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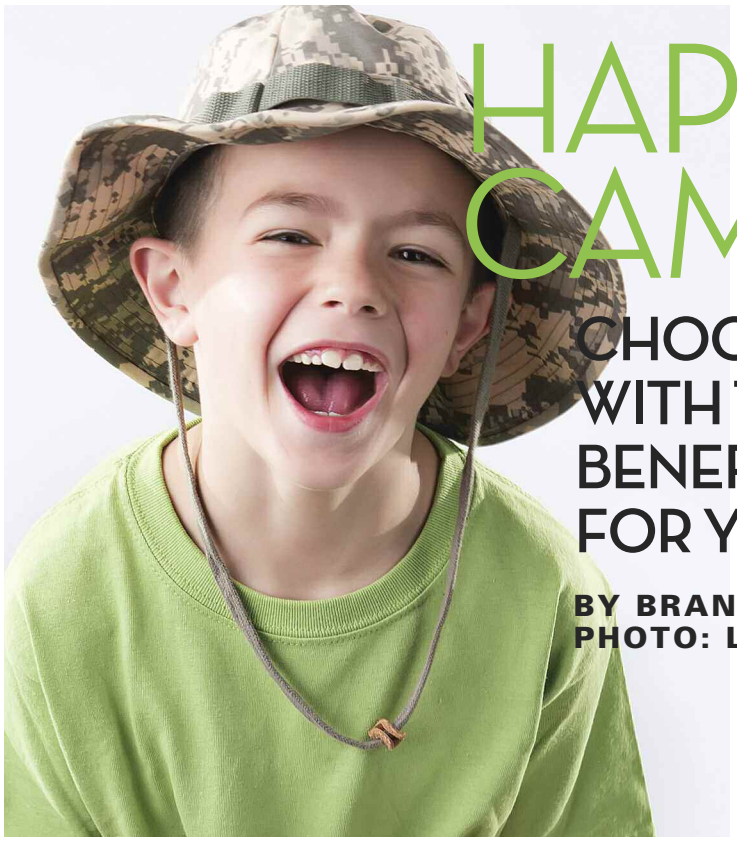
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Ah, Those Lazy Days of. . . .WHAT?!

No, it's not summer – yet. But, it's not too early to start thinking about summer, especially if you have kids who will be out of school and need something to do. We started our Summer Camps & Activities Guide over 25 years ago to help parents know what was available to them as they made plans for the summer months.

Once again, TulsaKids is here to help with our Summer Camps & Activities issue. I know, I know. The trees are barely budding. The robins are grumpy. The sun is doing its cheerful best to peek through a tepid gray sky. But, take heart! Before you know it, the March winds will blow us in to April and, before you know it, the kids will be singing their summer chorus of "Mom, I'm bored."

As one who happens to think boredom is a good thing, inspiring all sorts of creativity, especially when screens and phones are banned, there are also countless opportunities for enrichment, education and fun when you need to fill in the gaps of your child's days or find a safe place for your children while you're at work.

In our cover story, writer Brandon Schmitz talks to camp directors about the benefits of summer camp, not just for your child, but for you as well. You may be surprised at what time away can do for your relationship – not just with your significant other, but also with your child. And if you're feeling nervous about letting go, the article addresses questions to ask camp directors, and talks about how to find the best fit for your child. You may think your child is ready for overnight camp because all of your friends are sending their third-graders to camp, but it may not mean your third-grader is ready. As one who had to pick up a third-grader halfway through a week of camp, I know what I'm talking about.

Our calendar of events is jam-packed this month. Spring break, Easter events, St. Patrick's Day celebrations, shows and more shows. We've crammed as much as we can into the print edition, but always check online for more – and Tara Rittler, our web and social media editor, is always adding things. By the way, Tara also writes our e-newsletter (sign up at www.tulsakids.com) and is very active on Instagram and Facebook. In fact, TulsaKids has a new Tulsa Parents Facebook page where we hope area parents can form a community to share questions and offer advice on their parenting journey. Just go to @tulsakids to join the TulsaParents group.

Betty Casey, editor

If you like to read TulsaKids, you may not know that you can watch us, too! Every Thursday morning on Tulsa's Channel 8, the local ABC affiliate, join Editor Betty Casey on Good Day Tulsa for tips to plan your family's weekend and more. Watch Good Morning Oklahoma on Tuesdays for tips on timely topics and family information you'll want to know.





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MADDEN MINNIX IS JUST ABOUT READY TO MAKE HIS CAMP CHOICES KNOWN.

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UNION CAMP FAIR GIVES PARENTS INFORMATION ON SUMMER FUN

Whether you're a working parent trying to find full-time care for your child during the summer months, or a stay-at-home parent looking for activities to educate and entertain your child, the search can be daunting. Getting face-to-face with camp directors, business owners and summer activity leaders can help make the decisions a little easier. Union Public Schools is holding a Summer Camps & Activities Fair on Sunday, April 8, 2018, from 2-5 p.m. at the Union Multipurpose Activity Center, located at 6836 South Mingo. The fair is free and open to the public and will feature camps and activities from across the Tulsa area.

This is the third year for the Summer Camp Fair, and, according to Kulsum Siddiqui, district community school liaison, the event has grown each year. She said the event began out of a desire to let Union students know about summer opportunities available to them.

"Heavy cuts to education deeply cut the number of students who could attend summer school," Siddiqui explained. "Since so many of our families counted on Summer School each year, we wanted to make sure they knew about other opportunities."

The first year, Siddiqui said they focused only on Union families, but they received such positive feedback about the fair that they decided to expand the event to serve the entire Tulsa area.

"The event is completely free," Siddiqui said. "We want this to be a one-stop shop for families to learn about summer opportunities in the area. People can expect to find vendors that provide summer camps and activities, along with entertainment for the kids"

Siddiqui encourages parents to bring their children to enjoy free popcorn and activities such as yoga demonstrations, pedal cars, games and prizes from Dave and Busters, and gaming systems provided by Microsoft. There will also be drawings for free camp.

"We want this event to grow each year to serve a very important need for families to find high quality summer programs and activities," Siddiqui said. "And, this event cannot be possible without our generous sponsors: TulsaKids Magazine, TTCU, South Pointe Honda, Microsoft, Kumon, Ocean Dental, Robertson Tires, Tulsarecycles.com, and Asbury United Methodist Church."

CAN OPENS NEW CHILD CRISIS UNIT

Mayor GT Bynum and Police Chief Chuck Jordan were among those helping officially open the new Tulsa Police Department's Child Crisis Unit at the Child Abuse Network (CAN). The police department will use the unit to conduct child abuse investigations. TPD is one of the agencies that work collaboratively to investigate and prosecute child abuse at the Children's Advocacy Center, a child-centered, child-focused facility in Tulsa. The facility is run by the non-profit Child Abuse Network. The multidisciplinary team includes law enforcement, CAN's forensic interviewers, DHS social workers, OU Medical pediatric staff and Tulsa County prosecutors, who work together to minimize the trauma of an abuse investigation for children and their families.

HOLLAND HALL AND TPS PARTNER FOR TULSA TERM

Holland Hall and Tulsa Public Schools are making the City a classroom with a new course called Tulsa Term.

According to information from Holland Hall, Tulsa Term is an immersive school semester where Holland Hall juniors and seniors and Tulsa Public School seniors are directly engaged with the city through assignments and projects. The home base will be in downtown Tulsa where the city can be explored. Each unit of the study is designed to develop a better understanding of the places, people and policies that are unique to the Tulsa area.

The course was created and will be co-directed by Jane Beckwith and Eder J. Williams McKnight of Holland Hall. Both are nationally recognized master teachers in the field of experimental learning.

"Tulsa Term encourages students to take charge of their learning and become involved to make changes in their community," said Beckwith. "Our learning philosophy is student-centered, place-based and transdisciplinary. We draw on effective methods, such as design thinking, to foster deep learning."

McKnight adds that social responsibility produces leaders in the community.

For more information about Tulsa Term, visit www.hollandhall.org, or email Jane Beckwith at jbeckwith@tulsaterm.org, Eder J. Williams McKnight at ewilliamsmcknight@tulsaterm.org, or email info@tulsaterm.org.

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ROY CLARK ELEMENTARY PTA AWARDED GRANT TO ENGAGE FAMILIES IN MATH EDUCATION

National PTA and Mathnasium have awarded Roy Clark Elementary PTA with a $1,000 grant to engage families in math education. Roy Clark Elementary PTA is one of only 35 PTAs nationwide selected to receive a grant through the STEM + Families initiative.

"Math Night is a two-hour event hosted jointly by Mathnasium and local parent groups in elementary schools nationwide," said Vane Lucas, president, Mathnasium of Tulsa.

The purpose of Math Night is to engage famllies in an enjoyable, shared math experience, to encourage STEM education and love of math and to allow children to explore math at their own levels through games and activities.

"Math Nights are turn-key events," Lucas said. "Mathnasium supplies all the games and materials."

While Roy Clark Elementary was one of 35 PTAs to be chosen for the STEM + Families grant, Lucas said that Mathnasium held a Math Night at Cedar Ridge Elementary in the Union District and also will be doing one at Union's Anderson Elementary. Lucas said he is open to holding Math Nights at other schools in the Tulsa area.

"We know—and decades of research proves—that families play a critical role in children's success and achievement. We also know that parents and guardians have the biggest influence on a child's educational and career decisions," said Jim Accomando, president of National PTA. "Family engagement is essential to strengthen STEM education, bridge the STEM gap and help all children realize their fullest potential."

STEM + Families is a national effort to engage entire families in STEM experiences at school, at home, in the community and with digital learning environments to support their students' success in STEM. The goal of the initiative is to fill a critical gap in STEM education, increase access to STEM experiences for all students and inspire the next generation of STEM professionals. National PTA launched STEM + Families with the support of Mathnasium. Through the effort, 100,000 STEM experiences will be delivered to families nationwide by 2018.

For more information about the STEM + Families initiative, visit PTA.org/STEM.

For more information about Mathnasium and Math Nights, contact Vane Lucas at vane.lucas@mathnasium.com.

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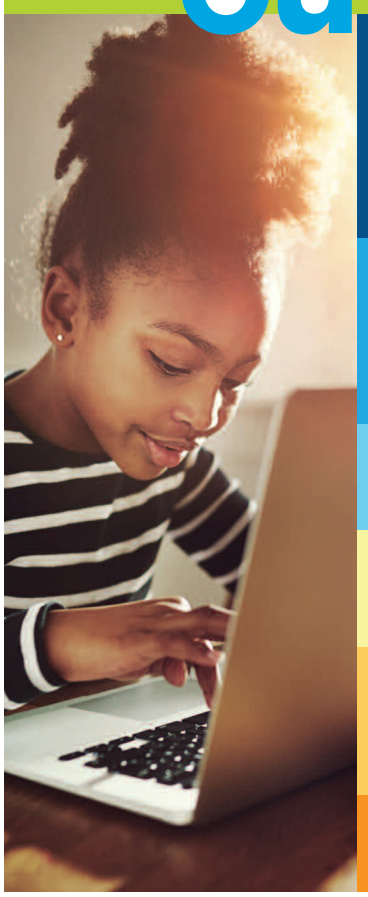
Facebook recently announced a change to its algorithms that means users will see fewer posts from business pages like @TulsaKidsMagazine in their newsfeeds. To make sure you stay up-to-date on the latest from TulsaKids, consider joining our new Facebook group, TulsaParents.

We also see this group as a good way to build a stronger sense of community with our readership and hope that group members will share their parenting questions and concerns so that we can get an even better idea of what topics parents want to see addressed in TulsaKids Magazine.

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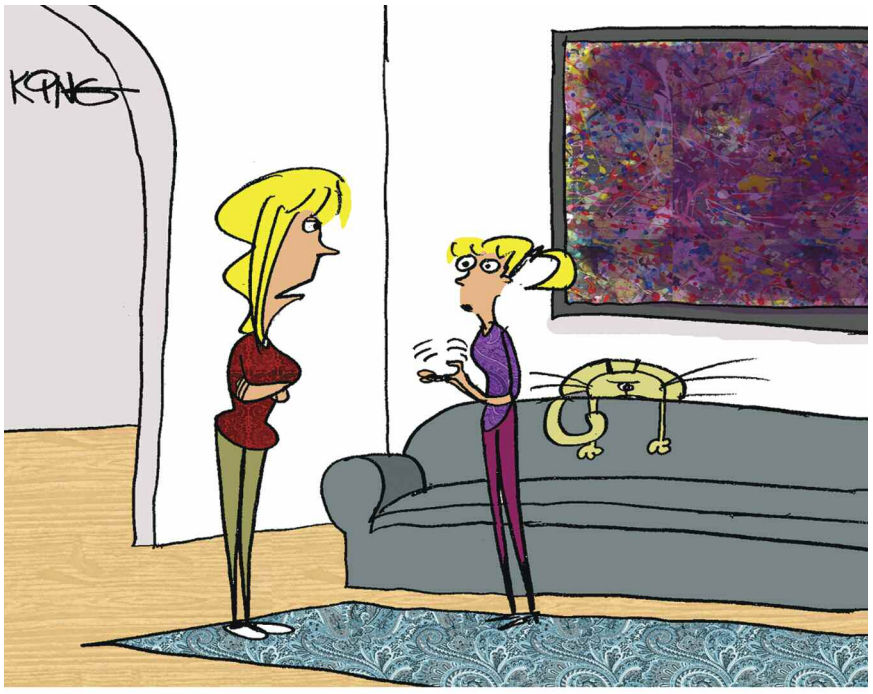
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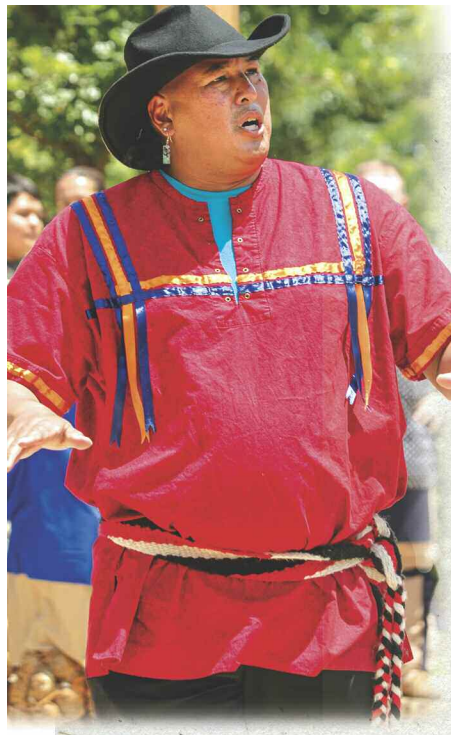
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BY JULIE WENGER WATSON

bike clubs combine **fun, education** and **exercise**

Much more than just a form of exercise or a mode of transportation, a bike is freedom on two wheels. Just ask any kid tooling around the neighborhood on a Saturday afternoon, powered by nothing more than his or her own two legs. Bike Club, a Tulsa-based nonprofit, wants every kid to experience that joy – and maybe learn a few life skills in the process. Established in 2014 from the collaborative efforts of Jason Whorton and Mike Wozniak, Bike Club began at Emerson Elementary and has since expanded to serve over a dozen primary schools, with Webster Middle School and Hale High School recently added to the mix.

Each school club has approximately 20 students, primarily fifth graders, and five volunteers, one or more of whom is a faculty member. Bike Club provides everything needed to run the program in a "kit" – bikes for kids and adults, helmets, safety vests, curriculum, pumps, etc.

The clubs meet after school each week. In the fall, meetings focus on teaching cycling skills and life skills like confidence, respect and responsibility. STEM skills are emphasized, too. In the spring, bike time is front and center with off-campus rides and experiences like cycling to a nearby fire station, park or museum.



BIKE CLUB EXPANDS TO HIGH SCHOOLS. COURTESY: BIKE CLUB.

"We have what we call circuit partners in the community," Adam Vanderburg explains. Vanderburg, former owner of Lee's Bicycles and currently the Advocacy Coordinator for Phat Tire Bike Shop, has worked with Bike Club for two years.

"The Tulsa Health Department comes in and does a nutrition lesson, and the Tulsa Police Department comes in and does some safety training," he says. "These circuit partners rotate throughout the year through the different schools."

There are plenty of hands-on experiences, too, where the students get to put math and science in action.

"We talk about the velocity, the speed, and the breaking mechanics. We teach the kids how to do basic safety checks," Vanderburg says. "USA BMX is coming to Tulsa, and they're sending three of the schools five bicycles as their STEM project. We're going to teach the kids about the nuts and bolts of bicycles and how to put them together, threading the nuts down and torqueing the nuts and bolts to specifications."

While the kids learn all kinds of valuable things in Bike Club, in the end, according to Vanderburg, a lifelong cyclist, it's all about being on the bikes.

"Riding is why they're here," Vanderburg laughs. "It's about getting out and learning those skills of cycling and how to ride safely and how to have fun. These kids are learning a lot about goal setting. They're learning a lot about leadership and building their own confidence. When you get out on a bike, you get very creative. You get very focused. So that's really one of the best parts of Bike Club – just getting out and riding."

