Lisa Mason. Eric won a cash award for his work and Lisa received an alternate scholarship award for her works. Lisa was honored to have all of her works accepted for competition and adjudication.

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October 1, 1982 Membership Report Tulsa County Public Schools (K-12)

	196	68	198	81	198	32	Gai	n or Loss	% (Change
District	Memb.	% *	Memb.	% *	Memb.	% *		nce '68		ice '68
Berryhill	798	0.8	657	0.7	659	0.7	-	139	_	17.4
Bixby	1,378	1.4	2,504	2.8	2,446	2.7	+	1,068		77.5
Broken Arrow	3,633	3.7	11,197	12.3	11,728	12.8	+	8,095		222.8
Collinsville	1,321	1.3	1,805	2.0	1,774	1.9	+	453		34.3
Glenpool	270	0.3	831	0.9	1,045	1.1	+	775		287.0
Jenks	1,528	1.6	6,188	6.8	6,412	7.0	+	4,884		319.6
Keystone	147	0.1	343	0.4	358	0.4	+	211		143.5
Leonard	75	0.1	74	0.1	75	0.1		0		0.0
Liberty	250	0.3	598	0.7	623	0.7	+	373		149.2
Mingo	162	0.2	210	0.2	188	0.2	+	26		16.0
Owasso	1,889	1.9	3,753	4.1	3,929	4.3	+	2,040		108.0
Sand Springs	4,447	4.5	5,560	6.1	5,555	6.0	+	1,108		24.9
Skiatook	990	1.0	1,400	1.5	1,510	1.6	+	520		52.5
Sperry	636	0.6	927	1.0	938	1.0	+	302		47.5
Tulsa	80,115	81.4	48,618	53.4	47,804	52.1	-	32,311	-	40.3
Union	738	0.8	6,373	7.0	6,799	7.4	+	6,061		821.3
TOTAL	98,377	100.0	91,038	100.0	91,843	100.0	-	6,534	-	6.6

^{*}Represents percentage of total county membership in each district.

Paul McCloud, Associate Superintendent Instructional Support Services Tulsa Public Schools

February 8, 1983

TV PARTICIPANT FORM

Please complete this form and return to your school's principal's office in order to participate in the TV Viewing Skills Workshop. The first meeting will be held on April 5, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Center Cafeteria. A follow-up meeting will be held same time, same place on April 11, 1983. Please make plans to attend both meetings.

Name		Phone	_
Address		School	_
# of Family Members			_
Ages of Children			_
Average # of hours TV is turned on (daily)			_
Average # of hours spent viewing TV (daily)			_
Family Member #1	#2	#3	_
#4	#5	#6	-

Biographies Come To Life



Bryan Wilkerson dressed the part of his biography report, Ben Franklin, for a class assignment.

Board Elects Officers

The annual reorganization of the Union Board of Education took place at the February school board meeting.

Vaughn Brower was elected board president. He has served as board clerk for the past two years.

Harold Reed was elected vice-president. Reed was elected to the school board last year.

Board clerk is Alison Moore. Mrs. Moore has held the offices of president, vice-president and clerk in previous years.

The board unanimously approved rehiring all administrative directors, principals, assistant principals, associate superintendents and assistant superintendents. This is a routine procedure done at the first board meeting after the January election.

Spelling Bee Set

The Union District-wide Spelling Bee is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. March 30 at Roy Clark Elementary.

Over 5500 students in grades 1-8 within the Union district are eligible to participate in the competition.

Eight finalists will participate in the District-wide event. (One from each school) The winner of this competition will represent Union at the Northeast Spelling Bee held at the Assembly Center. All finalists from Tulsa County will compete for the Northeast championship. The NE winner will win an all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. representing Oklahoma at the National Spelling Bee.

Two years ago, Union Junior High student Joyce Thom won the Oklahoma championship representing our state at the national competition.

Boys and girls of six and sixteen are always alert. At six they know all the questions. At sixteen they know all the answers.

Seated at the desks were such characters as Ben Franklin, Golda Meir, Winston Churchill, and Broadway Joe Namath. There was a nervous silence in this sixth grade classroom. Their project was to read a biography, dress the part and be prepared for an interview with their teacher, Patti Pitcock.

However, these Boevers Elementary students needed not sweat their "turn". They answered the questions with ease and a shakey confidence.

Everyone in the class benefited from the project. Interesting details about each character in the biographies were remembered. Ever wonder why Jesse James always wore gloves? Marc Becknell who read the biography proudly informed fellow students of the missing fingers the bandit possessed and covered with gloves in order to not be identified.

Bryan Wilkerson reported on Ben Franklin. Wilkerson took his role seriously dressed in knickers, knee socks, wire-rimmed glasses and tin foil buckles on his shoes. He knew the book well. Wilkerson told classmates Ben Franklin was an American ambassador devoting most of his life for the good of man.

Golda Meir "visited the class". Winston Churchill "dropped" in...any many more celebrities were scheduled to grace the classroom in the next few days.

The project was not only a literature assignment, but a step towards adulthood, and what it's like to speak to a group.

