



# Indian Education Program



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## Indian Education's NEW Location



The Indian Education Office has been moved! Please take note of the new address and location. The new address is 500 E. 9th St. The Indian Education annex is located behind Central Middle School.

Our office phone numbers remain the same. We are located next to the Print shop.



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## Welcome our new Indian Education Teacher

Hello!

I am excited to join the Edmond Public Schools Indian Education Program. I am married to my husband, Cortney Yarholar. We have a son, Jude, who is in first grade and a daughter, Nora, who is 2. I am a proud Kiowa, born and raised in Oklahoma.

Prior to joining EPS Indian Education I worked in Career Services. I served both the University of Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University by providing career related guidance to college students while also working with the campus community to promote career pro-

grams and resources. I earned a B.S. in Kinesiology from Oklahoma City University and a M.Ed. in Adult and Higher Education from the University of Oklahoma. I look forward to promoting Indian Education and supporting EPS Native American students and families in achieving their educational goals.

Courtney Tsoitigh-Yarholar

## New Program Updates

The following information is NEW for our Indian Education Program. Please read and be familiar with the changes.

- Our program is now called Title VI. We have been Title VII for the past several years. We are under the Department of Education, Office of Indian Education (OIE) entities.
- We have a new Title VI ED 506 Indian Student Certification Form. (Form 506).
- The new form is effective for the 2016-2017 school year.

- Please note that your child does not have to complete another 506 form if they are already on the current program.
- All lines of the form must be complete for a student to be added to the Title VI program.
- Tribal consultation meetings are new to the Title VI application for the next school year.

Please feel free to contact our office should you have questions with the new changes for Title VI.

**Office Located  
Central Middle  
School ANNEX**

Our NEW address will now be:

500 E. 9th Street—Annex  
Edmond, OK 73034

We are the large gray building behind Central Middle School. Look for the Indian Education sign.



## Upcoming Events and Deadlines

### Choctaw STAR Awards

The Spring 2016 Choctaw STAR Awards are in. If you have been contacted by our office on this information, please plan to pick up the award at your earliest convenience. Our hours are from 8 am to 4 pm. If you can not come by during normal business hours, you may call our office to make other arrangements.

**Our main office number is 340-2895.**

### Choctaw Nation Cultural Presentation

The Choctaw Nation Cultural Department will be providing a cultural presentation and activity for our students and community on Monday, November 14th. Students may also participate in a corn husk doll activity.

This presentation will be held at the Edmond Public Schools Administration Center, located at 1001 W. Danforth Rd. This event will take place from 5:30 pm to 8 pm.

If you are interested in attending this program, please **RSVP to our office at 340-2895 by November 7th.**

### ACT Prep Classes

This class is open to any high school student planning to take the ACT test. With the help of Jay Rosner, director of The Princeton Review Foundation, each student will receive a copy of this year's edition of the Princeton Review ACT Prep book at no charge. The course will prepare students through a comprehensive review of how the test is structured, examples of real questions asked on the ACT, and tips on how to get their best score yet.

About our Volunteers:

Howie Chen – Howie is a senior at the Oklahoma School of Science and Math. He is a national AP Scholar, a National Merit Semi Finalist, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the TEAM+S national engineering team. He currently has a 35 on his ACT.

Brandon Cobb – Brandon is currently a senior at Edmond North High school. He was named a National Ventures Scholar in engineering, is a member of both the National Honor Society and the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society, and currently has a 33 on his ACT.

Please call our office for more details or to register for this class.



### Information

The Indian Education program will provide the fee for one ACT test this school year. Paper packets are available at our office. You may pick them up now if you are interested in taking the ACT test.

Seniors are encouraged to apply now.

#### Test Date

#### Deadline for Packet To our office

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| December 10th, 2016 | October 26th, 2016  |
| February 11th, 2017 | January 6th, 2017   |
| April 8th, 2017     | February 17th, 2017 |

## From the desk of Courtney Tsotigh-Yarholar

### Student Questionnaire

In the upcoming days high school students will be emailed a 2-page Student Questionnaire Form. By completing this form, it will help me get to know you and provide meaningful college and career planning assistance. Forms will also be available in your school counseling office, once completed return to my school mailbox.

I will be visiting each high school weekly during Tutorial. Students will receive a hall pass for college and career planning. You may also request an appointment by contacting Courtney Tsotigh-Yarholar at [\(405\) 726-3303](tel:4057263303) or [courtney.tsotigh@edmondschools.net](mailto:courtney.tsotigh@edmondschools.net).

### Some of the topics we may discuss are:

- Exploring interests
- Creating an action plan and goal setting
- Researching potential college and career options
- Identifying scholarships and financial aid opportunities



## Tuesday Evening Activities and classes to be held at Boulevard Academy

### Tutoring Services

After school tutoring is provided for students who have a academic need. This service is provided by the Title VI program.