Upon completing the program, each student receives a new bike to keep.

"It's their reward," Vanderburg says. "We have a big bike rally at the end of April. Last year's rally was from downtown all the way up 11th Street to the University of Tulsa. The street's closed down. We get police escorts. The kids get to ride to a university and see what that looks like."

As Bike Club expands into high schools, new curriculum is added.

"At the high school level, we're exploring more of the sport of the activity. We're doing mountain biking and mountain bike racing," Vanderburg says. "We've taken kids from Hale High School to Arkansas for two mountain bike tournaments. We take them on field trips to Turkey Mountain and Blue Bell Park. We're going to teach the kids how to cut mountain bike trails, and then after we do some work on the trails, we'll

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go ride them."

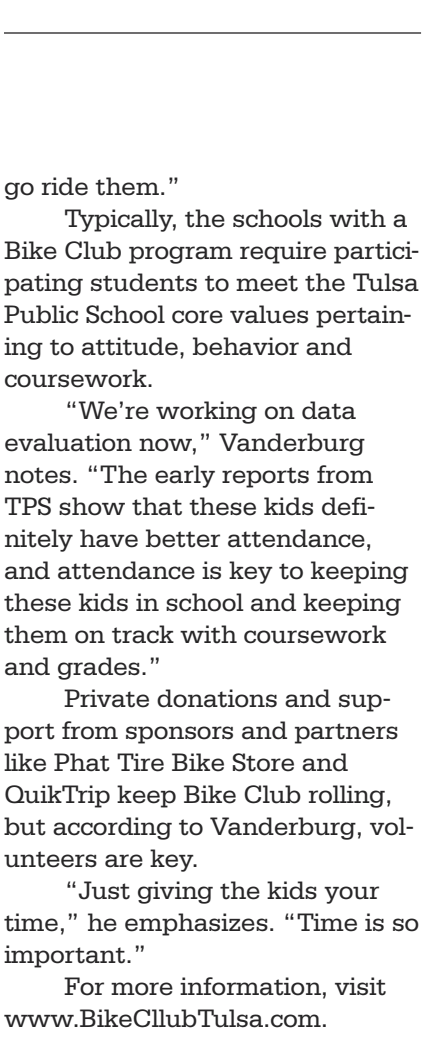
Typically, the schools with a Bike Club program require participating students to meet the Tulsa Public School core values pertaining to attitude, behavior and coursework.

"We're working on data evaluation now," Vanderburg notes. "The early reports from TPS show that these kids definitely have better attendance, and attendance is key to keeping these kids in school and keeping them on track with coursework and grades."

Private donations and support from sponsors and partners like Phat Tire Bike Store and QuikTrip keep Bike Club rolling, but according to Vanderburg, volunteers are key.

"Just giving the kids your time," he emphasizes. "Time is so important."

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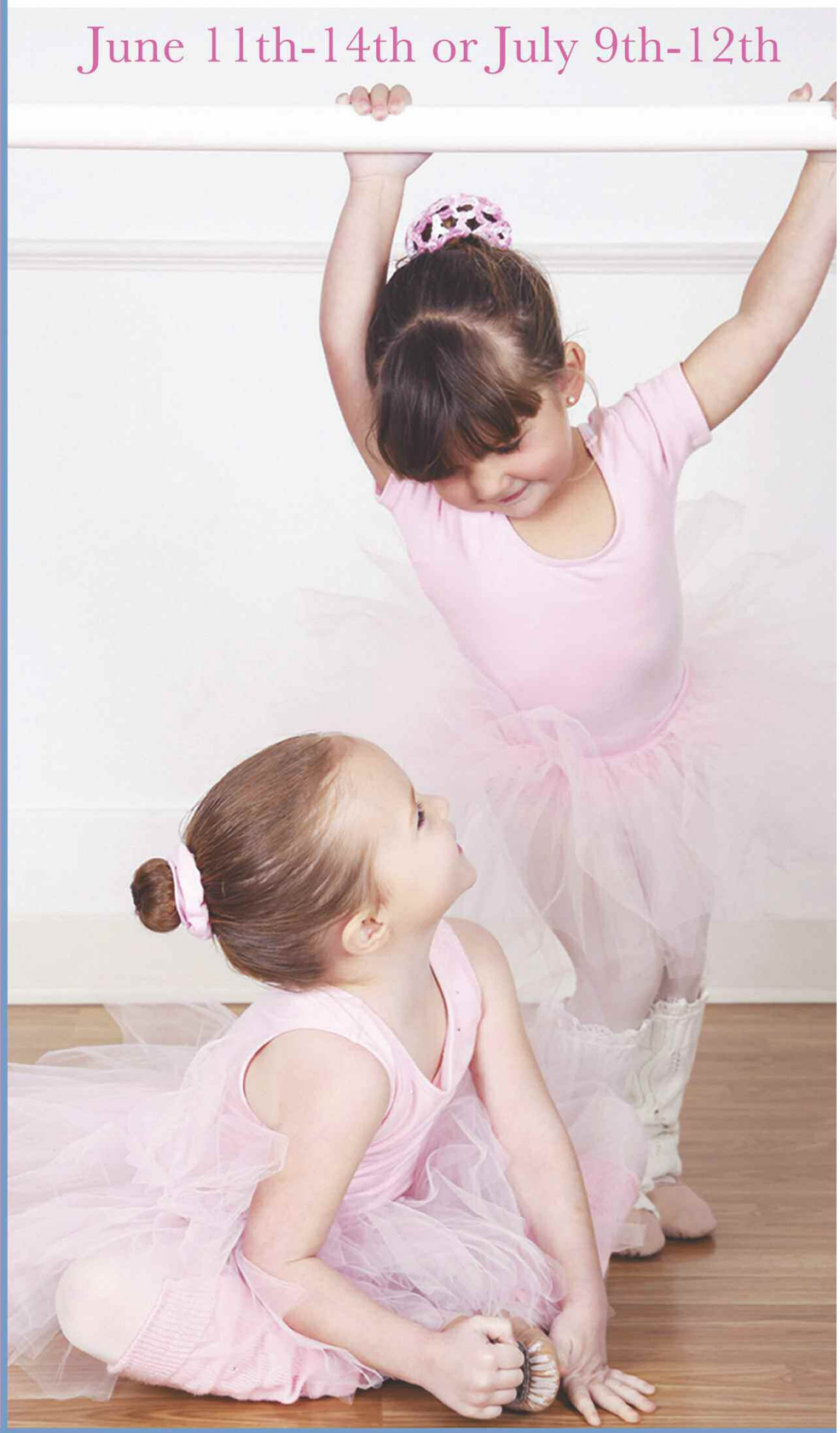
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BY NANCY A. MOORE

Dr. Colleen Abel: Poet

The Tulsa Artist Fellowship (TAF) was established by the George Kaiser Family Foundation to identify and entice talented artists from across the country to relocate to Tulsa for a year to immerse themselves in our community and to inspire and teach us while they're here. A little over a year ago, Dr. Colleen Abel was recognized for her talent in creative writing and was awarded a Literary Arts Fellowship through TAF. As an artist and a mother, Abel draws on personal and intimate topics such parenting and marriage in her writing. Her newest collection of poems will focus on being a female artist in the creative world. Her talent in creative writing also connects her with students at Tulsa Community College, where she is a professor.



TULSA ARTIST FELLOW COLLEEN ABEL WITH HER HUSBAND TIM AND SONS, GRIFFIN AND EAMONN.

TK: Where did you grow up and what brought you to Tulsa?

Abel: I grew up about an hour north of Chicago, but since graduating from college, I've lived all over the place. I came to Tulsa in January of 2017 because I was awarded the Tulsa Artist Fellowship, a program that awards artists from all over the country to come live and work in this city.

TK: Tell us about your family:

Abel: I have two sons. Griffin will be 7 in a few weeks, and Eamonn is 1 ½. My husband, Tim, is a visual artist, and he currently works at Philbrook Museum.

TK: What do you enjoy about living downtown in the Arts District?

Abel: It's such fun to live in the Arts District! My sons love being able to go to Guthrie Green almost every day; in the summer, we visit the splash pad. On Wednesdays, we check out the food trucks. We go to many concerts—but sometimes we feel like we have it all to ourselves, and just run around on the grass and enjoy the weather. My kids also love when there are special events in our neighborhood; this summer, all we had to do to watch the Tulsa Tough races was go out of our front door!

TK: What is your professional background?

Abel: I got my undergraduate degree in English, and I had a teacher in college who suggested I might like to try doing an MFA in Poetry. I originally thought I would be a literature scholar and professor, but I applied to a couple of MFA programs just to see what happened. When I got accepted, I figured the universe was trying to tell me to go, so I did. However, I never gave up on the idea of earning my PhD, so I did that, too! As of August 2013, I am Dr. Colleen Abel; my doctorate is in Creative Writing. I've spent a great deal of my time teaching at the college level, but since having kids, I've mostly worked part-time, and spent the rest of my time writing and parenting.

TK: How did you become interested in writing?

Abel: I wrote my first short story when I was four! It was about a vampire. I've always loved to write creatively; I've always been a huge reader. It helped, too, that my parents really loved literature and really loved poetry. I think most kids don't grow up with much, or any, poetry books in their house once they get past the age of Dr. Seuss. All the poetry I read as an adolescent came from being curious about my parents' bookshelves. By the time I was in junior high, I was writing pretty much every day.

TK: What types of writing do you enjoy the most and why?

Abel: In terms of reading, I enjoy reading absolutely everything. In the past couple years, I've started writing more book reviews, and I've come to really like the feeling of getting a book in the mail that is a surprise to me. I discover a lot of things that way that I might not otherwise have chosen. In terms of writing, I write mostly poems and essays.

TK: How would you describe your style of poetry?

Abel: I write a lot about marriage and family, especially in my first book. Having children is such an encompassing experience—I'm

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with my kids all the time!—that it's hard not to write about them a lot! But my second book is more about the experience of being an artist, especially a woman artist. It can be a very lonely undertaking, at times, and a melancholy one, too, so my second book (not out yet!) explores that. So, my work can be a little dark at times, but I also think there's some quirky humor in it, too.

TK: Where do you draw your writing inspiration?

Abel: Certainly, from my life, but probably even more from what I read. When I'm stuck or have writer's block, reading good work is really one of the only things that helps.

TK: Who is your favorite poet?

Abel: There are so many! Sylvia Plath was an early favorite for me, and will always be a writer I return to. Her life story overshadows her work, which is too bad—her poems are amazingly original. I also really love Louise Gluck, our former poet laureate. Other writers I love are Douglas Kearney, Vievee Francis, and Katie Ford.

TK: What is your favorite poem and why?

Abel: There is a little poem called "Angels" by Louise Erdrich that I go back to again and again. It's a masterpiece.

TK: Who is your favorite author?

Abel: Agatha Christie.

TK: What awards have you received?

Abel: The Tulsa Artist Fellowship is the largest award I've ever received, monetarily. I was fortunate to have a similar fellowship for a year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison a number of years ago. I've also received awards of residencies at different artist colonies throughout the Midwest and East Coast, as well as in Italy.

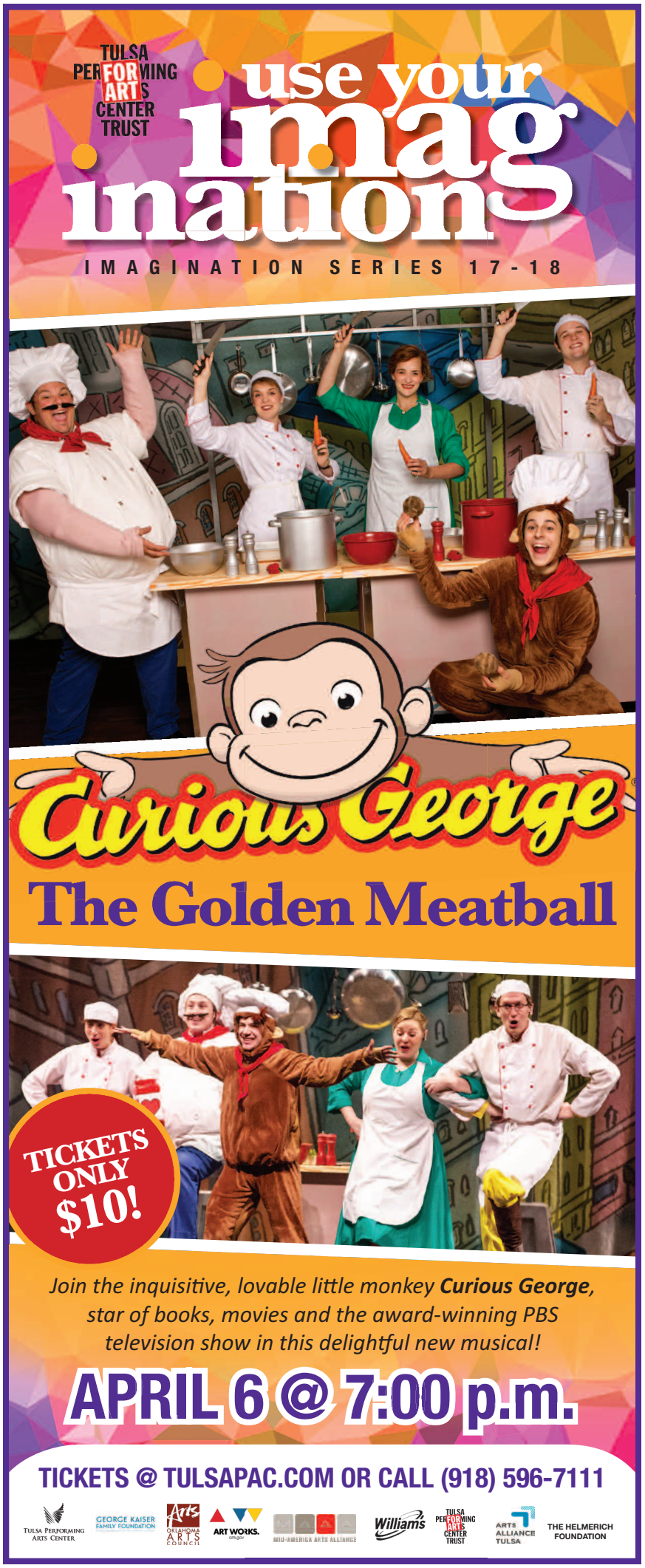
TK: When you are not busy writing or teaching, what do you and your family like to do around Tulsa?

Abel: In addition to spending time at Guthrie Green, we also frequently visit the Central Library. The boys love being outside, so we like to visit different parks or walk on Turkey Mountain. My oldest son just learned to ride a bike without training wheels, so I know he is looking forward to hitting some bike trails.

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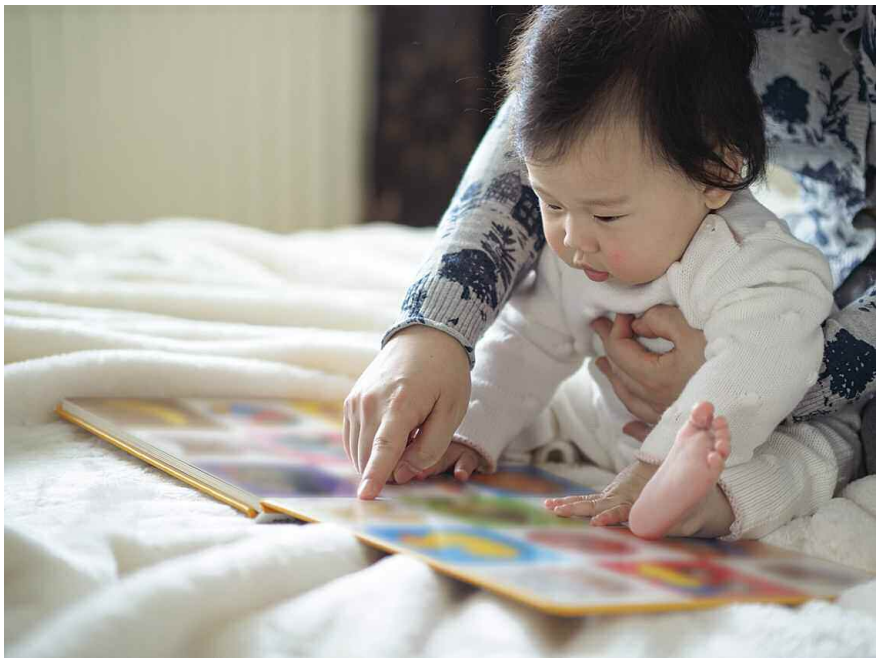


BY KILEY ROBERSON

sharing books with your toddler

As a self-proclaimed book nerd and lover of all things literature, it came as no surprise to my family and friends when they received a note on my daughter's first birthday invitation asking them to please skip the gifts and bring a book to the party. After all, what could be more special for a first birthday gift than a new children's book with a special note from a loved one scribed on the inside cover? Now age 7, my daughter still likes to pull out her special birthday books, and she now can read the notes inside on her own.

