

# Big News at Grimes Elementary School

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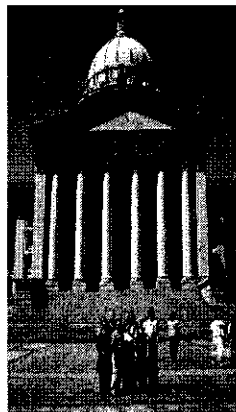
Belinda Baldwin, Principal

## What does it mean to be an Oklahoma A+ School?

The A+ Schools concept was conceived in North Carolina where it began as a research model sponsored by the Kenan Institute for the Arts. The results from the initial four-year evaluation of the A+ Schools Program in twenty-three North Carolina Schools were so compelling that North Carolina A+ Schools have excelled, attracting new schools, retaining original schools, and reaching beyond their state's borders. When a joint research team from the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University was formed to identify the country's most successful education reform models with strong arts integration emphasis, the North Carolina A+ Schools project clearly held the most potential for replication in Oklahoma. With the strong commitment from the Kirkpatrick Foundation, through the DaVinci Institute, Oklahoma A+ Schools<sup>®</sup>

was born. In 2003, the University of Central Oklahoma stepped up to provide a permanent home for Oklahoma A+ Schools<sup>®</sup>. Oklahoma A+ Schools<sup>®</sup> network delivers whole school reform through ongoing professional development that focuses on collaborative, research-based practices. A+ Schools adhere to a set of commitments that include **daily arts instruction, experiential learning and enriched assessment**. The schools collaborate around **curriculum, mapping** the instruction so that interdisciplinary themes emerge that encourage cross-curricular integration and the use of **multiple intelligences** to structure learning opportunities for students. Ongoing research documents changes in the **climate** of A+ Schools that foster an engaging learning environment. The **infra**

**Infrastructure** in A+ Schools supports common planning time, shared vision, and faculty commitment to the goal of schools that work for everyone. Grimes Elementary was 1 of 9 new schools joining 31 other Oklahoma Schools to the Oklahoma A+ Schools network. Grimes teachers will



Principal Baldwin, team leaders, the art teacher, two students and a parent went to the State Capitol to represent Grimes Elementary at the Oklahoma A+ Schools Induction ceremony on May 10,

be attending the Oklahoma A+ Schools Summer Institute to incorporate the A+ concept in the fall. How exciting!

### Special points of interest:

- Grimes Elementary, an Oklahoma A+ School
- Southern Hills Hilton—Partner In Education
- Fifth Grade Promotion—Wednesday, May 17th. Join us as we recognize the accomplishments of the Grimes Class of 2006. Good Luck and Best Wishes to you all!

### Mark your calendar:

5th Grade Promotion—7 p.m. Gymnasium	<b>May 17</b>
Drama Club Presents "OKLAHOMA" - 1 p.m.	<b>22</b>
Talent Show 7 p.m. \$1 entry pre person	<b>23</b>
Last Day of School—Have a great summer! Be Safe!	<b>25</b>
Open House 2006-2007 Date to be announced	<b>Aug</b>
First Day of School	<b>21</b>
Back to School Carnival 6-9 p.m. Grimes' 40 Year Anniversary	<b>Sept 8</b>

## Higher Education Grant & Arts at Grimes

Congratulations to Mrs. Harris, our after school Art Enrichment Teacher, for applying for and receiving a \$250 higher education mini grant from the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa. The funds will be used for supplies needed to enhance the already popular and successful after school arts program at Grimes. Three of Mrs. Harris' students were awarded the

Levitz Art Award at the art show. Congratulations to Jack Calvert, Tori Meehan and Ashton Richins! Art Teacher, Mrs. Pruitt, submitted several works of art to the District Art Show displayed at Fulton and had two art pieces sent on to the State Superintendent's Art Show at the capitol in Oklahoma City. Congratulations to Mykelah Lehmann and Ashton Richins.

Many of our art students have art work that was selected to be displayed at the Tulsa Mayfest. The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network presented Grimes Elementary with a Creative Ticket School of Excellence Award for outstanding achievement in Arts Education. We are so proud of **ALL** of our students. Way to go, Grimes!!!



Southern Hills Hilton, Partner In Education  
May 9, 2006—

## What is a Partner In Education?

From the 2005 Leadership of Partners In Education, the program enhances learning and achievement for Tulsa students by providing a link between the business community and the schools. The mission is to unite businesses and the community with schools for the common goal of increasing the quality of education for all students in Tulsa Public Schools. Partnerships can be as simple as having lunch with a child, sharing a professional expertise, donating supplies, mentoring, recogniz-

ing scholastic achievement, grounds beautification, tutoring, volunteering and so much more! Grimes would like to welcome Tony Rivera and Southern Hills Hilton (7902 S Lewis Avenue) as the newest Partner In Education with Grimes Elementary School. Mr. Rivera learned of our school through volunteering in the Junior Achievement Program through the Tulsa Metro Chamber. He worked with Miss Haley's second grade class and Mrs. Caldwell's Kindergarten

class in the fall. The students had a wonderful time and learning experience with Mr. Rivera. The Partnership Ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 9th. Southern Hills Hilton joined PacifiCare, Thornton Y. Harvard Avenue Christian Church and Marie Callendars in the quest for excellence with Grimes Elementary. Welcome and thank you for being such an integral part of our community and school. We look forward to working with you and are excited to have you join the Grimes Family!

## Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

*"There are only two ways to live your life.*

*One is as though nothing is a miracle.*

*The other is as though everything is a miracle."*

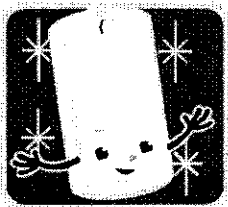
*~Albert Einstein*

Much appreciation to the following companies and individuals for assisting Grimes with the many on-going projects we have going on. Accurate Roofing for donating several sheets of plywood to being the construction of our home-made/hand-made carnival games for the "BIG" back to school carnival that will help kick off 40 years of excellence at Grimes Elementary in the fall. (September 8th from 6-9 p.m.) Thank you to Lisa Morgan of Picture To Art for donating the printing of our invitations for Special Friends

Day. Thank you to Garrick Jackson at U.S. Cellular for his donation of \$150 to purchase disposable cameras for our 1st and 2nd grade study trip to the zoo. We'd also like to express much appreciation to Assistant Manager Christina Reinert at the Family Dollar at 5521 S. Peoria for coming through on the pricing of the cameras when a major retailer fell through on their \$3 price per camera. Family Dollar came through with last minute notice and provided 50 cameras to meet our need! Thank you to Myron Steever

and John at Sutherland Lumber Company in Jenks off Hwy 75 for donating 2X4's, plywood, hinges and polyurethane to help complete the final carnival games. Walgreens has offered a great discount on film developing for our 1st and 2nd grade zoo trip project, thank you! As one of the smallest elementary schools in the Tulsa Public School District, the events that we plan would not be as successful without the support of our community. Your generosity is appreciated. Our hats off to you! Thank you, thank you,

## Teacher Appreciation Week—May 8-12



"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." ~Erin Majors

We took time to appreciate the teachers of Grimes Elementary for their hard work and dedication to our students. Our teachers not only work daily to ensure all of our students learn to the utmost of their ability, but work late in to the evenings at school or at home making lesson plans and grading papers.

Many of you took the time to thank your teacher(s) throughout the week. Marie Callendars donated pies for our teachers on Tuesday. There were also many special events planned, including a 3rd grade PTA Sponsored appreciation luncheon on Wednesday. Thank you to Kirk Sylvan at Sylvan Printing Co. at

13th and Peoria for donating the printing of notepads for our teachers. Grimes is fortunate to have an amazing staff that come together as a team to ensure quality education at our school. Between the teachers, parents, students, community members and volunteers, this is a great place to be!

## Transfers to Grimes

If you have applied for and received an approved transfer to Grimes, please remember to contact the office at 746-8720 to enroll or re-enroll your child. If your child is new to Grimes, we will need the following documents: birth certificate, social security card or passport, shot records, 2 utility bills or a lease for address verification and we will take a copy of the driver's license of the parents or guardians to keep on file. If you know of anyone who would like to come to Grimes, please have

them apply for a transfer at the Education Service Center at 31st and New Haven. It is located off of 31st Street between Harvard and Yale on the North side of the street. With families moving in and out of the area, we will open spaces as they become available. Tours are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you would like a tour, please call the office and set up an appointment with Dawn Lehmann or Bobbi Richins. We are excited to continue to offer

a half-day pre-kindergarten program, two all day kindergarten classes, traveling 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes, before and after hours care from 7-8 a.m. and 2:45-6 p.m. (DHS assistance is accepted, contract number 27410. You may contact Candice Bradley at Grimes at 746-8732 or Diana Dipboye at the Education Service Center at 746-6447. Please enroll early to guarantee a space for your child for the 2006-2007 school year.



Apply for transfers for the 2006-2007 school year at the Education Service Center at 31st and New Haven.

## Invention Convention & Talent Show

Dr. Goff sponsored an Invention Convention this week. Entry forms/information were sent home and proto-types were due to the school by Wednesday, May 10th. Prototypes had to be accompanied by an entry form. This was a contest and trophies will be awarded. Not many entries were received, we look forward to seeing what our students can come up with for next year! Remember that,

"discovery consists of looking at the same thing as everyone else and thinking something different." ~Albert Szent-Gyorgyi. Winners will be announced next week.