Do you know a handicapped child in your neighborhood who may not be receiving special services?

Cail 252-3561

Elaine Minson, Director, Special Services

Seventh Grade Orientation for Parents

The transition from sixth grade to seventh grade is a change students and parents can and should prepare for. A special orientation is designed to brief parents of sixth grade students about seventh grade expectations. Understanding curriculum, class schedules, electives and other relevant topics will be the subject of the orientation.

The presentation will be given by Seventh Grade Center principal, Art Naylor and the head of each department.

Sessions have been scheduled for each elementary school as follows:

March $1 - \dots$	Peters Elementary 7:00 p.m.
	Briarglen Elementary 7:00 p.m.
March $10 - \dots$	Darnaby Elementary 7:00 p.m.
March 14 —	Grove Elementary 7:00 p.m.
March 15 —	Boevers Elementary 7:00 p.m.

Rumors effect our daily lives and complicate work production. If you hear a rumor and want to check its' truth, call Rumor Control 252-3561. It's Working!



March 1983

Sun. Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
		1 Grove-Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:00pm Briarylen-Carreer Week PTA/Skateworld 4-6:00pm Boevers-Gymnastics Program 10:15am Peters-Operation Aware 6th Grade 8:40-9:40am (every Tuesday & Thursday in March) / Operation Aware 5th Grade 9:40-10:10am (every Tuesday & Thursday in March) / Operation Aware field trip to Hillcrest 9:00-11:00am / 7th grade orienta- tion for 6th grade parents 7:00pm Elementary Basketball Tournament- High School & Jr. High High School-VICA District Leadership Contest	Admn. Center-PTA Executive Board/ Council Meeting 9:30am Boevers-Science Fair projects to school Jr. High-"Prime Time Crime" Play 1:00pm High School-Jazz & Choralettes Downtown Rotary Club 12:00pm	3 Boevers-Science Fair projects to school Damaby-Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:30pm Peters-Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:00pm / Operation Aware Field Trip to Hillcrest 9:00-11:00am Clark-PTA Board Meeting 1:30pm - Conference Room Briarglen-7th grade orientation for 6th grade parents 7:00pm Grove-CPR Class 6:00-9:00pm Jr. High-"Prime Time Crime" Play 7:30pm High School-Big Family Rock-A-Thon 4:00-12:00pm / PTSA Executive Board Meeting 7:30-8:30pm - Media Center	A No School Staff Development Jr. High-"Prime Time Crime" Play 7:30pm High School-FBLA-PBL State Leadership Conference High School-Debate-Ponca City High School a Basketball Playoffs	Grove-School Carnival at Jr. High 5:00-9:00pm Jr. High-Concert Choir contest at Sapulpa High School- FBLA-PBL Leader- ship Conference Continued Below
6	Admn. Center-Board Meeting 7:00pm Clark-Faculty Meeting 3:25pm Boevers-Judging of Science Fair Briarglen-Vocal Music Department Produc- tion "Wheebs" Jr. High-PTA Seminar 7:00-9:30pm Baseball-Union vs Edison here 3:30pm Union Jr. Varsity vs Edison there 3:30pm	Briarglen-Operation Aware Parents Meeting 7:30pm / Operation Aware Field Trip to St. Francis 8:45am Boevers-PTA Meeting - Awards presented for Science Fair at 7:30pm Clark-7th grade orientation for 6th grade parents 7:00pm Baseball-Union vs Rogers here 3:30pm Union Jr. Varsity vs Rogers there 3:30pm	PTA day at the legislature Admn. Center-Frontier Conference Meeting High School-Choralettes-NE Campus TJC 12:00pm High School-Youth Alive 11:00am & 12:00pm Head Coach Staff Meeting-High School 7:30pm Tennis-Union vs Sapulpa here 3:00pm Golf-Union, Owasso, Bixby, Okmulgee -Mohawk #2	10 Peters-PTA Skating Party at Roller City 3:30-5:30pm Grove-PTA Board Meeting at 1:00pm CPR Class 6:00-9:00pm Damaby-7th grade orientation for 6th grade parents 7:00pm High School-Senior Assembly at 10:25am Golf-Union, Bixby, Catoosa - Page Belcher 3:00pm Volleyball-Union vs Broken Arrow there 5:00pm Baseball-Union vs Hale here 3:30pm Jr. Varsity vs Hale there 3:30pm Tennis-Union, Cascia Hall, Monte Casino here 3:00pm	Briarglen-PTA Meeting - Chili Supper & Bingo 6:30pm Clark-PTA Popcom Sales Jr. High-Concert Band Contest at Jenks High School-Senior all school dance 8:00pm Track-Union at Central Baseball-Union at Jenks 2:00pm	12 Boevers nival 5:30-8:30pm: Chili Supper 5:00-7:00pm Jr. High-Solo. Ensemble Contest at Jenks High School PTSA Arts & Craft 10:00am-4:00pm Gymnastics USGF Class III. State-OK School Gymnastics (all da
13	Grove-PTA Meeting / Career Education week / 7th grade orientation for 6th grade parents 7:00pm Boevers-PTA Skating Party 6:00-8:00pm Golf-Union, Jenks, Bixby, Owasso - Page Belcher 3:00pm Baseball-Union at Bixby here 3:30pm Jr. Varsity at Haikey Tennis-Union vo Okmulgee there 2:30pm	Clark-5th grade Musical 7:00pm Damaby-5th & 6th grade Musical 7:00pm Briarglen-Spelling Bee Boevers-7th grade orientation for 6th grade parents 7:00pm Track-Union at Rogers Volleyball-Union vs East Central here 6:00pm Baseball-Union vs Holland Hall here 4:00pm Tennis-Union vs Collinsville here 3:00pm	Admn. Center-PTA Council Meeting 9:30am Clark-PTA Skating Party 6:00-8:00pm Briarglen-PTA Council tour of schools High School-Youth Alive at 11:00am & 12:00pm Baseball-Union vs East Central here 3:30pm Jr. Varsity vs East Central there 3:30pm Volleyball-Union vs Keily here 4:00pm Tennis-Union vs Owasso here	17 Clark-6th grade Musical 7:00pm High School-Vocational Employers Banquet-Hilton-11:30am Band Concert - Commons - 7:30pm Golf-Union, Owasso, Bixby - Mohawk #2 3:00pm St. Patrick's Day	End of Third Quarter Clark-Staff Luncheon Peters-All School Film, "Where the Red Ferm Grows" Baseball-Union vs McAlester there 5:00pn Jr. Varsity vs McAlester there 3:00pm	Baseball-Union v McAlester there McAlester O'Brie Jr. Varsity vs McAlester O'Brie 1:00pm Track-Jr. High Union Invitations
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27	28 Start of Fourth Quarter Grove-PTA Meeting 7:00pm Election of Officers, Program on "Television" Jr. High-Practice "Bye Birdie" 3:00-7:30pm Baseball-Jr. Varsity vs Sand Springs there 3:30pm Tennis-Union vs Collinsville here 3:00pm	Elementary-Grade Cards Issued Clark-District Spelling Bee - Gym 3:45pm Briarglen-4th grade dental health High School-Youth Alive at 11:00am & 12:00pm Golf-Union, Kelly, Jenks, Edison - Page Belcher 3:00pm Volleyball-Union vs Broken Arrow here 6:00pm	Damaby-PTA Meeting and Science Fair 7:30pm Boevers-PTA 4th grade Smoking Program 12:00-3:00pm High School-State Concert Choir Contest Choralettes at Fairgrounds 6:30pm Golf-Metro Tournament - Mohawk #1 Tennis-Holland Hall JV there Metro Tennis Tournament at Memorial	Volleyball-Union at Hale 6:00pm Track-Jr. High vs Sand Springs there		5th Continu High Schoo Debate-Ponca High Schoo Jr. & Sr. Hi Solo and Ense Competition Sapulpa Hi School all d Gymnastic USGF Class State-Gym Qu (ail day) Track Meet