Fostering a love of reading in my children was so important to me when I became a mom. Mostly because I love to read myself, but also because reading truly sets the foundation for so many future skills. But reading to your toddler isn't always the easiest of tasks. My picture-perfect image of sitting in a rocking chair with my quiet little one snuggled up and listening was a bit of a stretch. Instead, I got a wiggly, busy baby who wanted to grab at the pages, crawl off my lap and chat throughout the story. It was frustrating, it was hard…but it was worth it. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) agrees. Even if it feels like your little one is hardly paying attention, reading to your child is paying off. A new study by the AAP shows that reading daily to young children, starting even in infancy, can help with language acquisition and literacy skills.



"We know that the more words that are in a child's language world, the more words they will learn, and the stronger their language skills are when they reach kindergarten, the more prepared they are to be able to read, and the better they read, the more likely they will graduate from high school," explains Dr. Pamela High of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Reading to toddlers sets the foundation for later independent reading. Dr. High explains that reading problems can be challenging to fix when discovered in elementary school, but most reading problems can be prevented if exposure to reading starts in the toddler and preschool years. Before children can read independently, they need emergent literacy skills. These include:

• having a large vocabulary of words and knowing how to use them

• understanding that words are made up of smaller sounds (called phonemic awareness)

• understanding that marks on a page represent letters and words

• knowing the letters of the alphabet

The AAP recommends setting aside 10 to 20 minutes with the TV off every evening for sharing books as part of your regular bedtime routine. For infants and babies, simply reading board books and talking about the pictures you see is enough. For toddlers, the AAP says you can step up your reading routine with these tips:

• Find a quiet, comfortable place for book sharing.

• Use book-sharing as a way to calm and comfort your child.

• Start a conversation by repeating an important word your child has just said, You can say: "Balloon. Lots of balloons. The girl has lots of balloons." Then wait for your child to say something more.

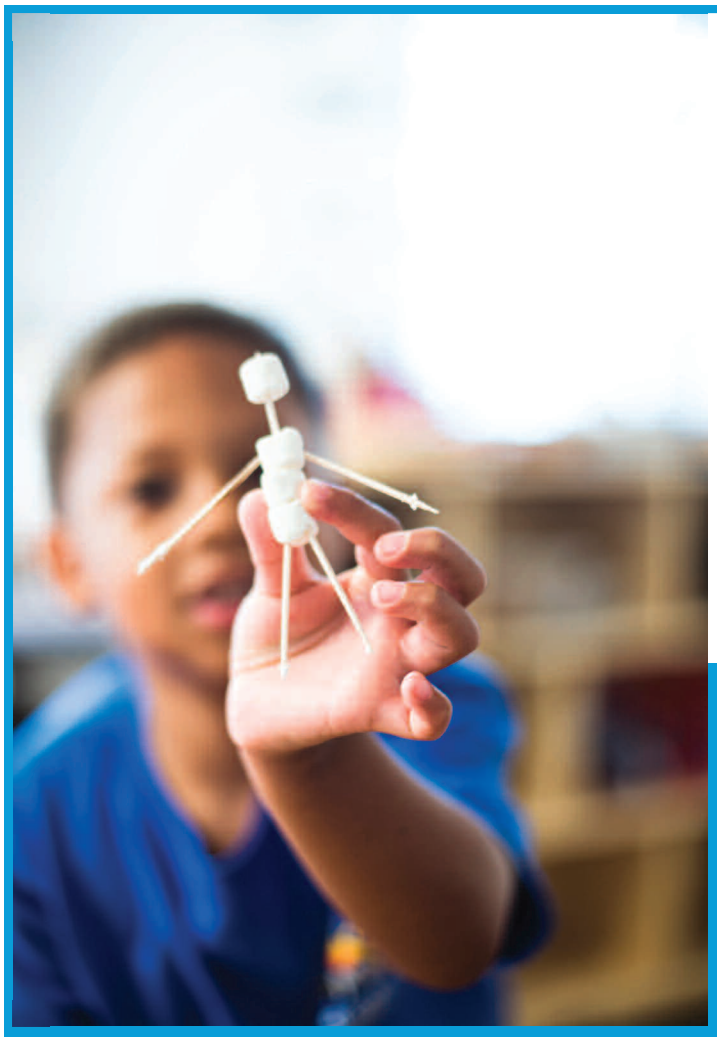
• Count pictures and wait for your child to repeat the numbers after you.

• Respond with enthusiasm to your child's questions and comments.

• Ask your child to show you all the things in a picture that are alike in some way. You can say: "Can you find all the blue things?" or "Show me all the things that can fly."

Point out colors, shapes, numbers in their books.

Take your child to the local public library to borrow books or to enjoy Story Time.



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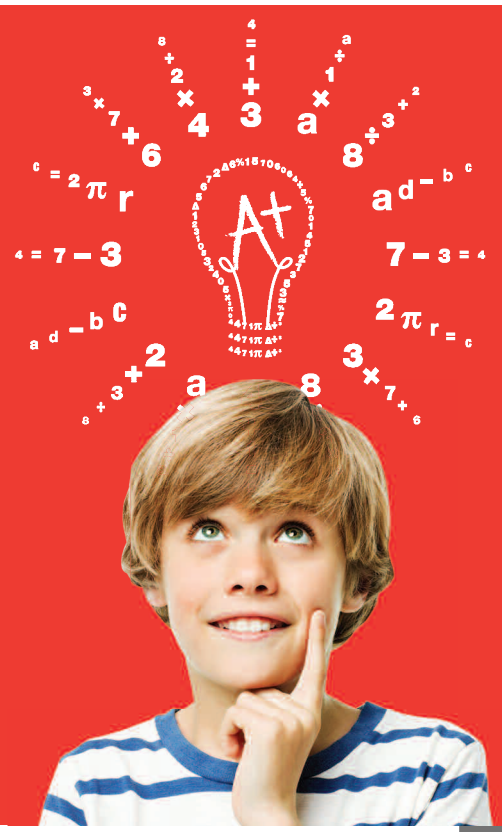
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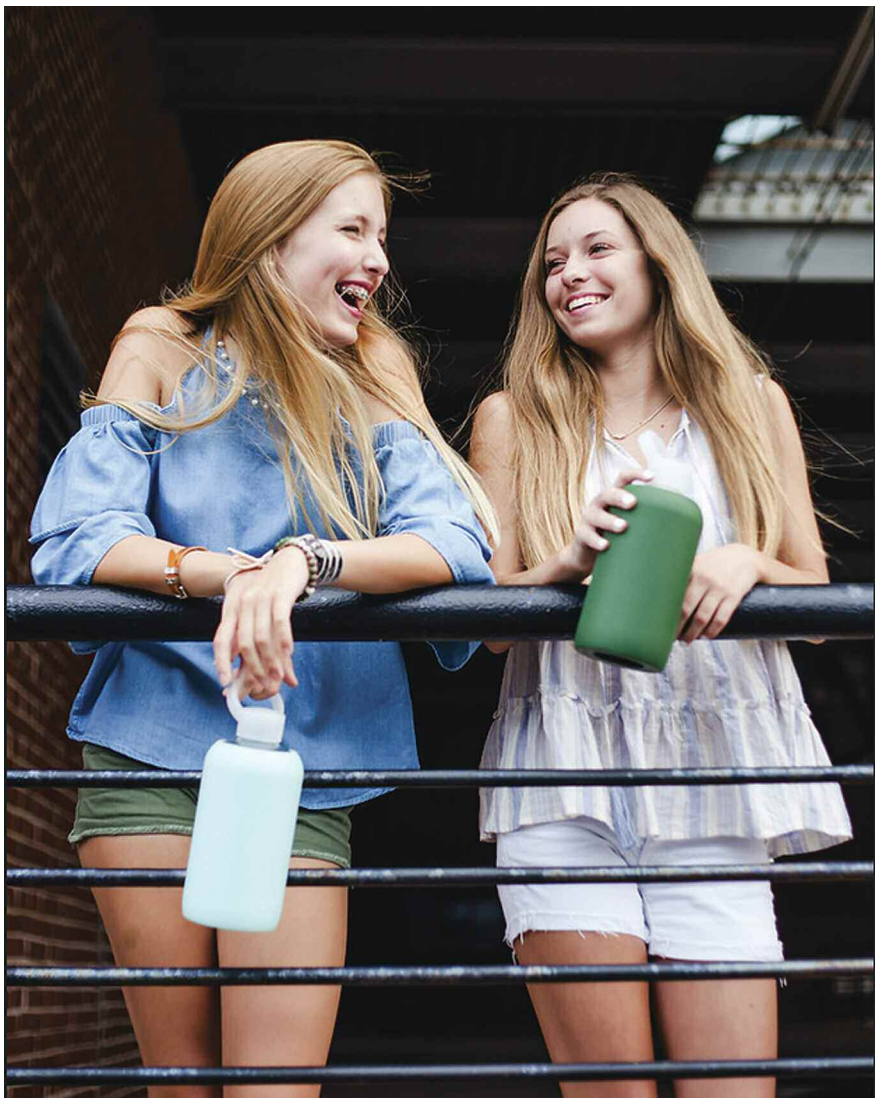
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BY JULIE WENGER WATSON

billion bottles: a plastic-free Tulsa one to-go cup at a time

With over 55,000 miles of shoreline in our state, it's hard for Oklahomans to really comprehend how precious water is. For most of us in the United States, safe drinking water is just a tap turn away, but for the majority of the world's inhabitants, it's a scarce resource. Plastic waste in the form of disposable bags, straws, cups, lids and bottles threatens our water supply as it degrades, leaching toxins into our watersheds and soil. Noah Roberts of Tulsa's Water Co. wants to do something about it. He's launching "Billion Bottles," a campaign to remove single-use plastic in our city with kids as the agents of change.

"To remove plastic from nature and our waterways, you have to educate and inspire people to do so. The reality is people my age and older generally agree that it's a good idea, but they're not willing to put in the work," Roberts explains. "In my experience, kids from grade school to high school not only think it's a good idea, but they're actually doing it. They're walking around town with a smart phone and a reusable water bottle, so they're already ahead of the curve. If we can inspire that generation, within their lifetime the problem could be solved."



NOAH ROBERTS, OWNER OF TULSA'S WATER CO., HOPES TO START WITH YOUNG PEOPLE TO CUT WASTE IN TULSA. PHOTO CREDIT: LACI SCHWOEGLER

Roberts sees kids as early adopters whose actions can then motivate an older generation.

"I'm talking to my kids and their friends and people who do what they do. When the daughter got an iPhone, mom got an iPhone. When the daughter got on Facebook, mom got on Facebook."

If kids give up disposable plastic, Roberts thinks their parents will follow.

He keeps the message close to home.

"I don't give these kids United Nations' numbers. I don't give them numbers from the US Parks Department. They've got crazy staggering numbers about waste," he says. "I'm using numbers in Tulsa, but what's so powerful is the numbers in Tulsa are mind-blowing."

The premise of Billion Bottles is simple. If 1.1 million residents in the greater Tulsa area each give up three disposable plastic items a day (a single-use bottle, cup, straw or bag, for example) that alone would save 1.2 billion pieces of plastic waste each year.

"I start with a single to-go cup. It's a lid, a straw and a cup. That's three pieces of non-recy-

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clable toxic waste," he notes. "There's nothing that can be done with that cup other than go into the ground and leach, get into a waterway and break into micro-plastics that can't be separated from H20, or be incinerated at our waste-to-energy plant."

According to Roberts, the key to the campaign's success is to make it fun and easy.

"It's one thing to have a good idea that inspires people, but it has to be easy to adopt. It's just very difficult to change human behavior. To get a lot of people to move in the same direction at the same time, it has to be fun," he explains. "We're not for bans. We're all about inspiring better alternatives. If I give you a cool bag that's full of 10 other bags that you can easily store in your car or bring with you, that's a good idea. If I can share a to-go coffee cup, that's a good idea. If we can inspire people and we make it easy to make the change, then yes, you have a chance of tilting it."

Roberts has devised some simple ideas to make this work. For example, placing water bottle filling stations in Tulsa Public Schools will encourage the use of reusable water bottles. He's partnered with Specialized, a company known for their bicycles that also produces "Purist" water bottles, to design a custom bottle. Proceeds from the sales of the bottles will be used to purchase and install the filling stations.

"For every 150 bottles that we sell, we can pay for one bottle filling station," he explains. "We came up with really fun, useful, good-looking bottles. We've priced them where people can afford them, and then the goal is to let the kids do it."

Roberts thinks sports teams, PTAs and classes will take on the challenge.

He's also partnering with other local businesses and organizations to achieve a plastic-free Tulsa. Tulsa Tough and Hop Jam are working with Billion Bottles to eliminate their use of disposable water bottles at upcoming events, and local coffee shops are considering a plan to incorporate reusable to-go cups.

Roberts takes the long-term view.

"This is a cathedral. I'm starting it. You'll forget the guy who started it. The people who build it and the people who dedicate it when it's done, that's the celebration. The big idea is, if it can be done in a city like Tulsa with thousands of kids, of course it can be done in San Francisco and it can be done in New York." For more information, visit www.bilbot.co.

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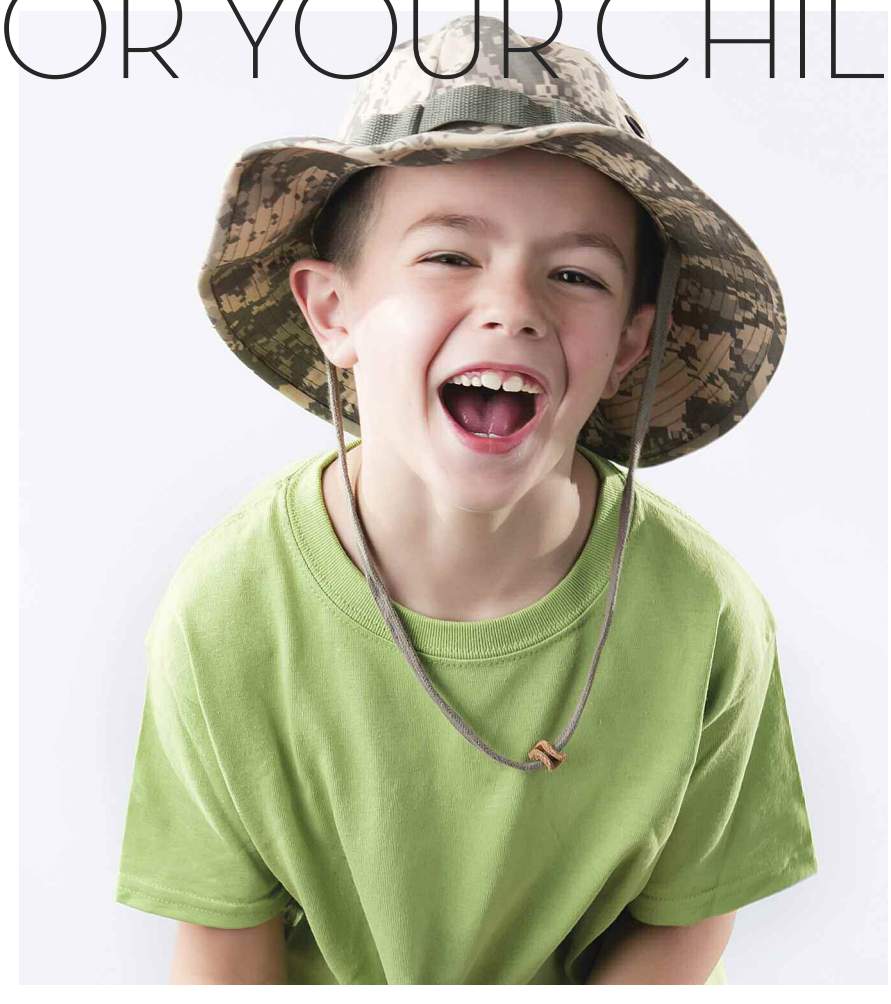
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HAPPY CAMPERS:

CHOOSING A CAMP WITH THE BEST BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD



For well over a century, the camping experience has provided children with the opportunity to not only discover new activities such as hiking and swimming, but also develop life skills in a unique environment.

"Time and time again, you hear from kids who have gone to camp that their lifelong friends are the ones they met at camp," said Shepherd's Fold Ranch Camp Director Julie Trzebiatowski. "It gives kids an environment to really connect in a way that they don't usually connect anymore."

According to information provided by the American Camp Association (ACA), 96 percent of campers said that the experience helped them make new friends.

Trzebiatowski argues that there's an inherent benefit that comes from children being outdoors, too.

"Our brains just process differently, our bodies just relax, and everything kind of slows down and we're able to enter the world on a deeper level," she said. "Because it's a new environment and it's so challenging for a lot of kids, they gain skills from every activity that they do at camp that're going to help them later in life."

From building trust to learning how to communicate with others, kids are often asked to do things that they didn't think they ever could do.

"When they conquer the rock wall or go down the zipline, it just kind of gives them that boost of confidence," said YMCA Camp Takatoka's Senior Director of Camping Services Summer Knox. "Knowing you have a friend somewhere just kind of

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gives you that confidence to start the next school year that you're really nervous about."