Guidelines include the following information:

- Student must be enrolled in the Edmond Public School district.
- Student must have a completed Title VI Student Eligibility Certification form on file.
- Student academic need will be determined before tutoring can begin.
- Student tutoring is coordinated through the Indian Education office.

This service runs accordingly with the school calendar year and school breaks.

Group tutoring has started at Boulevard Academy on Tuesday evenings. You may contact our office for detailed information.

If you are interested in our tutoring services, please call our office at 340-2895.

### Tribal Language Classes

Osage Language classes are scheduled on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This class is provided by the Indian Education Program and the Osage Nation Language Department.

Interested students, parents and community members are encouraged to learn Osage.. Learn from elder and Osage language teacher, Mograin Lookout.



Right: JOM Summer Art work



Left: Trophy for fist place at the Comanche Nation College Indigenous Knowledge Bowl by the Edmond Challenge Bowl Team



### Timeline for future events

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| • College Visitation Days      | <b>November</b>    |
| • Cultural classes             | <b>November</b>    |
| • Challenge Bowl               | <b>Spring 2017</b> |
| • Indian Student Honor Society | <b>March 2017</b>  |
| • Metro Handgame Tournament    | <b>Spring 2017</b> |
| • Youth Language Fair          | <b>April 2017</b>  |
| • Red Earth                    | <b>June 2017</b>   |
| • Stem Activity                | <b>Spring 2017</b> |
| • Johnson O'Malley activities  | <b>June 2017</b>   |

## Halloween Handgame

Join us for our Halloween Handgame! There will be a costume contest, a cake walk, and refreshments. It will be held on **October 25th, from 5:30 pm to 8 pm at Boulevard Academy** which is located at 215 N. Boulevard.

**Please RSVP no later than October 19th. To RSVP, call 340-2895.**



### Cultural Activities

Cultural awareness activities will be provided during the school year.

On October 25th our Halloween Handgame will be held for the first activity.

November 8 and 15th- Loom beadwork with Sally Old Crow is scheduled. Please RSVP by Nov. 4th. There will be a limited number of slots.

November 29th- A basketweaving workshop will be held by Grace Smith. There will be a limited number of slots. Please RSVP by Nov. 25th.

These activities will take place on Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Boulevard Academy.

If you have any questions about these activities, please call our office.



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**GOAL:** To increase the avenues and broaden the educational tools through which Native American students may connect with their culture, thereby enhancing cultural identity while promoting success in the academic arena.



**Indian Education coming to SchoolWay App soon!**

Indian Education will soon have it's own group in the SchoolWay App. If you currently have the app, look for an Indian Education group sometime this year! SchoolWay is a free application for Android and Iphone to keep the Edmond Community in the know of school events. Please visit the Edmond Public Schools website for more information!

**Student Corner**



Davis Thomas, a Senior at Memorial High School, is a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist! Congratulations Davis!

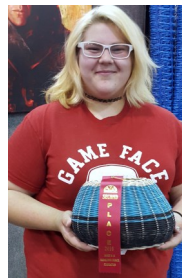


Victoria Eckiwardy walking in on the first day procession at the 40th National United National Indian Tribal Youth Conference. She is representing her title as Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

- October 25th—Halloween Handgame
- October 26th—December ACT Packets Due
- November 14th—Choctaw Nation Presentation
- November 23rd thru 27th—Thanksgiving Break
- December 22nd thru January 4th—Winter Break
- January 6th—February ACT Packet Due
- January 16th, 2017—Martin Luther King Day
- February 17th, 2017—April ACT Packet Due
- February 20th, 2017—No School
- March 3rd, 2017— NA Youth Lang Fair Registration Due

**Red Earth Youth Art Winners**



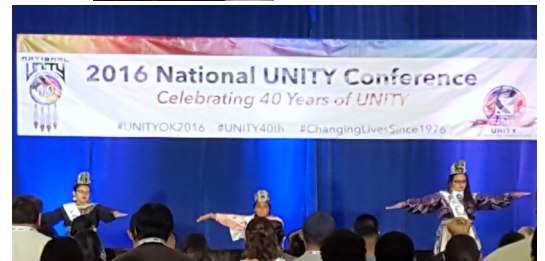
Rebeka Jim, 2nd Place, Basketry, Division III



Hokete Petete, 1st Place, Basketry, Division III



Holli Benton, 3rd Place in Beadwork and 3rd Place in Jewelry, Division III



Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, and Angie Debo student, Victoria Eckiwardy (middle) performed at the 40th Annual UNITY Conference in Oklahoma City in July.

**Other Red Earth Winners**

- Division I
- Selena Eckiwardy 1st Basketry
- Trevor Meanor 2nd Basketry
- Taylor Clark 3rd Basketry

**Congratulations to all the Edmond students!**



All Red Earth Art Winners together at the Awards Ceremony.

If you would like to tell our office about your child's accomplishments, give us a call at 340-2895, and your child could be featured in our next newsletter!