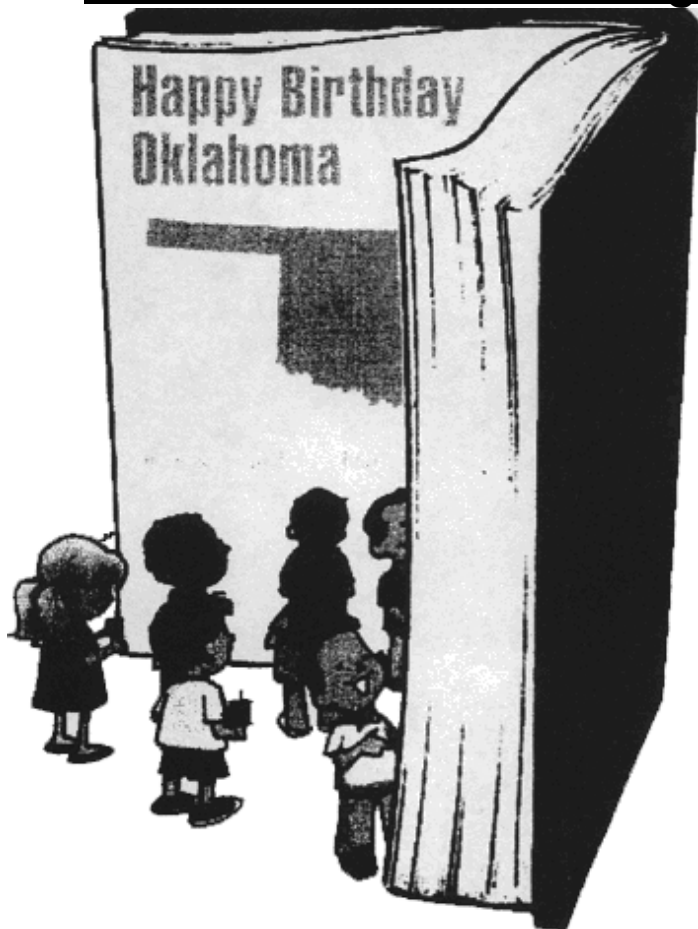


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18<sup>th</sup> Annual

## *Oklahoma Celebration of Reading*



The **Oklahoma Celebration of Reading** — with its partners, the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Reading Association — are once again challenging Oklahoma children to read more by sponsoring the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Oklahoma Celebration of Reading. This year's theme, "**Happy 100th Birthday, Oklahoma! Make it a Celebration of Reading**" will give readers unlimited opportunities to explore books and expand their reading capabilities.

School contests may occur between September 1, 2006, and March 30, 2007. Award winners will be notified in April and the awards presented at the 2006-2007 Oklahoma Celebration of Reading finale on Friday, April 27, 2007, at the Lloyd Noble Center, in Norman.

Principals of Grades I through 8 may participate in the Principals' Challenge; principals can try to catch

their students reading for the Kids Caught Reading Contest; and students in Grades 1 through 8 may participate in the Essay and Poetry Contests. (Contest details enclosed.)

The Principals' Challenge contest should be completed by Friday, March 30, 2007, and the entry form and report submitted by Friday, April 6, 2007. Winners will be notified immediately after judging.

**MAKE READING A TOP PRIORITY AT YOUR SCHOOL!** It is suggested that schools plan additional events for the contests to include area readers, writers, motivational speakers, local celebrities, and others in your school's program. When your contests are completed, consider rewarding the participating students with a schoolwide celebration. Invite parents and community leaders to share in your school's joy of reading.

Our 2006-2007 Oklahoma Celebration of Reading finale event is set for Friday, April 27, 2007, at the Lloyd Noble Center, in Norman. By helping to develop a love for reading, you build a foundation to support a child. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce that this will be a **FREE** event for all schools. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate reading with more students than ever before. Details on all contests, deadlines, and event information are inside.

If you have questions, contact Oweita Calvert, Director, Oklahoma Celebration of Reading, (580) 497-3922, e-mail <oweitachey@dobsonteleco.com>, Betty Clifton, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Celebration of Reading, (405) 842-5657, or Rose Carlson, State Department of Education, (405) 521-4514, e-mail <rose\_carlson@sde.state.ok.us>.

Please join us for the 2006-07  
**Oklahoma Celebration of Reading.**  
Help us make reading the first priority  
of every student in Oklahoma.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy".

Sandy Garrett  
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

# Oklahoma Celebration of Reading

## Friday, April 27, 2007

The finale event for the Oklahoma Celebration of Reading will be held on Friday, April 27, 2007, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Noble Center, in Norman. Return your application to attend as all schools will be accepted. Schools will be provided details in April 2007. Each school site may bring as many students as they desire as there is sufficient seating.

If you have a student with special needs, please contact Oweita Calvert (information given below).

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**2006-2007**

### Oklahoma Celebration of Reading Entry Form

(E-mail or fax form by Wednesday, April 25, 2007)

Principal's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Work): \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person  
(Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor  
(Home): \_\_\_\_\_

Students with special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed form to** Oweita Calvert

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