Based on her time at Camp Takatoka, Knox has found that these skills often subconsciously develop within children.

"A lot of the time they don't even know it's happening," she said. "They're just here at camp having a good time and all of these things are happening that they may not even realize right away."

Camp Kanakuk's Exececutive Women's Director Trish Helsel describes camp as an opportunity to help children thrive in today's culture.

"Because of things like social media, we're seeing an increase in self-harm and negative behavior," Helsel said. "I think a lot of that stems from kids not knowing who they are and where their worth and value comes from. That's our main focus – helping kids figure out who they are and how to use that in a great way in this culture."

Speaking of social media, camp largely serves as a break from technology. According to the ACA, only 10 percent of accredited camps offer cell phone access to campers.

"We pride ourselves on being that outdoor break and taking kids on hikes," Knox said. "It's a battle that we face – my desk is filled with cell phones – but it's something that we believe in and stand behind."

As the director of Kanakuk's teenage group – the campers who are most likely to hate being away from modern technology – Helsel says that her campers love having that break.

"Just in one-on-one conversations, the freedom to not have to look or measure up or feel like they're missing out if they don't get invited somewhere or just the bullying that comes from social media – there's a freedom that kids tell us comes from not having to use it at camp," she said. "It's a big win for them to just be teenage kids for two weeks or a month at our camp."

Information from the ACA supports the notion that campers generally don't mind the break from technology. A 2016 camper enrollment survey said that about 80 percent of responding camps reported either the same or higher enrollment, all while most camps continue to not allow access to phones or the internet.

Camp offers children about as much of a break from technology as it does from their parents. As much as the experience tends to foster teamwork, it also builds independence on an individual level.

"I think we're finding that when kids go out and leave for college — the first time a crisis happens and mom and dad aren't there to fix it — kids really struggle and we're seeing a delay in growing up and maturity," Helsel said. "They need time away because it helps them to not be dependent on mom and dad."

Helsel says that it's just as beneficial for parents to learn to separate from their kids.

"I think it's healthy for parents to let their kids have that breathing room and then figure out for themselves 'is my life just revolving around my kids or am I doing other things that are important and my kids get to be a part of that,'" she said. "It's a very healthy separation on both sides."

Knox suggested that there should perhaps be a support group for parents while their child is away at camp, given the toll that that can take.

"We don't take it lightly that a parent is entrusting us with their baby and their most prized possession," Knox said. "Parents can learn a lot about their kid when they let them spread their wings and take those things on themselves. They see their hard work as a parent unveil when they see their kid be successful."

Although every camp has something to offer, what's most important is that a parent find the right one for their child. When researching a camp, for instance, the first thing that a parent should do is check to see whether that camp is accredited by the ACA. Accreditation ensures that that camp has met health and safety standards through a peer review.

Beyond simply whether or not the location is safe, each camp suits each child differently. Kanakuk, for instance, is a Christian athletic camp.

"It depends on what a parent most desires for their kid," Helsel said. "For some kids, depending on their age, they might need courage developed. What is out there in the camping world that can help my kid be in a safe environment but step out and have other people encourage them to be courageous?"

Consider finding a camp that focuses on something that your child is already interested in such as art or music. Perhaps your child is interested in learning something new. Camp can provide that.

"We offer a wide variety of activities at Shepherd's Fold, so every camper can find something that suits their interests and they can also meet people who share those interests," Trzebiatowski said. "That way, they can start to form that relationship and that connection."

Almost as important as the range of activities is the size of any given camp. Consider your child's temperament when choosing a camp.

"What I love about Shepherd's Fold is that we're relatively small," Trzebiatowski said. "There's a lot of camps where your child is one out of 400, and for some people that's OK, but my child is more of a quiet and shy kid and would get lost in the mix."

Via email, a representative from the ACA suggested that a parent visit the camp in person and ask the director plenty of questions: What is the camp's philosophy and program emphasis? What is the camp director's background? What training do counselors receive? What is the counselor-to-camper ratio? What are the ages of the counselors? How does the camp handle homesickness and other adjustment issues?

Additionally, parents should be honest about a child's emotional and developmental age, not just the chronological age.

"Sometimes we want to say 'I want my kid to have this experience and be away from me for a week,' but maybe they aren't ready for that," Trzebiatowski said. "They've never spent a night away from home, so maybe we need to look at a shorter camp experience and not put our expectations on our child."

For more information regarding accreditation, visit http://find.acacamps.org/.

What to Consider When Choosing a Camp

The American Camp Association (aca.org) recommends starting with your child when choosing a camp.

- Consider the child's interests and maturity level.
- Include your child in the decision-making process.
- Look at camp websites for photos, schedules, menus and information about the staff.
- Consider your budget.
- Consider the size and location.
- Consider the type of camp: specialty or one with variety; overnight or day camp.
- Consider the activity schedule and structure of the program.
- Ask about the discipline policies, contacting home and safety/health policies.
- Ask about staff training, turnover and experience with children.
- Ask how the camp helps children make friends and connect with other campers.

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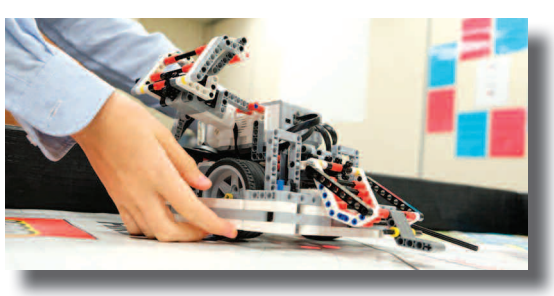
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It's one of the largest Easter egg hunts in town! Thousands of eggs filled with goodies will be strewn all over the festival site! Be sure to check all your eggs before leaving, some are EXTRA SPECIAL! Bring your camera to take your picture with the Easter Bunny. Ages 2-9. Free. www.parks.tulsacounty.org

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When: Saturday, March 24, 9:45-10:15 a.m.
Where: Haikey Creek Park, 11327 S. Garnett Rd., Broken Arrow
Join the fun and hunt for Easter Eggs and candy at Haikey Creek Park, 113th & S. Garnet. Please be at the park by 9:45 AM so that children may be divided into their age groups and directed to their area. Rain out day is Sunday 3/25 with line up at 12:45 PM. www.parks.tulsacounty.org

LAFORTUNE EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Saturday, March 24, 10-11 a.m.
Where: LaFortune Park Community Center, 5202 S. Hudson Ave.
Ages 3-8 years can hunt for eggs, and special prizes are given in each age group. Don't forget to meet the Easter Bunny while you're here!The Egg Hunt will be held on the south side of the building. In case of bad weather, it will be held in the gymnasium. www.parks.tulsacounty.org

SOCO EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: South County Recreation Center, 13800 S. Peoria Ave., Bixby
It's the time of year for the Easter Bunny to make a special appearance at SoCo's Easter Egg Hunt. Ages 11 and under hunt for eggs, and special prizes are given in each age group. The egg hunt will be held on the south side of the building. In case of bad weather, the egg hunt will be held in the gymnasium. www.parks.tulsacounty.org

EGG DYEING FOR KIDS
When: Saturday, March 24, 1 0:30-11:30 a.m.
Where: Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge
Ready for Easter? Dye and decorate eggs with us! Eggs are provided. For first- through fifth-graders. Registration is required. Call 918-549-7323 to register.

O'BRIEN PARK EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Saturday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Where: O'Brien Park, 6149 N. Lewis Ave.
Hop over to O'Brien Park for an exciting Easter egg hunt with prizes! www.parks.tulsacounty.org

EGG DYEING FOR TEENS
When: Saturday, March 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where: Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge
Ready for Easter? Dye and decorate eggs with us! Eggs are provided. For sixth- through 12th-graders. Registration is required. Call 918-549-7323 to register.

CHANDLER PARK ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Saturday, March 24, 4-7 p.m.
Where: Chandler Park, 6500 W. 21st St.

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This is Tulsa's only Easter Egg Hunt for adults! Thousands of eggs will be filled with goodies and hidden all over the park. There will be food trucks, beer/wine vendors and lawn games. $5/person, must be 21+ to attend. www.parks.tulsacounty.org

BUNNY HUNT
When: Sunday, March 25, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr.
Families can look for painted bunnies on their walk to a petting zoo with bunnies, chicks and baby goats, and activities where kids can decorate a wooden egg, and plant a seed to take home and grow. Kids can hunt for painted rocks (limit of 3) that they can turn in for a prize. Pre-registration is required for all attending. Cost: Non-members: $8 for ages 3 and up (including adults); Price for Garden members is $5 for children ages 3 to 12. Member adults (ages 13+) are free. All children age 2 and under are free, but must also be registered. Register on website or by calling 918-289-0330.
www.tulsabotanic.org

MESSY ART CLUB: EGG DECORATING
When: Tuesday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.
Where: Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St.
Dye and decorate hard-boiled eggs. All materials are provided. Ideal for ages 3-12. Dyes may stain clothing so dress for mess.

BUILD A READER STORYTIME: FAMILY—EGGCELLENT STORYTIME
When: Wednesday, March 28, 10:30-11 a.m.
Where: Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St.
Bring the whole family for this 0-to-5 storytime! We will share books, songs and rhymes celebrating the incredible, edible egg. Help Henrietta Hen find her eggs in a fun toddler friendly egg hunt.

TINY TOT EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m.
Where: Wheels and Thrills, 10637 N. Garnett Rd., Owasso
Kids 6 and under are invited to Wheels and Thrills for this Tiny Tot Easter Egg Hunt. Other activities include meeting the Easter Bunny, decorating Easter eggs, skating, an indoor playground, bounce house and riding toys. There will be three Easter Egg Hunts, for children ages 0-2, 3-4 and 5-6. www.wheelsandthrills.com

EASTER CELEBRATION
When: Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Where: Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Dr., Sulphur
Easter arrives at the Chickasaw Cultural Center with fun for the whole family! Participate in the Easter Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 1 p.m., meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy a variety of holiday-themed activities. Other festivities include games, stomp dance and cultural demonstrations and family-friendly films. FREE. Learn more at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com

OPTIMIST CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT
When: Saturday, March 31, 11:30 a.m.
Where: Will Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore
Join hundreds of kids for one of the best Easter Egg Hunts in NE Oklahoma. Thousands of Easter Eggs will dot the landscape of the Will Rogers Memorial Museum; each egg will have a prize, and some will have some great gifts, including a chance at a bicycle, thanks to the Optimist Club of Claremore.
www.willrogers.com



Don't miss Breakfast with the Bunny at the Tulsa Zoo, Saturday, March 31 starting at 9 a.m. for the early birds or 12 p.m. for those who prefer brunch. Celebrate spring at the Tulsa Zoo during Breakfast with the Bunny. You are invited to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast, an up-close animal encounter, and most importantly, meet the Easter Bunny! Participants will have a hopping good time crafting enrichment for some of our resident zoo animals. Registration includes unlimited train and carousel rides, weather permitting. Tickets are $20 per person for zoo members, and $25 per person for non-members. Children under the age of three years old are $5 each. More information and registration at: tulsazoo.org/bunny



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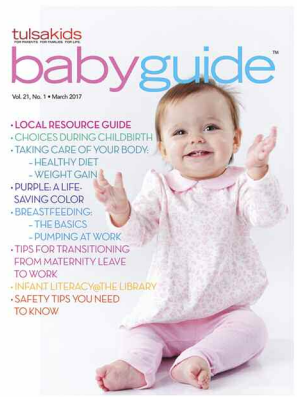


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The 2018-19 TulsaKids Baby Guide will hit the stands in April 2018!

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March 1 Thursday

GREENWOOD FILM FESTIVAL
The Greenwood Cultural Center is hosting its 1st Annual "Greenwood Film Festival." The film festival will feature the documentary "Priced Out," local business commercials and short films from across the United States of America. After the films, there will be Q & A sessions, featuring public discussions, as to how these films impact Tulsa. Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Additional dates February 26 and 27, 7 p.m. www.greenwoodculturalcenter.com

NATURE TRAIL FULL MOON HIKE
Join the Tulsa Botanic Garden for a night hike on the 1. 5 mile Cross Timbers Nature Trail. Spiced wine and rum cider will be available for sale as well as s'more kits for making s'mores over fire pits (weather permitting). Please note: Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and be able to walk the 1.5 mile nature trail. Not recommended for children under 6. Cost is $10 per person for members; $15 for non-members. For more information, call 918-289-0330. Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., 7-9 p.m. www.tulsabotanic.org

March 2 Friday

BUILD A READER: 1-2-3 PLAY WITH ME [FREE]
Playing is learning! Join us for a play workshop series for parents and children ages 1-3. Each program offers opportunities for children to play with developmentally appropriate toys in a play group atmosphere. Early childhood specialists also will be here to visit with parents on topics related to child development. Class size is limited. Registration is required and is for the series, which also meets Friday, March 9 and 16. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway, 10-11:15 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

BRUMMETT ECHOHAWK: AN ARTIST WHO HAPPENS TO BE AN INDIAN
Join Dr. Kristin Youngbull, author of Brummett Echohawk: Pawnee Thunderbird and Artist, as she discusses the life and work of Brummett Echohawk and examines why he and his art have had lasting significance. A book signing in the Gilcrease Museum Store will follow the talk. Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd., 12-1 p.m. www.gilcrease.org

FIRST FRIDAY ART CRAWL [FREE]
This year-round monthly event features all of the galleries, studios and museums as well as the part-time galleries in various shops opening their doors to show and sell art. Shops are open late and there are lots of dining and entertainment opportunities as well. The Art Crawl is held on the first Friday of the month and open from 6–9 pm with restaurants, clubs and other venues open later. Tulsa Arts District, 6-9 p.m. www.thetulsaartsdistrict.org

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
Think Saturday Night Live with Clark Youth Theatre! Friday Night Live will include sketch comedy, stand-up routines, musical guests and lots of laughter! Henthorne Performing Arts Center, 4825 S. Quaker Ave., 7:30 p.m. www.clarkyouththeatre.com

March 3 Saturday

TULSA SCHOOL PRIDE RACE
Show your school spirit at this 5K Ride/Run and 1-mile Fun Run! The school with the most participants gets $300 in P.E. equipment. Registration opens at 7 a.m., the 5K bike ride begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K run at 8:30. The Fun Run/Walk starts at 8:45 a.m. Guthrie Green, 111 E. M.B. Brady St., 7 a.m. www.guthriegreen.com

SCOUT DAY AT OKLAHOMA AQUARIUM
The Oklahoma Aquarium hosts Scout Days to honor all youth organizations and their members, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, 4-H, FFA, etc. There are

THE ANNUAL THREE SISTERS CELEBRATION AT CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER (867 COOPER MEMORIAL DR., SULPHUR) OBSERVES THE CHANGING OF THE SEASONS WHEN ESSENTIAL CROPS LIKE SQUASH, CORN AND BEANS TAKE ROOT. ACTIVITIES IN THE LIVING VILLAGE INCLUDE GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS, FOOD SAMPLES, CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS, ARCHERY, STICKBALL, FACE PAINTING, TRADITIONAL ARTS, STORYTELLING, STOMP DANCE DEMONSTRATIONS, AND MORE. DON'T MISS ONE OF CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER'S BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR! MARCH 19-24, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.; MARCH 25, 12-5 P.M. FREE.
www.chickasawculturalcenter.com





special activities offered from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., but the discounted rate is available for the entire day. Youth organization members must be in uniform or carrying membership cards and must be accompanied by an adult. Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., Jenks, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (last ticket sold at 5 p.m.) www.okaquarium.org

NATURE'S GRAND ADVENTURES: #NATUREGRAM
Share the wonder of nature, and meet zoo animals with your grandchild in this choose-your-own-adventure style series. During Nature's Grand Adventures: #NatureGram, participants will explore the many ways the natural world talks to each other! Topics COULD cover chimp facial expressions, bee dancing or scent marking; but it will be up to you to decide. Pairs will create fun-filled memories that will last a lifetime. Grandchildren must be 5 to 12 years old. Grandparents can be any age! Registration is for one grandchild and one grandparent for all three classes in the series. Cost is $40, 10% off for zoo members. More information and registration at: tulsazoo.org/classes. Tulsa Zoo, 6421 E. 36th St. N., 1-4 p.m. Additional class dates Saturday, March 10 and 17, 1-4 p.m.