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Redskin Talk

March, 1983

Spring Sports Begin



Gil Cloud Director of Athletics

The spring season is in full swing and all the athletes are preparing for their respective seasons.

Baseball season will open March 7 with the Redskins hosting Edison. On the 8th we will host Rogers and the 10th we will host Hale. The Union Tournament beginning March 28th will be the highlight of the season and continue to April 2nd at the Union diamond.

The golf season begins on March 9 as the Redskins will play Owasso

and Bixby at Mohawk #2. The golfer's home course is LaFortune, but during the season they will play at Mohawk, LaFortune, Indian Springs and Page Belcher. The Redskins will point to two tournaments this year as they will play in the Metro Tournament on March 30th at Mohawk and the Frontier Conference at LaFortune on April 20th.

The tennis team opens their season on March 9th with Sapulpa. The team will play their home matches at Haikey Creek Park. The conference tournament will be held at Ponca City on April 15th. The 10 matches scheduled will conclude on April 23rd in preparation for the Regional Tournament on April 25th here in Tulsa.

The Redskins girls volleyball team will open their season at Broken Arrow on March 10th. Their 10 match schedule will additionally include the Metro Tournament at Memorial on April 11th. The Frontier Conference tournament will be April

12th at Jenks.

Track, which will field the most participants, will begin on March 5th at Jenks. The conference meet will be held at Sand Springs on April 30th with the regional meet to follow on May 7th in Tulsa.

The Junior High Track season will include three dual meets as well as five invitationals to conclude on April 23rd with the Arkansas Valley Conference Meet at Sapulpa.

The Seventh Annual Elementary Track Meet will be held on May 10th at the high school stadium and track. This annual meet is the spring event for the elementary physical education classes in grades 4-6. Over 700 elementary students participate each year for the coveted Superintendent's Cup and individual grade level 1st place trophies.

COMMENT

The spring sports season is always subject to change because of the rains and cold weather in the spring. If you have questions relative to cancellation or rescheduling of events, please call our office at 252-3561 so that we can answer your questions.

Support the spring sports program as the students who participate are just as intense in the competition as any of the others we have in a sports program.



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