The first annual talent show try-outs have been held. Students have been notified if they have been accepted in the talent show and have committed to two rehearsals in addition to

the talent show which will be held on May . Admission to the talent show will be \$1 per person. Cash only, please. We look forward to showcasing the amazing talents of the students of Grimes Elementary School and hope that this will be a successful and on-going event. With your support, there is no doubt how big this can get! Thank you and we'll see you Tuesday, May 23rd at 7p.m.!

*"A sense of curiosity is nature's original school of education."*

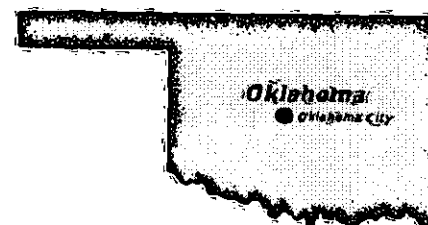
*~ Smiley Blanton*

## Drama Club Presents...

Drama Club Director Lisa Morgan has been working with the students of the drama club to put on the production, Oklahoma. The students have been working diligently to learn their lines, the songs and dances that go along with this amazing production. We look forward to viewing this presentation at an assembly on Monday, May

22nd at 1 p.m. in the gymnasium. The following students will be performing: Audrey Byrd, Sam Holder, Mallory Wells, Claire Glynn, Heather Turley, Tori Meehan, Jalecia Shipps, Alex Fox, Chantel McBee, Sherick Williams, Nick Freeman, Brooke Herbst, Sydney Stafford, Alexa Hibler, Taylor Reininger, Emma O'Meilia, Jack Calvert,

Nechole Mayor, Sydney Forbis, Austin Morgan, Ashley Forrest, Alicia Chong, DianYeigh Riser, Orielle Washington, DeShannon Netters, Katie Griffith and Taylor Whittaker. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication. No matter how big or small the part, it takes an entire cast and crew to pull off something this big and we support you! Great job!



Join us for the presentation of Oklahoma by the Grimes Elementary PTA Drama Club at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2006 in the gymnasium.

*Tulsa Public Schools  
Belinda Baldwin, Principal*

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*Fifth Grade Promotion—The Grimes Elementary Class of 2006 will have their promotion ceremony on the evening of May 17, 2006 in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to come join us and celebrate this joyous event.*

*A reception will follow in the cafeteria sponsored by the 4th grade parents and Harvard Avenue Church. If you are able to volunteer, please give Dawn Lehmann a call at 746-8721. Volunteers will be needed to serve cookies and punch and clean up after the reception.*

*Grimes is fortunate to have had the privilege to get to know and work with your children. We wish to congratulate the Class of 2006. We wish you the best of luck in every challenge you encounter. You have a solid foundation and we know you will succeed wherever you go!*

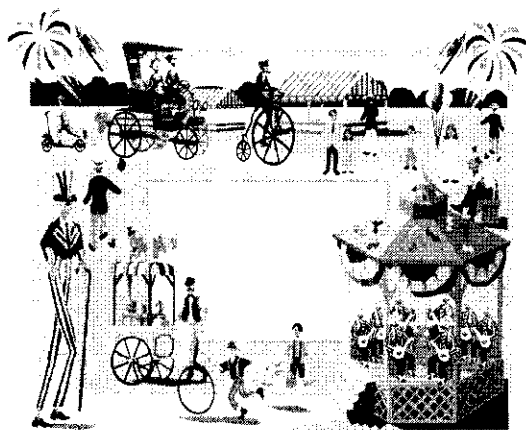
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## **Back to School Carnival “40 Years of Excellence” at Grimes**

In preparation for our 40 year anniversary, Bobbi Richins, Carnival Coordinator and her committee are working on making this event a success. The plans are in place for an amazing 40 year carnival t-shirt and advertising slots are being sold. There are business spaces of various sizes and costs, along with a very affordable \$10 family line. Family names will be listed in alphabetical order. Please be aware that the t-shirt design and advertising, along with family names must be submitted in June, therefore, fall submissions will not be accepted. If you have a business or know of a business that would like to advertise, please have them contact Bobbi at

746-8730. If you would like to have your family name listed, please let us know as soon as possible and send cash, check, or money order to the office by May 25th. We are excited to already have been contacted by the following potential corporate sponsors for the 2006-2007 school year: Southern Hills Hilton, Jamils, and Tulsa Teachers Credit Union. For \$200, businesses may purchase a large ad space on the carnival t-shirt, ad space in the yearbook, ad space in the directory, and mention in each monthly newsletter going out to the entire Grimes student body. We look forward to hearing from you. Smaller business ad space may also be purchased. See

inside flyer. We look forward to seeing you at the Back to School Picnic and Carnival on September 8, 2006. Fun and games, face painting, a dunk tank, popcorn and cotton candy, food from Johnny Carinos and more! More information to follow. Mark your calendars!!!



Remember, Grimes Elementary School's first annual back to school carnival t-shirt family line and ad space is being sold from now until June. Please call Bobbi Richins at 746-8730.