March 4 Sunday

90TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS WATCH PARTY
Join Circle Cinema for their annual Academy Awards watch party, complete with ballots, prizes and more! Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis Ave., 7-11 p.m. www.circlecinema.com

March 5 Monday

STORYTIME AT KIDDLESTIX [FREE]
Enjoy this weekly storytime at Kiddlestix Toys, 3815 S. Harvard Ave., 10 a.m. www.kiddlestixtoys.com

DON'T STOP THE MUSIC [FREE]
This fun program is all about music and movement. Shake, shimmy and dance your twinkle toes to the bebop boogie with Ms. Julia and Ms. Maureen. For preschoolers and toddlers. Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., 11-11:35 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

CAREGIVER-CHILD YOGA
With music and movement, you and your child are bound to have fun during this short yoga practice together. Learn breathing practices and poses you can do as a family at home. This event is free with the price of admission and is best for ages 1-6 years! Tulsa Children's Museum, 560 N. Maybelle Ave., 10:30 a.m.
www.tulsachildrensmuseum.org

March 6 Tuesday

LINNAEUS TEACHING GARDENS OPEN [FREE]
After a winter hiatus, the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens are once again open to the public! The Linnaeus Teaching Gardens are open from Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and, after Mother's Day and until August, 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. 2435 S. Peoria Ave. www.tulsagardencenter.com

READ AND PLAY GROUP [FREE]
Chat about books you've read lately with other parents and caregivers while your little ones ages 0-5 enjoy a relaxed play environment. Herman and Kate Kaiser Library, 5202 S. Hudson Ave., Suite B, 10:30-11:15 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

CRAFT TIME AT TULSA TOY DEPOT [FREE]
Craft time at Tulsa Toy Depot is FREE and offers activities for different age levels and skills. The staff loves working to help your kids create something special to take home as they explore their artistic side! Tulsa Toy Depot, 10114 S. Sheridan Rd., 10:30 a.m. www.tulsatoydepot.com

LINE DANCE CLASS AT LACY COMMUNITY CENTER

Learn to line dance at Lacy Community Center, every Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. $5/class. Lacy Community Center, 2134 N. Madison Pl., 6-7:30 p.m. www.cityoftulsa.org

March 7 Wednesday

TODDLER TIME AT CHANDLER PARK
Every other Wednesday through May, Chandler Park will be hosting a variety of activities, including crafts, music and story time, sensory activities, gym games and nature walks. $2/class. Chandler Park, 6500 W. 21st St., 10-11 a.m. parks.tulsacounty.org

GAMER LAB [FREE]
Join the Martin Regional Library for two hours of gaming! For ages 10-18. Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., 3-5 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

TULSA ARTIST FELLOWSHIP WRITERS SALON [FREE]
Writers from the Tulsa Artist Fellowship will share selections from their works. For adults. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 6-8 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 8 Thursday

MUSEUM BABIES
Museum Babies is designed to nurture the needs of both parent and infant/toddler. Parents will enjoy a casual experience in the galleries, learning about the art of Gilcrease Museum, then it's "baby time" with activities to stimulate the five senses and refreshments. For birth to not-yet three years old and caregivers. Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd., 10:30-11:30 a.m. www.gilcrease.org

KIDS CONNECTIONS [FREE]
This social group is designed for children (grades K-5) on the autism spectrum. Kids Connections meets on the second Thursday of each month from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the TARC office, 2516 E. 71st St., Suite A, Tulsa. For more information and to enroll, call Sherilyn or Steve at 918-582-8272. www.ddadvocacy.net

BATAB: BROKEN ARROW TEEN ADVISORY BOARD [FREE]
Join the Broken Arrow Library for activities and to offer input into future library programs and displays. For ages 10-18. Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 9 Friday

TWEEN/TEEN BOARD GAMES [FREE]
Play "Apples to Apples," "Exploding Kittens," "Munchkin," "Ticket to Ride" and other board games. Snacks are provided. For ages 10-18. Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway, 4-5 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

MOM PROM
Dig out your old Prom or Bridesmaid dresses, crimp and curl your hair, dust off the blue eye shadow, and prepare for a night of dancing to hits from your youth, cocktails, raffle prizes, tacky dress contest, and crowning of a cancer survivor Prom Queen. Mom Prom is a ladies-only fundraising event benefiting cancer patients in Tulsa. Funds raised at Mom Prom go directly back into the hands of cancer patients treating in Tulsa. Greenwood Cultural Center, 322 N. Greenwood Ave., 7-11 p.m. tulsa.aih.org

March 10 Saturday

SECOND SATURDAY AT PHILBROOK [FREE]
Free. Family. Fun. Bring the whole family for Philbrook Second Saturdays. Free admission all day and a variety of events and hands-on activities. Philbrook Museum, 2727 S. Rockford Rd., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. www.philbrook.org

2ND SATURDAY SILENTS PRESENTS "RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE" [FREE]
Tom Mix stars as a Texas Ranger who is out for revenge in this classic silent western accompanied by Bill Rowland on the original 1928 Circle Cinema pipe organ. Organist Phil Judkins will play as guests arrive for the screening. All of this plus a Felix The Cat cartoon! This FREE ADMISSION screening is courtesy of Hughes Lumber Company of Tulsa and Dewey, OK. A display of cowboy memorabilia and artifacts will be provided by the Tom Mix Museum of Dewey for the public to view and enjoy! Circle Cinema, 10 S. Lewis Ave., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. www.circlecinema.com

BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE…CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH [FREE]
Do you know who you are? Do you often say to yourself, "I could have been so much more if …" or "I could be doing so much more, but what?" Is there a part of you that is longing to get out? Join Java L. Collins and learn how we subconsciously and sometimes consciously self-sabotage our own lives. Learn methods to end self-sabotage. Collins is a certified life coach with a doctorate in pastoral counseling, a master's degree in human relations and a bachelor's in psychology. For adults and teens. Suburban Acres Library, 4606 N. Garisson, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

PUBLIC STAR PARTY
Public and guests are welcome to come out and join the Astronomy Club of Tulsa for a night under the spring sky! Attendees will enjoy the opportunity to look through a variety of telescopes with the help of Astronomy Club of Tulsa members. A $2 per adult guest donation is appreciated. Directions to the observatory can be obtained via email here: http://www.astrotulsa.com/Directions.aspx. Astronomy Club of Tulsa Observatory, 6-10 p.m. www.astrotulsa.com

March 11 Sunday

STORYBOOK SERIES
Clark Youth Theatre is excited to offer theatre for Young Audiences through The Storybook Series. Introduce your child to live performances as they watch their favorite books come to life on our stage! This year brings to life Horton Hears a Who and The Lorax by Dr. Seuss. Perfect for ages 4-8. Henthorne Performing Arts Center, 4825 S. Quaker Ave., 2 p.m. www.clarkyouththeatre.com

TULSA OILERS VS. WICHITA THUNDER
Watch the Tulsa Oilers play hockey against the Wichita Thunder at the BOK Center, 200 S. Denver Ave., 7:05 p.m. www.tulsaoilers.com

March 12 Monday

STEAM WORKSHOP [FREE]
Homeschoolers, this program is for you! Enjoy STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) activities for ages 5-12. Class size is limited. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

PAWS FOR READING [FREE]
Registered therapy dogs are excellent listeners. Kids ages 5-12 are invited to read their favorite books to a furry, four-pawed friend. Each reader will receive a free book provided by the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Library Trust. Registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. Find more PAWS for Reading events at www.tuslakids.com/storytimes. Collinsville Library, 1223 Main, Collinsville, 3:30-4:30 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 13 Tuesday

BUILD A READER STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL [FREE]
The best in children's literature, songs, games, finger plays, rhymes and other reading-related activities are shared with your preschooler. Find more Build A Reader Storytime events at www.tulsakids.com/storytimes. Rudisill Library, 1520 N. Hartford, 10-10:30 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

TERRIFIC TUESDAY: SMART KIDS, SMART NUTRITION [FREE]
Building big brains requires specialized, smart nutrition. With the nutrition tips you'll learn at this class, the future is looking bright. Program includes fun finger foods. Registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or

call 918-549-7323 by March 10 to sign up. Judy Z. Kishner Library, 10150 N. Cincinnati Ave., Sperry, 6-7 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

KAY REDFIELD JAMISON: GENIUS & MANIA [FREE]
This will be an unforgettable and important event with DR. KAY REDFIELD JAMISON in partnership with Mental Health Association of Tulsa. Dr. Jamison brings a fresh perspective to the life and work of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Robert Lowell. In his poetry, Lowell put his manic-depressive illness (now known as bipolar disorder) into the public domain, and in the process created a new and arresting language for madness. Here Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison brings her expertise in mood disorders to bear on Lowell's story. TCC Center for Creativity, 910 S. Boston Ave., 7-8:30 p.m. www.magiccitybooks.com

THE SKY WE DON'T SEE
"The Sky We Don't See" is the newest Jenks Planetarium production. Like right-handedness, the world is "northern-hemisphere-ist" (not a word). But the fact is 88% of the human population live in the northern hemisphere. This should not overshadow the beautiful sky that is seen in the southern hemisphere. Not only do they see many of the constellations we do … but they see stars, constellations and deep space objects that can never be seen from the north! Jenks Planetarium, 105 E. B St., 7-8 p.m. www.jenkscommunityed.com

March 14 Wednesday

TULSA HEALTHCARE COVERAGE PROJECT (THCP): SOONERCARE ASSISTANCE [FREE]
Health care is confusing. THCP is here to help with your Soonercare questions. Please bring income verification and ID for all household members. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff on-site. For adults. Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Additional Date Wednesday, March 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

NATIONAL LEARN ABOUT BUTTERFLIES DAY [FREE]
The Chickasaw Cultural Center will celebration National Learn About Butterflies Day, Wednesday, March 14. Learn more about butterflies and enjoy the day with games, traditional arts, horticulture tours, films and other free activities. Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Dr., Sulphur, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. www.chickasawculturalcenter.com

MOUNTAIN MAN CAMP/ANIMAL BARN OPENS
The "crack" of the black powder rifle will be echoing off the walls of Woolaroc starting Wednesday, March 14th, as the Mountain Man Camp officially opens for the season. Mountain Men Wes and Roger Butcher will have the camp open and ready for the public. Learn the proper art of throwing a tomahawk, shoot a black powder rifle, view the inside of a tipi and see how people lived in the 1840's all within the beautiful grounds of Woolaroc. The Animal Barn will be open as well during all normal business hours and is located on the main grounds. The variety of animals is always changing, and may include animals such as rabbits, goats, chickens, peacocks, donkeys, sheep, and more! Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve, 1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd., Bartlesville, Open during normal business hours until September 3. www.woolaroc.org

March 15 Thursday

TEEN SEQUOYAH BOOK TALK [FREE]
Join the Hardesty Library to nibble on brownies while discussing "The Reader: Book One of Sea of Ink and Gold" by Traci Chee. For ages 10-18. Hardesty Library, 8316 E. 93rd St., 6-6:45 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

"THE SPLENDOR OF BULBS": GARDEN LECTURE SERIES
From daffodils to tulips to hyacinths to tulips to crocus to tulips, bulbs signal spring. (And did we mention tulips?!) Come and brush up on your spring-flowering bulbs with a refresher on these beautiful, ubiquitous denizens of temperate zone gardens. Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr., 6-7 p.m. www.tulsabotanic.org

ESCAPE THE ROOM: SECRET OF DR. GRAVELY'S RETREAT—AN IDEA BOX PROGRAM [FREE]
Bring old friends and make new ones, while working to solve the "Secret of Dr. Gravely's Retreat" escape room game. Registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. For ages 10-adult. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 6-8 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 16 Friday

DRIVE-IN MOVIE [FREE]
Join us at our "Drive-In" for a showing of "Cars 3" (rated G). Bring your own cardboard box car to decorate! We will have limited supplies on hand. For ages 3-10. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

NEA BIG READ: BUTTERFLY PROJECT KICKOFF [FREE]
#StandWithHope and be part of the global movement to promote kindness with the Butterfly Project. Let hope take flight as we kick off the project and make butterflies to raise Holocaust awareness. We will provide the materials to create a unique butterfly – just bring your creativity! Butterflies will be collected at the Broken Arrow libraries through April 30. Northeastern State University (NSU) Broken Arrow will host a public display of the butterflies in conjunction with Big Read programming in May. NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. For all ages. Broken Arrow Library/South, 3600 S. Chestnut, 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

ZZZS IN THE SEAS
There are so many cool places to spend the night in the Oklahoma Aquarium! Drift off to sleep with gentle giants nearby in Sea Turtle Island or dream of wild adventures near the Extreme Amazon. Of course, you can still reserve your space and get a fin-tastic night's sleep with the aquarium's sharks! Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., Jenks, 7 p.m.-8 a.m., March 17 www.okaquarium.org

March 17 Saturday

IMAGINATION DAYS AT AHHA [FREE]
Your family is invited to learn about the art of our time and experience it firsthand with storytelling, music, dance, and hands-on "make and take" art projects. Inspired by current AHHA exhibitions, this program fosters the development of life-long learning skills through gallery explorations, open-ended discussions, films, demonstrations and individual and collaborative hands-on art activities. AHHA Tulsa, 101 E. Archer St., 12-5 p.m. www.ahhatulsa.org

HERBOLOGY [FREE]
Learn about the art of growing herbs and how to use them at this free class at Grogg's Green Barn, 10105 E. 61st St., 1-2 p.m. www.groggsgreenbarn.com

DON'T MISS OUR LIST OF FAMILY FRIENDLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS!

March 18 Sunday

FUNDAY SUNDAY [FREE]
Children and adults alike can enjoy an afternoon of exhibition-inspired activities, artist-led studio projects, museum exhibitions and interactive spaces. Special activities from Noon to 4:00 pm, with free admission all day. Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd., 12-4 p.m. www.gilcrease.org

March 19 Monday

ESCAPE ROOM FOR KIDS: THE WIZARD'S DUNGEON [FREE]
Work together to solve puzzles and find clues that will help you escape the dungeon. Registration is required. Call 918-549-7323 to register. For ages 7-11. Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-2:30 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

STENCIL SCREEN PRINTING [FREE]
See an instructional demonstration of how to screen print using stencils. After attending, you can make appointments to use the equipment for your own prints. Registration is required and is limited. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. For all ages. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 4-5 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 20 Tuesday

BUILD A READER STORYTIME: BILINGUAL/STAY AND PLAY [FREE]
Enjoy stories, songs and activities in English and Spanish. Stay after for games, toys and activities that foster critical early literacy skills. For preschoolers. Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333 E. 32nd Pl., 10:30-11:30 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

BUILD A READER STORYTIME: FAMILY/STAY AND PLAY [FREE]
Playing is learning! Join Adam for this fun storytime. He will sing songs and read stories for the whole family. Stay after for toys and activities that foster critical early literacy skills. For infants and toddlers, but children of all ages are welcome to attend. Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91st St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

BIXBY TEEN MANGA/ANIME CLUB [FREE]
Discuss your favorite manga characters and books while making a craft. For sixth- through 12th-graders. Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge, 6-7 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 21 Wednesday

HARRY POTTER ESCAPE ROOM: ESCAPE FROM GRINGOTTS [FREE]
Wizards and witches have been trying to break into Gringotts Wizarding Bank for over 500 years, but few ever make it out. Now it's your turn to try! Gringotts Wizarding Bank is the safest place for anything valuable to be kept – especially one of Voldemort's seven Horcruxes. Cast spells, make potions and solve puzzles to break into Gringotts and find the missing Horcrux before it's too late! For ages 10-15. Limited seating and sessions are available. Registration is required.
Call 918-549-7323 to register. Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91st St., inquire about session times at 918-549-7323, www.tulsalibrary.org

TINY TOTS IN TRAINING [FREE]
Toddlers (age 2-5) will engage in activities such as miniature basketball, hula-hoops, tri-cycle riding with the support of their parent(s). Case Community Center, 1050 W. Wewika Rd., Sand Springs, 10-11:30 a.m. www.sandspringsok.org

ESCAPE ROOM FOR AGES 12-16: THE ABSENTMINDED ALCHEMIST'S DUNGEON [FREE]
Work together to solve puzzles and find clues that will help you escape the dungeon. Registration is required. Call 918-549-7323 to register. For ages 12-16. Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Rd., 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

DIGITAL LITERACY LAB ORIENTATION [FREE]
Want to learn more about the American Electric Power Foundation Digital Literacy Lab? Come and see what it's about! Orientation is required before independent use of the lab. Registration is required. Class size is limited. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. For ages 12 and older. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 22 Thursday

HANDS-ON STORY TIME! [FREE]
Busy hands, busy brain! Preschoolers learn through hands-on activities. Attendees will explore, experiment and create. Be ready to get messy! Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 10:30-11 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

SUPERHERO DAY: STORIES AND MORE [FREE]
Enjoy a superhero-sized family storytime as the Broken Arrow Library kicks off Superhero Day! Costumes are welcome. Storytime will be followed by a superhero parade in the library. For ages 3-12. Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway, 1-1:45 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

RAINBOW IN A JAR [FREE]
Jump into spring and make a beautiful, easy rainbow in a jar with colored chalk, salt and your creativity. Supplies are provided. Registration is required. Register online atwww.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. For ages 5-12. Jenks Library, 523 W. B St., 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK AT BIXBY FIRE STATION 2 [FREE]
Make sure your child's car seat is installed correctly at this free event sponsored by Safe Kids Tulsa. Bixby Fire Department Station 2, 8300 E. 121st St. S., 2-4 p.m. www.safekidstulsa.com

March 23 Friday

CROSS-GENERATIONAL ART PROJECT [FREE]
Join the Broken Arrow Library/South for a fun art project with residents of Brookdale Senior Living. For ages 5 to adult. Broken Arrow Library/South, 3600 S. Chestnut, 10:30-11:30 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

DJANGO GIRLS: CODING WORKSHOP [FREE]
Interested in learning how to code? Join the Central Library for an 8-hour workshop. Class size is limited. Apply for a spot at https://djangogirls.org/tulsa/ by March 5. Attendees will need to bring their own laptop. For teens and adults. Workshop Dates: Friday, March 23, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, www.djangogirls.org/tulsa.

