

The Lions Den

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We believe that all children can learn, and that the student, family, school, and community will share the responsibility of each student achieving his or her personal best and becoming a productive citizen in a changing society.

NEWS SPOTLIGHT

-Lady Lions: Stars on the court and in the classroom

-The Results are In!: Results from the most recent academic meets

-Almost There!: The School year is almost over!

Alert! Tobacco Free Campus



Going Tobacco Free

Earlier this month students and faculty may have noticed slight changes in the halls. Mainly, they should have noticed a bright blue sign glaring from the entrances of the high school and elementary. Gracemont Public Schools have officially gone tobacco free campus wide for not only school and office hours, but for all hours of the day 24/7. With the help of Reita Babel and Staci Mauney, the school has successfully banned all tobacco products on campus producing a safer environment for all school goers. So students, even though the school year is coming to an end, at Gracemont Public Schools feel free to breathe easy!



Get Ready to Spike it!

Volleyball Tournament!

The Gracemont junior class is hosting a men and women's indoor volleyball tournament on Saturday, May 2. There is a minimum of 6 players per team and a maximum of 8 players. The fee per player is \$10.00 and each team can be made up of completely men, completely women, or co-ed. If you are interested in registering a team contact Crystal Dyer at 580-515-2138 or 405-966-2233, or contact any junior class member.



Lady Lions: Stars on the Court and in the Classroom



Gracemont Public Schools would like to extend a well-earned congratulation to the members of the Gracemont Lady Lions 2014-2015 high school basketball team. These ladies have exemplified the saying of “100% on and off the court”. As of recently the Lady Lions received an award from the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association (OSSAA) for an Academic Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or above for the entire team.

Player Kaitlyn Reynolds says, “It was an honor to get an award like that and it makes me proud that we could all work together and win this. It’s an amazing opportunity to just even play with our group of girls and I’m glad we could take on the challenge this year not only on the court, but in the classroom as well! I think it shows how determined our girls are in every aspect of the game. I also think it shows how much all of us care about basketball and each other and winning something like this has helped us learn how to work together for a common goal and helped us come closer together as a team on and off the court!” This glowing outlook on both the award and the team as a whole shows exactly why the Gracemont Lady Lions have been successful this year. The teams post player, Elizabeth Strecker, had this to say on the matter, “To me [this award] means my team and I work hard not just on the court, but off the court as well. It shows our team is organized and can handle things that are thrown at us whether it’s a late game and a ton of homework or rather we are worn out we buckle down no matter what and get the job done.” Both opinions show how dedicated our girls are to the game as well as their studies.

They were awarded this prestigious decoration because of their ability to balance hard work in the gym with hard work in the classroom. The members that received this honor (picture) included Kaitlyn Reynolds, Senaida Brown, (Coach Scott), Chelsie Drake, Baylee Brower, Sydney Thompson, Audie Connally, Mackenzie McCathern, Jacie Stinson. Good job, ladies! Keep up the good work!

Oklahoma Department of
Environmental Quality

February 17, 2015

Re: Trash Poster Contest Winner

To Whom It May Concern

It is my pleasure to inform you that posters submitted to Oklahoma's 24th Annual Trash Poster Contest by your students have received county level recognition and are being forwarded for consideration at the state judging level.

Ryleigh Weathers received 2nd place recognition for the 3rd-5th grade division. Kimberly Birch received 3rd place recognition for the 3rd-5th grade division. Isabel Dorrell received 2nd place recognition for the 6th-8th grade division.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Handley

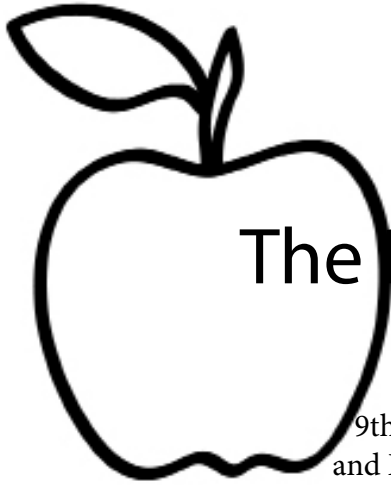
Environmental Program Specialist III

Oklahoma City DEQ Office

Trash Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to
Kimberly Birch,
Isabel Dorrell, and
Ryleigh Weathers!





The Results are In!

At the Financial Literacy Challenge, the Gracemont Team placed 9th out of 29. They competed against schools such as Del City, Yukon, and Edmond. Team members included James Popek, Rody Farrow, and Colt Baker.

At the SWIM Challenge our students did as follows;

-Biology I out of 70

Bre Harmon 17

Kathy Dorrel 21

-Anatomy & Physiology 42

Deven Bailey 4

Walker Boren 13

-MS Office 40

Audie Connally 11

Mackenzie McCathern 12

-Spreadsheets 32

Audie Connally 6

-English Literature 59

Deven Bailey 14

-American Literature 56

Sydney Thompson 4

-English Usage 79

Chris Brummell 14

David Neal 24

-Spelling 70

Sooner Harmon 9

David Neal 10

-Algebra I 64

Micah Pendarvis 16

-Algebra II 68

Kaitlyn Reynolds 14

Elizabeth 22

-Geometry 70

Kaitlyn Reynolds 11

-American History 41

David Neal 14

Chase Brower placed 2nd in HTML/WEB DESIGN

Thank you to everyone who participated this year!

ALMOST THERE!

Senior Class Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Valedictorian Deven Bailey



Salutatorian Sooner Harmon

8th Grade Graduation

Invocation- Josh McCathern
Benediction- Cade Moudy
Remember Whens- Jessica Robertson
Valedictorian- Jacob Bear
Salutatorian- Camilo Arellano
Ushers- Kayli Allen and Khye Weathers
Class Colors- Royal Blue and Black
Class Motto- "Keep moving forward
and never turn back."- Unkown



< Jacob Bear



Camilo Arellano>