TULSA OILERS VS. QUAD CITY MALLARDS
Watch the Tulsa Oilers play hockey against the Quad City Mallards at the BOK Center, 200 S. Denver Ave., 7:05 p.m. www.tulsaoilers.com

March 24 Saturday

TOUCH-A-TRUCK [FREE]
The Schusterman-Benson Library's parking lot will be transformed into a child's perfect playground, kind of like a truck "petting zoo." Kids of all ages can see familiar and not-so-familiar vehicles up close. They can touch, explore and perhaps sit in the driver's seat of vehicles they see every day on our roads. There will also be live music! Sponsored by the Friends of the Helmerich Library. Schusterman-Benson Library, 3333 E. 32nd Pl., 10 a.m.-12 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

FAMILY CINEMA SATURDAY: "MARY POPPINS" [FREE]
Make a paper-bag kite and watch "Mary Poppins," a movie based on a popular children's book. If you have not read the book, check it out from the library and let library staff know which was better – the film or the book. This program is weather permitting. For ages 5-12. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

MAOC CLOTHING SWAP [FREE]
Moms Around Okmulgee County is hosting this free community clothing swap. Take what you need, leave what you don't. Prior to the event, drop off donations at the event location (Family Video in Okmulgee) or contact alexandreaautaubo@gmail.com. Family Video, 400 S. Wood Dr., Okmulgee, 12-5 p.m.

LOOK FOR OUR LIST OF COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNTS!

March 25 Sunday

THE KITTEN LADY: COMMUNITY 101 WORKSHOP [FREE]
This inspiring workshop features social media personality The Kitten Lady, Hannah Shaw, who will talk about her experiences with cat rescue and offer tips for caring for stray animals. Shaw will discuss effective practices for humanely managing and caring for community cats, including trap-neuter return, feral kitten socialization and colony care. The Kitten Lady has thousands of



KIDS OF ALL AGES CAN ENJOY A TRUCK "PETTING ZOO" AT THE SCHUSTERMAN-BENSON LIBRARY'S TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT ON SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

social media fans who follow her adventures in rescuing vulnerable kittens. Follow her on Instagram @kittenxlady! After the workshop, stay and attend a cat adoption event with Animal Rescue Foundation (http://arftulsa.org) and the Tulsa SPCA (http://tulsaspca.org) happening from 3-4. For adults; Adoption Event is for all ages. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 1-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

MONTHLY MUSED. POETRY NIGHT [FREE]
On the last Sunday of every month, Magic City Books is partnering with MUSED. for a poetry night in the Algonquin Room. Free and open to all. Hear new, local, and classic poems. Bring yours to share. Have some wine, beer, or coffee. Magic City Books, 221 E. Archer St., 6-7:30 p.m. www.magiccitybooks.com

March 26 Monday

EMAIL 101 [FREE]
Learn how to set up a free account and use it to send and receive email. You should have a familiarity with the basic functions of navigating the internet prior to taking this class. Registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org/events or call 918-549-7323. For adults. Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford, 2-3 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

COOKBOOK CLUB: DESSERTS [FREE]
Choose a dessert recipe from a cookbook, make it and then bring some to share. Attendees will chat about the cookbook and recipe, what worked and didn't, ingredients and more. For adults. Bixby Library, 20 E. Breckenridge, 7-8 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 27 Tuesday

BUILD A READER STORYTIME: PRESCHOOL/STAY AND PLAY [FREE]
The best in children's literature, songs, games, finger plays, rhymes and other reading-related activities are shared with your preschooler. Stay after and for games, toys and activities that foster critical early literacy skills. Charles Page Library, 551 E. 4th St., 10:30-11:30 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org.

READING ROUNDTABLE [FREE]
Come and talk about your favorite things to read and get ideas for your to-read stack! For ages 10-18. Rudisill Library, 1520 N. Hartford, 4-5 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 28 Wednesday

WELCOME WEDNESDAY AT HOLLAND HALL [FREE]
Anyone interested in attending or learning more about admission to Holland Hall is invited to this event. Learn more and sign up at www.hollandhall.org/admission/open-house Holland Hall, 5666 E. 81st St., 8 a.m. www.hollandhall.org

TEEN CONNECTIONS [FREE]
Teen Connections is a social group for middle and high school students on the autism spectrum. Once each month, they meet together for fun activities such as board and video games where they can practice positive social skills with others with similar interests. Connections meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6 p.m. at the TARC office, 2516 E. 71st St., Suite A, Tulsa. For more information and to enroll, call Sherilyn or Steve at 918-582-8272. www.ddadvocacy.net

March 29 Thursday

GAMES IN THE GARDEN [FREE]
Join the Central Library after school for some outdoor fun and games (weather permitting). For ages 4-10. Central Library, 400 Civic Center, 3:30-4:30 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

MINECRAFT OR ROBLOX [FREE]
Minecraft or Roblox? It's your choice! Build your world your way. For ages 10-18. Seating is limited. Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St., 6-7 p.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

March 30 Friday

BOUNCE'N BEETHOVENS PRESENTED BY MIDTOWN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS [FREE]
Children explore music through movement and instruments as they play with egg shakers, bells, rhythm sticks, drums and maracas in this fun, interactive program for parents and kids ages birth-5. Class size is limited and registration is required. Register online at www.tulsalibrary.org or call 918-549-7323. Please register for only one class per month. Sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust. Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway, 10-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. www.tulsalibrary.org

CARDBOARD & DUCT TAPE REGATTA
Splash your way into STEM! Join Tulsa Regional STEM Alliance for their annual Cardboard and Duct Tape Boat Regatta! Elementary, middle, and high school students will build a boat using only cardboard and duct tape. The boat must be capable of holding at least one person (the captain), who will pilot their boat across the length of the pool. Boats will be judged in 4 categories: Speed, Aesthetics, Historical Merit, and Technical construction. Awards will be given at the elementary, middle and high school level. Miller Swim School, 6415 S. Mingo Rd., 12:30-2 p.m. www.tulsastem.org

March 31 Saturday

CHALLENGE AIR FOR KIDS & FRIENDS: TULSA "FLY DAY"
"Fly Day" offers children with special needs (agest 7-21) the chance to participate in an educational ground school, a 30-minute flight, face painting, lunch, exploring aircraft and more. Register online at www.challengeair.org. R.L. Jones Airport—Riverside Tulsa Tech, 801 E. 91st St.

ZOO INSIDER: BIRDS
Zoo Insider is a program that aims to give teens an inside look at what it's like to work in a zoo while being fun and interactive. Come join the EGG-stravaganza while learning about nest building, eggs and chick rearing! Middle and high school students 13 to 18 years old are welcome to attend. Cost is $25 per class. More information and registration at: tulsazoo.org/classes. Tulsa Zoo, 6421 36th St. N., 1-4 p.m.

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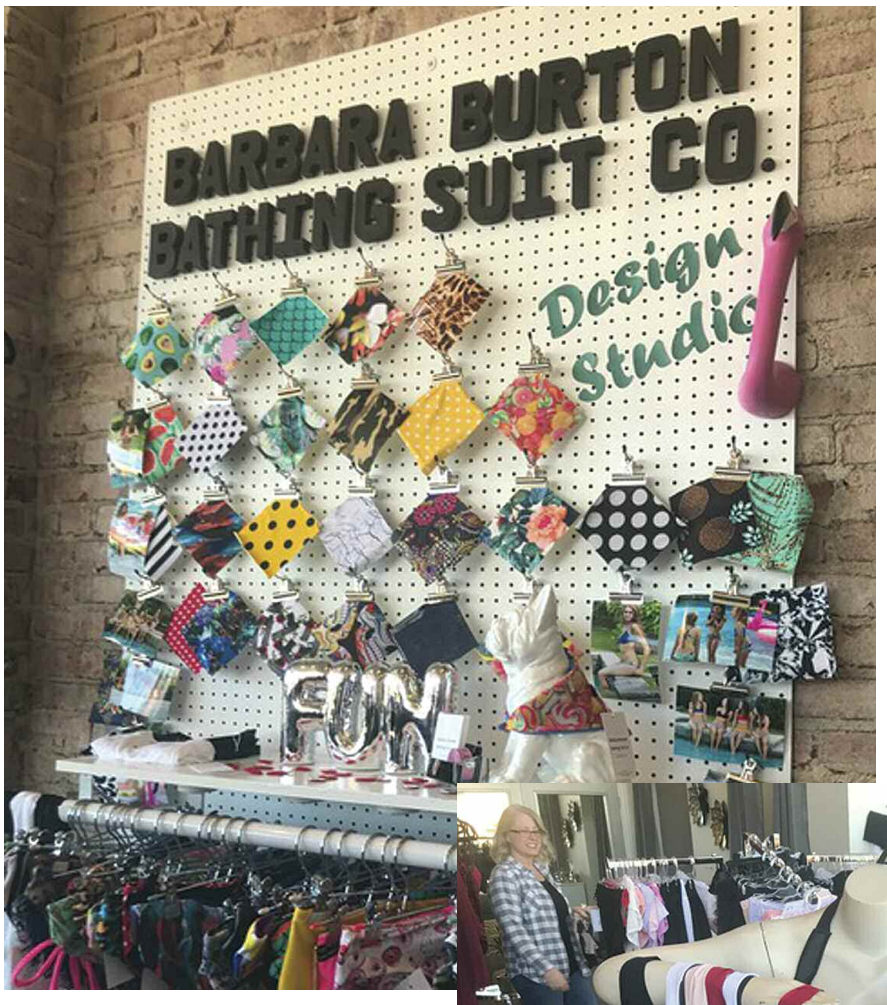
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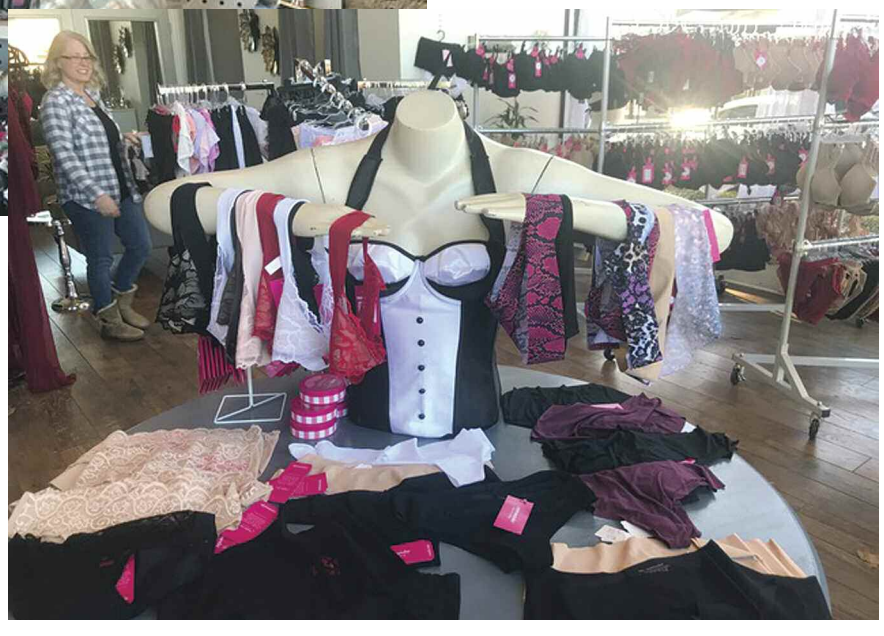
BY JILL VANTREASE

As I write this, it is still the dead of January. We just (narrowly!) survived a cold snap by Tulsa standards, and whoa, ladies - it is a good thing I don't live anywhere like New Hampshire or Minneapolis or Green Bay because I can't handle the cold! Starting my van at in-the-dark-thirty frost (it doesn't fit in the garage) to schlep kids to school and de-icing the windshield - GAH. Now anyone who has endured serious cold weather can laugh heartily at me - that's OK! Part of the problem, of course, is that I don't have the proper winter wardrobe: Those chunky sweaters and big boots make me feel like a newborn who's been swaddled too tight. But hark! By the time you're reading this, I hope it's warmish and sunny, and the air is filled with the hope and sunshiny possibility of spring: green grass, nascent tulip bulbs and tornado watches!

Which brings us to our paramount concern of the vernal equinox: spring fashion! Yes, finally we can toss off our paltry collection of Tulsa winter wear and put on those cute, summery frocks and frilly things that are native to our natural habitat. So, in that vein, I hit some local boutiques to discover what is chic this spring of 2018.

My first stop is Jules Boutique. Jules Boutique just migrated from downtown to out south at 121st and Sheridan.





THE LINGERIE BOUTIQUE.

Jules Boutique is brimming with trendy pieces for all shapes and sizes, but because it's still freezing, I end up buying a gorgeous sable faux fur-lined cape for a mere $60. For spring, though, there are plenty of colorful tunics, jeans, cute chunky heels and fun, affordable jewelry. The owner, Julie Thomas-March, notes that she's noticed some Kardashian-like influences during her buying sprees at the Dallas Market Center - a sort of Texas souk filled with all the latest fashions. Many looks are repurposing pieces of athleisure and will feature "innerwear" as outerwear - gulp! Think loungewear and intimates, like bra tops, pajama shirts, and slip dresses, layered with boxy tees, satin pants and sweatshirts. Look for cotton jersey, velour and terry materials with ribbons, utility pockets, and draped detailing. Umm...OK, but I'm not sure I'm ready for this bustiers on the outside thing - I might get some weird looks in the school pick-up line! Maybe Tulsa isn't ready either? But Jules Boutique has plenty of offerings for those of us a little less daring!



J. COLE WEDGIES.

Then I head to Posh Style right at 17th and Boston. Susan, the owner, says "boho chic" will still be hot - lots of off-the-shoulder looks, lots of ruffles and feminine frills. And florals will be everywhere. In fact, some of the florals coupled with little appliqués give her pause - maybe a bit too Little House On the Prairie! She warns that the "cold shoulder" look is on its way out - you're probably OK wearing what you've got, but don't buy any more. And then jeans with hems

HIP BUSTIER.



that look like they've just been hacked and/or cut haphazardly at the bottom - not sure I'm young enough to pull that off, but maybe you younger moms can rock those edgy jeans. Another big trend: anything purple! Lilac, lavender, mulberry, wine - purple is the "it" color this spring.

While you're in the area, do stop at the new The Lingerie Boutique on Cherry Street. It's a lovely spot filled with gorgeous bras and lingerie - and don't worry, there's nothing X-rated here beyond pretty bras and panties - I had little girls with me and had no qualms. The owners are lovely, warm Monte Cassino moms themselves. I decided to get measured (I don't think I've gotten a new bra since I weaned #7) and found I was a significantly different size than I thought I was! They have high quality brands like Natori, Commando and Curvy Kate — all the sizes are covered. And the boutique also features Barbara Burton Swim Company: Barbara does custom bathing suits with a rainbow of high quality fabrics in modest cuts. You can get measured in the store, and you know your suit will fit EXACTLY right - I think this is a great pre-summer idea for both me and my daughters. Oh, friends, it's so nice to go into a lingerie place that is not



JULES BOUTIQUE.



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swarming with skinny, barely clad 17 year olds - hello, Victoria's Secret – but, instead, walk into a place that is for us grown-up ladies with real bodies!

Finally, for shoe trends, I head to the fabulous J. Cole at King's Landing at 96th and Riverside. Mules are big for spring, as are espadrilles - the chunkier the sole the better! And if you can sport a mule in a metallic color? Tres tres chic, And, again - the J. Cole ladies corroborate that hues in lavender are hot, hot, hot, along with yellow, too.

What are you waiting for, Moms? Wait for a sunny morning, gather up the kids and hit the stores! You won't need much - just a few trendy pieces to go out and play in the sun like a kid again. Well, almost!



BY NATALIE MIKLES

food even a picky toddler will love

It comes with no warning. When you least expect it, your toddler goes on strike.

For weeks or months, she eats her scrambled eggs for breakfast or turkey wrap for dinner, and then – boom. Surprise, Mom and Dad! You find yourself in a standoff. Maybe you've tried bribing or rewards or begs and pleas. Sometimes it works. But as anyone with a toddler knows, sometimes you find yourself beating your head against the wall.

If you've browsed Pinterest for food for picky eaters or googled "dinner ideas for picky toddlers," you've likely had some difficult mealtimes with your little ones. I've laughed at some of the ideas I've seen in cookbooks for picky eaters. Do you know a picky 3-year-old who would eat shepherd's pie? Yeah, me neither.

As my children have gotten older, I've tried less and less to hide the nutrition in their food. At ages 7 and 8, I want them to know the tastes of broccoli and eggplant and sweet potatoes. I want them to discern for themselves whether they like it or not, and to know that even those vegetables they don't love are worth a second taste simply for the health benefits they offer.

But when they were toddlers, I had no problem hiding beets in chocolate muffins or zucchini in their mac and cheese. If your picky toddler's main objection is to fruits or vegetables and you're concerned they're missing out on that nutrition, don't worry about the long-term ramifications of "hiding" them in oatmeal or spaghetti sauce or any other favorite foods they're willing to eat. Sure, it's ideal to present the foods to them and teach them how delicious healthy foods can be. But if they're in a serious "no" phase, try to let some of your ideals go...for now. There's plenty of time to reintroduce colorful vegetables and healthy grains.



Here are some ideas that have passed the test of discerning toddlers.

Add a little Parmesan cheese for great flavor.

Mashed Potatoes with Carrots

- 1 pound potatoes, peeled and chopped
- 1 large carrot, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Put the potatoes and carrots into a pot of lightly salted water. Bring to a boil, and cook for 20 minutes or until the vegetables are tender.

Drain and then mash together with the butter, milk, salt and pepper until smooth.

Use an ice cream scoop for a perfect scoop.

A friend told me this recipe from Weelicious was a hit with her toddler son. If your kids are in a phase where they can't handle the texture of the vegetables, simply puree them. It will give you more of a soup than a chili, but will still taste good. Top with cheese, unless your toddler is currently objecting to cheese.

Turkey Veggie Chili

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 15-ounce can tomato sauce
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 15-ounce cans white beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons cumin

Heat the oil in a large pot, and saute the onion, celery and bell pepper for 2 minutes.

Add the garlic and turkey, and saute for 4 minutes or until turkey is cooked through and broken into tiny pieces.

Add the remaining ingredients, and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes.

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To make ahead: Allow to cool, store in appropriate containers or ziploc bags, label and freeze up to 4 months. When ready, defrost in fridge for 24 hours or place in pot and bring to heat over low-medium heat.

Maybe it's not fruits and veggies, but protein you're having trouble getting your toddler to eat. These little protein bombs are great to start the day, as a snack or tucked into a toddler's lunchbox for daycare.

Cottage Cheese Muffins

- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 3/4 cups flour
- 1/4 cup cornmeal
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter or spray a 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Melt butter, and set aside to cool slightly. Combine next four ingredients in large mixing bowl. Stir in butter.

Stir dry ingredients together in a small bowl, then add to cheese/egg mixture. Stir just until combined (the batter will be thick). Distribute evenly between muffin cups.

Bake until golden, 25 to 30 minutes. Let the muffins sit in the pan for about 3 minutes before releasing. These taste best served warm.

Most toddlers will approve of these little lasagna cups from the "picky eaters" chapter of the book "What's for Supper?"

Lasagna Pizza Cups

Makes 10 cups

- 1/2 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 small onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 of a 15-ounce jar pizza sauce, divided
- 1 (7.5-ounce) can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cook ground beef, onion and garlic in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until meat crumbles and is no longer pink. Drain well. Return meat mixture to skillet, then stir in 1 cup pizza sauce. Remove from heat.

Press biscuits on bottom and up sides of lightly greased muffin cups. Spoon about 1 rounded tablespoonful meat mixture into each biscuit cup. Top with ricotta cheese (about 1 heaping teaspoonful each). Sprinkle with shredded mozzarella cheese.

Bake at 375 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden Remove from oven, and gently run a knife around outer edge of cups to loosen from sides of pan.

Microwave remaining pizza sauce, and serve warm alongside pizza cups.

These cookies are packed with oats, raisins and whole-wheat flour. Selling point to toddlers? Cookies!

Whole-Wheat Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

Makes 15 cookies

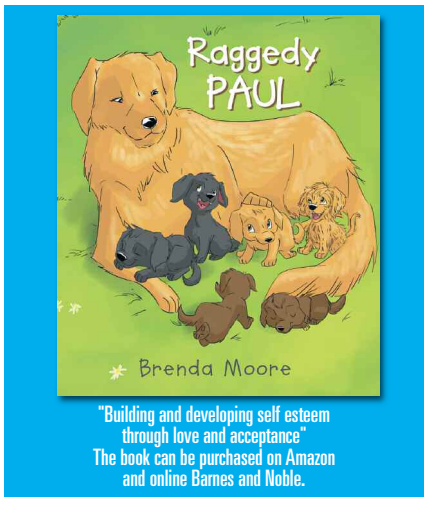
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter with the sugars. Beat in the egg, and add vanilla.

Sift together flour, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Add to butter mixture. Stir in oats and raisins.

Place tablespoon-size balls of dough on cookie sheets. Flatten slightly. Bake 15 minutes or until edges are done but centers are still soft.











Spring Break Activities

SPRING BREAK AT THE LIBRARY
The Tulsa City-County Libraries have a variety of fun programs throughout the week, which can be found at www.tulsakids.com or www.tulsalibrary.org. The following activities, however, are specific to Spring Break:

SPRING BREAK: BOARD GAMES, SUSHI GO & CONVERSATION
When: March 20, 2-4 p.m.
Where: Helmerich Library, 5131 E. 91st St.
Enjoy board games and Sushi Go, paper crafts and more. Drop in and bring a friend! For ages 12-18.

SPRING BREAK FLING
When: March 21, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Charles Page Library, 551 E. 4th St., Sand Springs
Are you ready for a fun afternoon at the library? Join the Charles Page Library staff for crafts, LEGOs, outdoor games (weather permitting) and other adventures. For ages 5-18.

SPRING BREAK FUN FOR CHILDREN
When: March 21, 3-4 p.m.
Where: Broken Arrow Library/South, 3600 S. Chestnut Ave.
Broken Arrow Library/South will provide a fun program for children of all ages.

SPRING BREAK MOVIE
When: March 22, 2-3:30 p.m.
Where: Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway
Enjoy a movie and popcorn. Movie will be rated G or PG. For ages 5 and older.

SPRING BREAK AT THE MUSEUM

SPRING BREAK FAMILY DROP IN DAYS AT GILCREASE MUSEUM
When: Wednesday, March 21, Members Only, 1-4 p.m.; Thursday-Friday, March 22-23, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Gilcrease Museum, 1400 N. Gilcrease Museum Rd.
Enjoy Gilcrease Museum during Spring Break and express your creativity during Family Drop In Days. Members of the museum are invited to a special day of art activities and refreshments in the beautiful Vista Room on March 21. The general public is invited to a fun-filled afternoon of art making in Helmerich Hall and the Creative Learning Center, March 22-23. For families with children ages 3-15, who must be accompanied by an adult. No reservation required. www.gilcrease.org
Also don't miss Funday Sunday at Gilcrease Museum on March 18. Guests get free admission all day plus the opportunity to participate in fun art activities from 12-4 p.m.



WILL ROGERS MEMORIAL MUSEUMS SPRING BREAK EVENTS
When: March 19-23, 1-3 p.m.
Where: Will Rogers Memorial Museum, 1720 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore (M,W,F) and Will Rogers Birthplace Ranch, 9501 E. 380 Rd., Oologah (T/Th)
Spring Break at Will Rogers Memorial Museum and Will's Birthplace Ranch at Oologah can be a special time for young people looking for something new and different. It is an especially good time for grandparents, who often have children for the break, to share traditions and history.
Daily afternoon activities, 1-3, will be March 19-23 — Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Memorial Museum and Tuesday and Thursday at the Birthplace Ranch. All children 17 and under will be admitted free, thanks to a donation from Win and Kay Ingersoll.
Will's love of aviation, sports, outdoors and the 100th anniversary of his first movie will be included in daily activities, concluding with the Mid-Afternoon Frolic Talent Show on Friday with cash prizes for first, second and third place awarded in age groups of 5-12 and 13-18. Learn more at www.willrogers.com

THREE SISTERS CELEBRATION AT CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER
When: March 19-25, 2018, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. on Sunday
Where: Chickasaw Cultural Center, 867 Cooper Memorial Dr., Sulphur
This annual event observes the changing of the seasons when essential crops like squash, corn and beans take rot. Activities in the Living Village include gardening demonstrations, food samples, cultural demonstrations, and more. Visitors can also take horticultural tours and stroll through the butterfly gardens. www.chickasawculturalcenter.com

SPRING BREAK SPECIALS AT

CRYSTAL BRIDGES MUSEUM OF ART
When: March 17-25, excluding March 20, 1-4 p.m.
Where: Crystal Bridges Museum of Art, 600 Museum Way, Bentonville, AR
Spend your Spring Break at the museum with your family! Celebrate the reopening of our new permanent collection galleries with fun and free artmaking, activities, and performances daily. Free, no registration required. www.crystalbridges.org

Other area museums may not have specific Spring Break activities, but don't forget about:

AHHA TULSA
101 E. Archer St.
Every month, AHHA Tulsa offers Imagination Days, a day of free art activities for the whole family! Imagination Days take place the third Saturday of every month from 12-5

OKLAHOMA WONDERTORIUM
308 W. Franklin Lane, Stillwater
Designed primarily for children ages 12 and younger, the Oklahoma WONDERtorium is recognized regionally as a cultural and educational institution serving children and families on-site and through outreach programs. Exhibits explore science, math, creativity, history, culture, health & wellness, dramatic play and problem-solving. Learn more at www.okwondertorium.org

TOY AND ACTION FIGURE MUSEUM
111 S. Chickasaw, Pauls Valley
With over 13,000 action figures, and hundreds of drawings from some of Oklahoma's most famous cartoonists, the museum welcomes children and collectors alike. Learn more at www.actionfiguremuseum.com.

WOOLAROC MUSEUM & WILDLIFE PRESERVE
1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd., Bartlesville
Woolaroc's Mountain Man Camp shows guests what life was like in the 1840s! Learn the proper art of throwing a tomahawk, shoot a black powder rifle, view the inside of a tipi

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and more! After your visit to Mountain Man Camp, head to the Animal Barn to see rabbits, goats, peacocks and other animals. www.woolaroc.org

SPRING BREAK IN THE GARDEN

SPRING EQUINOX GUIDED NATURE HIKE
When: Tuesday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Where: Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr.
Look for signals from our native plants and wildlife that the Earth is starting to "wake up" from winter. Hike will depart from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Grange at 10:30am; the hike will be followed by a group art activity. www.tulsabotanic.org

SPRING BREAK STORYTIMES AT TULSA BOTANIC GARDEN
When: Tuesday, March 20-Friday, March 23, 10:15 a.m.
Where: Tulsa Botanic Garden, 3900 Tulsa Botanic Dr.
Join Garden staff each morning for a nature-themed story time followed by activities and a craft. Storytime for toddlers will start at 10:15 a.m. with a story time for ages 4 and up starting at 10:45 a.m. Free with regular admission. Topics include: Tuesday, March 20 – Spring Equinox, Wednesday, March 21 – Seeds, Thursday, March 22 – Flowers and Friday, March 23 – Worms – special guest Master Composter Steve Wood will bring live worms.www.tulsabotanic.org

SPRING BREAK STORYTIME AT LINNAEUS TEACHING GARDENS
When: Thursday, March 22, 10 a.m.
Where: Linnaeus Teaching Gardens, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.
Enjoy a special Spring Break Storytime at the Linnaeus Teaching Gardens! The theme will be "All About Gardens," and storytime will be held in the Helmerich Horticultural Center, which is located on the Linnaeus grounds next to the barn. The target audience is ages birth through three, but early elementary-aged children are welcome as well. This is a free event, no registration required.
www.tulsagardencenter.com

SPRING BREAK UNDER THE SEA

ZZZS IN THE SEAS
When: Friday, March 16, 7 p.m.-Saturday, March 17, 8 a.m.
Where: Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., Jenks
There are so many cool places to spend the night in the Oklahoma Aquarium! You can drift off to sleep with our gentle giants nearby in Sea Turtle Island or dream of wild adventures near the Extreme Amazon. Of course, you can still reserve your space and get a fin-tastic night's sleep with our sharks.
http://www.okaquarium.org/events/zzzs-in-the-seas/

SPLASH BREAK AT OKLAHOMA AQUARIUM
When: Monday-Friday, March 19-23
Where: Oklahoma Aquarium, 300 Aquarium Dr., Jenks
The Oklahoma Aquarium will host special spring break activities throughout the week. Visit www.okaquarium for additional details.

OTHER PLACES TO PLAY

Aces Alley FlightSim Entertainment Center: www.acesalley.com
540 S. Elm Pl., Broken Arrow.
Andy B's: www.AndyBTulsa.com
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Bounce U: www.bounceu.com/tulsa
8922 S. Memorial Dr.; check their website for open bounce times
Purple Glaze Studio:
www.purpleglazestudio.com
3303 S. Peoria Ave. and 6528 E. 91st St.
Tulsa Zoo: www.tulsazoo.org
6421 E. 36th St. N.
Tulsa Children's Museum:
www.tulsachildrensmuseum.org
560 N. Maybelle Ave.
Turkey Mountain:
www.turkeymtn.com
6800 S. Elwood Ave.
Wheels and Thrills:
www.wheelsandthrills.com
10637 N. Garnett Rd., Owasso



BY JULIA CANTRELL, MLIS, CHILDREN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATE, HARDESTY LIBRARY

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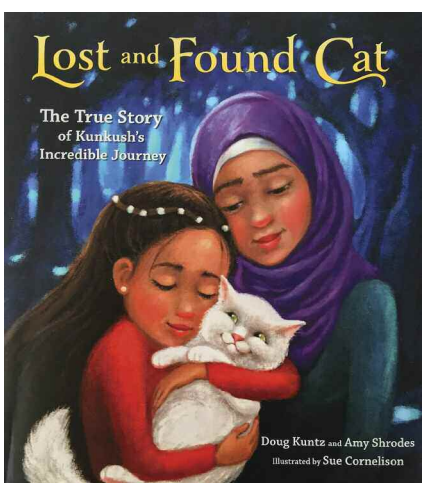
WHAT DOES MUSIC HAVE TO DO WITH READING? EVERYTHING!

It may surprise you to learn that music and singing are pretty big supporters of your child's early literacy development.

That's why "Singing" is one of the library's five activities (Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing) to be found in every Build A Reader Storytime offered at a Tulsa City-County Library location.

Developing language for a little brain works like this: Before you can say a word, you have to know how to make a sound. Language is made up of all kinds of sounds that we put together to build a word. Ergo, words are sounds arranged with purpose. To make a sound (with purpose), you have to first hear that sound. Sounds come from all over, sometimes too fast to comprehend for little brains.

However, there are some sounds that little brains latch on to, such as the sounds of a caregiver's or parent's voice and musical sounds. Words set to music, a.k.a. singing, will slow them down into delicious, bite-size pieces, and the developing brain will simply feast on them. These digestible phonemic bits will make it easier for the little brain to hear what makes up language, and will help children eventually use words to express themselves.





JULIA CANTRELL, STANDING AND WEARING A TCCL LOGO SHIRT, ENCOURAGES FAMILIES TO SING AND DANCE DURING A STORYTIME AT HARDESTY REGIONAL LIBRARY.

Music and singing can make otherwise uneventful, everyday tasks fun activities to do. This lesson is taught, again and again, in such childhood classics as "Mary Poppins," "The King and I," "The Sound of Music," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" and countless others. More recently, Daniel Tiger is making bank on putting rules, life advice, and lessons in short snappy songs that are catchy and repetitive. Daniel and crew know the most effective way to learn is through both song and repetition. Your kids will never be able to say that they didn't know a rule if you SING that rule so often that they find themselves singing it, too. Music and singing can reinforce learning and be fun at the same time.

What makes music such a good early literacy activity is that you can combine it with almost all of the other activities to get a super-charged learning activity with very little effort. Let's come up with some combinations:

Singing plus talking: Singing is another way to bring in those 30,000 words that science tells us babies need to hear daily. It is also a fun way to help build their vocabulary.

Singing plus writing: Many children's songs have finger or arm actions to accompany them. These actions help us build our writing skills by working those little finger muscles! (Hint: this helps us hold writing implements later on!)

Singing plus reading: Like talking, reading is a great way to get words into your children's life. Try this: Does your child have a favorite book you read over and over? Try singing the words next time to bring something new to something familiar. Did it change anything about the book?

Singing plus playing: These two might go together the best of all. Encouraging your child to sing a favorite song is a fun play-time activity. In addition, having music on during a play session can encourage natural movement. We respond naturally to music by moving our bodies to the rhythm. If you have music on during a play session, children might make their own decision on how their body will respond to the music. They might just spontaneously

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burst into action just by their own imaginative force. (Grownups call this dancing.)

Look at all those early literacy combinations! Isn't singing awesome?

All of the five Build A Reader activities (Talking, Singing, Reading, Writing, and Playing) are important. They are TRUE SCIENCE that has been proven to help children develop the skills necessary to process language and be future successful readers. That's the best kind of science, if you ask me!

Children's Day/Book Day Celebration

Amy Shrodes, co-author of *Lost and Found Cat*, will talk about the dramatic and uplifting story of how one family reunited with their cat after an international journey.

Friday, April 6
7 p.m.
Hardesty Regional Library – Connor's Cove
Book signing to follow.



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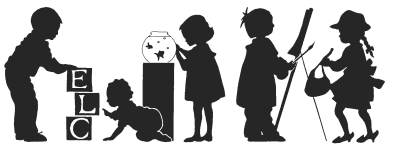


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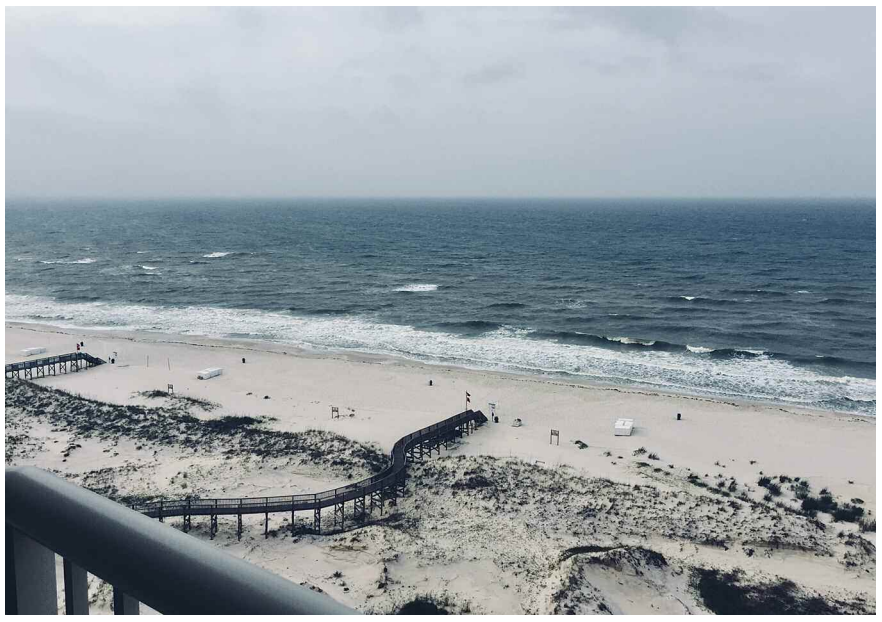
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Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama: **beyond the obvious**

The Alabama Gulf Coast has pretty beaches and is rapidly rising in popularity due to its abundance of natural beauty and the recent growth in activities both on and off shore. And, from a bird's eye view, it's obvious why families flock here, but, as the saying goes, there's more than meets the eye.

Encompassing a 32-mile stretch of wide, white beaches, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, "sister" towns, are chock-full of obvious fun—-all presented in a casually comfortable and laid-back environment. A 2016 Architectural Digest article referred to Gulf Shores as a "best kept secret" and "one of America's greatest under-the-radar beach towns." And, Southern Living recently stated, "Today, Alabama beaches are among the state's most popular tourist destinations, even attracting visitors from other Gulf Coast beaches with surf of their own."

The region rebounded from the tragic 2010 BP oil spill, which wreaked havoc on the marine life and the shoreline. Thankfully, the dunes and beaches are thriving again and sea oats wave while an abundance of fish swim below as seagulls and pelicans glide overhead.



VIEW FROM THE BEACH CLUB IN GULF SHORES, ALABAMA

Unique Spots to Explore and Enjoy

On all beach vacations, there are the givens such as sunbathing, swimming, building sand castles or walking barefoot along the glistening gulf waters. But, remember that each destination offers its own list of attractions beyond the obvious. Here are some of my local favorites.

Gulf State Park

With almost 6,500 acres of sprawling space (including a 2-mile stretch of beach), Gulf State Park is largely a marsh area with expansive biking, walking and hiking trails. There are majestic views, lush pine forests and fresh-water Lake Shelby, which draws swimmers, water skiers, kayakers and paddle boarders. Beach Bike Rentals offers guided tours, so you can roam around for hours, checking out the hands-on nature center, the cabins and campgrounds and, if your timing's right, the wildlife, including Lucky, the "friendly" alligator. The Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail is adjacent to the park, expanding your opportunity to venture further, along a smoothly paved, coastal trail. On the beach side of the park, the Gulf State Park Fishing Pier, now the largest in the Gulf of Mexico, is an enjoyable spot to watch people cast their lines while an abundance of anxious pelicans line up along the railings in anticipation of sharing "the catch of the day."

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

Skip time at the beach and allocate a morning or afternoon to explore the utterly delightful Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. I've never enjoyed a zoo more than this one, thanks to the dedicated staff who works with Director Patti Hall, whose heart for the animals is immeasurable. Thanks to her valiant efforts, this zoo has earned major accolades from Animal Planet, dubbing it, "The Little Zoo That Could" because of its outstanding ability to save every one of the animals during not one, but three, separate hurricanes. It's located a few blocks from the beach (with plans to relocate to a more expansive space), and houses over 500 animals including Bengal tigers, lions, monkeys, alligators, sloths and more. Kids and kids-at-heart can play and laugh literally cheek-to-cheek with lemurs and baby kangaroos, thanks to their remarkable animal encounter program. The extra cost for encounters is worth its weight in gold. The zookeepers are warm, friendly and very knowledgeable.

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LEMUR LOVE AT THE ALABAMA GULF COAST ZOO

A Sampling of Great Grub

Downhome, Southern cuisine and seafood are plentiful. Take an evening to enjoy fine farm-to-table and boat-to-table dining at The Beach Club's Coast restaurant and enjoy sweeping views. Another great spot is Jimmy Buffet's sister's famous Lulu's at Homeport Marina, offering fresh catch in an upbeat atmosphere. Enjoy casual chic creations at GT's On The Bay while admiring its vaulted ceilings and indoor fish pools or the attractive outdoor dining patio. No matter the time of day, satisfy your sweet tooth at Matt's, Gulf Shore's only homemade ice cream shop, which offers over 40 flavorful creations to suit your personal preferences.

Special Lodging Accommodations

Yes, you can find many of the known family-friendly hotels along the coast. But, if you're looking for a twist in lodging, consider a condominium at Spectrum Resorts' lovely Beach Club. With pools, tennis courts and expansive private grounds, it's a quiet place tucked away from the main beach boulevard. Give thought to the lavish twin-towered Turquoise Place, which offers high-end, hotel-quality, multi-bedroom condos for rent year-round. The azure glass architecture and modern furnishings (including Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances, and marble everywhere) make for a luxurious experience at surprisingly attractive pricing.

All This and More

As the locals have been known to say, "The Gulf of Mexico is good for what ails you." So, seek rest and relaxation along Alabama's shores. And, when you do, no matter where you rest your beach hat, please think clean and green like the locals do to protect the health and beauty of the area. Simply honor "Leave Only Footprints," a sustainability program designed to maintain a safe, clean and family-friendly beach environment for all, including Mother Nature. Attractive reminder signs are everywhere making it easy to follow along.

Plan your trip by visiting www.gulfshores.com, www.orangebeach.com or call 1.800.745.SAND (7263).





Showtimes



THE CAST OF THE NATIONAL TOUR OF FINDING NEVERLAND. CREDIT JEREMY DANIEL

THE ROAD TO ELLINGTON
WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
Enjoy a vocal jazz tribute to Duke Ellington, the prolific, inspiring and influential 20th-century jazz artist. Sheridan Road vocalists and combo will perform some of Ellington's greatest hits, such as "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Satin Doll" and "Take the 'A' Train," as well as some of Ellington's later works that transcended the boundaries of jazz. www.tulsapac.com

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
WHEN: FRIDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 2-4, 7:30 P.M.; SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 3-4, 2 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA LITTLE THEATRE, 1511 S. DELAWARE AVE.
Cheer for Charlie Bucket as he dreams about finding a Golden Ticket and gets to explore the wonders of Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory! Production by Encore! Tulsa, www.encore-tulsa.com

THE AVETT BROTHERS: LIVE IN CONCERT
WHEN: FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 8 P.M.
WHERE: COX BUSINESS CENTER, 100 CIVIC CENTER
The Avett Brothers' new album, True Sadness, achieves the group's highest career debut to date and dominates multiple charts. The Rick Rubin produced album arrives at #1 on Billboard's Top Albums Chart, #1 Top Rock Albums Chart, #1 on the Digital Albums Chart and #3 on Billboard's Top 200 Chart. On the heels of their album's success, The Avett Brothers bring their tour to Cox Business Center on March 2, 2018. See, and feel True Sadness come to life on stage. www.coxcentertulsa.com

LINK UP: THE ORCHESTRA SINGS FAMILY CONCERT
WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 3 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
This special concert allows children to share with their parents what they learned through the Link Up program, which pairs orchestras and students to explore orchestral repertoire and fundamental music skills. There will be a couple of surprises and time for the students to teach everyone a few songs before the concert begins. www.tulsapac.com

COLE PORTER REVUE
WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 5-7 P.M.
WHERE: OKLAHOMA JAZZ HALL OF FAME, 5 S. BOSTON AVE.
The Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame presents a tribute to the late, great Cole Porter with a production by Pam Van Dyke Crosby. Cole Porter was a celebrated Broadway composer of the 1920s and 1930s, known for his sophisticated wit and playful style. An enormously prolific songwriter, he published a collection of his lyrics containing the words for more than 800 songs. His most notable Broadway works include: (Let's Do It) Let's Fall in Love; Fifty Million Frenchman; The Gay Divorce; Anything Goes; Jubilee; and Red, Hot and Blue. www.okjazz.org

P!NK
WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 5, 6:30 P.M.
WHERE: BOK CENTER, 200 S. DENVER AVE.
Known for her incredible and entertaining live show, international pop icon P!NK will be bringing her Beautiful Trauma World Tour 2018 to Tulsa's BOK Center. The concert is the 2nd show announced for BOK Center's "10 for 10" concert series in 2018, a planned celebration that will feature ten blockbuster artists commemorating the arena's tenth anniversary. www.bokcenter.com

FINDING NEVERLAND
WHEN: MARCH 6-8, 7:30 P.M.; MARCH 9, 8 P.M.; MARCH 10, 2 AND 8 P.M.; MARCH 11, 2 AND 7 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
Directed by visionary Tony® Award-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically acclaimed Academy Award®-winning film, FINDING NEV-

ERLAND tells the incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. www.tulsapac.com

BROWN BAG IT:
THE BART CENTER FOR MUSIC
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 12:10 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
Come here this free concert highlighting the work of the BART Center for Music and presented by the Tulsa PAC Trust.
www.tulsapac.com

KINKY BOOTS
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: BARTLESVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER, 300 SE ADAMS BLVD.
Inspired by true events, KINKY BOOTS takes you from a gentlemen's shoe factory in Northampton to the glamorous catwalks of Milan. Charlie Price is struggling to live up to his father's expectations and continue the family business of Price & Son. With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous performer in need of some sturdy new stilettos. Take a step in the right direction and discover that sometimes the best way to fit in is to stand out. Audience recommendation: PG-13. www.bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com

CONCERTS WITH COMMENTARY: A MUSICAL LEGACY, VINTAGE WILDFLOWERS
WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: LORTON PERFORMANCE CENTER, 550 S. GARY PL.
The University of Tulsa School of Music continues its Concerts with Commentary series with a program by Vintage Wildflowers featuring special guests Scott Schmidt and Quinn Maher. Acclaimed for their instrumental prowess, onstage charm and soulful vocals, Vintage Wildflowers has developed an enthusiastic legion of fans with their vibrant Celtic, folk and bluegrass blend featuring three-part vocal harmonies, fiddle, Celtic harp, guitar, flute, Irish whistle and accordion.

INTO THE WOODS
WHEN: MARCH 9-10, 16-18, 8 P.M; MARCH 10, 17-18, 2 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
Journey into a world of magic and mystery in this unforgettable storybook fantasy from musical theatre maestro Stephen Sondheim. The show intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm and Charles Perrault fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. www.tulsapac.com

A STEADY RAIN
WHEN: MARCH 9-10, 15-17, 8 P.M.; MARCH 11, 2 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
A dark duologue filled with sharp storytelling and biting repartee, "A Steady Rain" explores the complexities of a lifelong bond tainted by domestic affairs, violence, and the rough streets of Chicago. www.tulsapac.com

SONGS AMERICA LOVES TO SING
WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 9 A.M.-4 P.M.
WHERE: PHILBROOK MUSEUM OF ART, 2727 S. ROCKFORD RD.
Enjoy a special Philbrook's Second Saturday event with music from The Tulsa Symphony, dancing with Portico Dance Company, art, and activities for the whole family! Featuring a special interactive performance of John Harbison's "Songs Americans Loves to Sing."
humanities.utulsa.edu

TULSA YOUTH SYMPHONY
PLAY-A-THON CONCERT
WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1-5 P.M.
WHERE: WOODLAND HILLS MALL, 7021 S. MEMORIAL DR.
Tulsa Youth Symphony's Play-a-thon is the organizations biggest fundraiser and friend-raiser. Held at the Woodland Hills Mall on March 11 from 1-5 p.m., Tulsa Youth Symphony's three ensembles will perform for a free informal concert. Repertoire includes works by: Schubert, Beethoven, Saint Saens and Holst. www.tyso.org

HORSZOWSKI TRIO WITH
MASUMI PER ROSTAD
WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 3 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
In addition to playing Schumann's Trio in F major, the Horszowski Trio will introduce the music of Andreia Pinto-Correia with a work she composed especially for them. Joining the Trio for Dvorak's Piano Quartet in E-flat major is Masumi Per Rostad, violist of the renowned Pacifica Quartet. www.tulsapac.com

TOBY MAC
WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 6 P.M.
WHERE: BOK CENTER, 200 S. DENVER AVE.
Food for the Hungry presents the TOBYMAC Hits Deep Tour 2018! TobyMac is back with another star-studded lineup for this years Hits Deep Tour that will come to BOK Center on Thursday, March 15. Joining Toby will be Mandisa, Danny Gokey, Ryan Stevenson, Aaron Cole and Finding Favour. www.bokcenter.com

CINDERELLA
WHEN: FRIDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 16-17, 8 P.M.; SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 3 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
An ordinary girl experiences one magical night, thanks to her Fairy Godmother and a pair of glass slippers. This classic story is the ultimate romantic comedy! Audiences will swoon over the amorous pas de deux between Cinderella and her Prince Charming, then gasp with laughter over the antics of the ugly stepsisters. Get swept up in the romance of the story you know and love. Featuring gorgeous sets and costumes and Prokofiev's well-loved music. Fairy tales do come true! www.tulsaballet.org

SIGNATURE SYMPHONY: MADE IN AMERICA
WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: VANTREASE PACE, 10300 E. 81ST ST.
The Dean of American Composers, Aaron Copland, penned two pieces inspired by American folk songs, including his Appalachian Spring, which will be presented this evening. The Signature Symphony is also proud to present Concerto for Oboe and English Horn, composed by University of Tulsa professor Joseph Rivers featuring Signature Symphony's own Lisa Wagner and Sarah Evans. www.signaturesymphony.org

KAIA KATER IN CONCERT
WHEN: TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 7 P.M.
WHERE: WOODY GUTHRIE CENTER, 102 E. M.B. BRADY ST.
With a fresh approach to a timeless sound, Kaia Kater will bring her rich and dynamic music to the Woody Guthrie Center in March. Kater is set to perform at 7 p.m. March 20 at the Woody Guthrie Center Theater. Tickets are $20, available by calling 918-574-2710 or at the Woody Guthrie Center front desk, 102 E. M.B. Brady St.
www.woodyguthriecenter.org

LORDE
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 6 P.M.
WHERE: BOK CENTER, 200 S. DENVER AVE.
Lorde will bring her 2018 North American Melodrama World Tour, with Run the Jewels and Tove Styrke, to the BOK Center on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. www.bokcenter.com

DARCI LYNNE & FRIENDS LIVE
WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 7-10 P.M.
WHERE: BRADY THEATER, 105 W. BRADY ST.
Oklahoman Darci Lynne became the youngest winner of NBC's America's Got Talent for her talent as a singer and ventriloquist. Don't miss Darci Lynne Live! at the Brady Theater.
www.bradytheater.com

AN EVENING WITH JASON MRAZ, SOLO ACOUSTIC
WHEN: THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 8 P.M.
WHERE: TULSA PAC, 110 E. 2ND ST.
Jason Mraz has quietly amassed a diverse fan base throughout all parts of the globe. Since getting his start in coffeehouses in San Diego, Mraz has brought his positive message and soulful, folk-pop sound to rapt audiences around the world through his vibrant recordings, humorous live performances, and philanthropic efforts.
www.tulsapac.com

SLEEPING BEAUTY
WHEN: MARCH 30, 7:30 P.M., MARCH 31, 2 P.M. ADDITIONAL DATES APRIL 1, 7 AND 8, 2 P.M. AND APRIL 6, 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: SPOTLIGHT THEATRE, 1381 RIVERSIDE DR.
Enjoy Spotlight Children's Theatre's production of classic fairytale "Sleeping Beauty." www.spotlighttheatre.org

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Tulsa Public Schools families may submit a scholarship form online or request a form by calling 918-925-1145. For online registration, please visit the Tulsa Public Schools webpage at www.tulsaschools.org

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TULSA ZOO SUMMER CAMPS

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918.669.6219
www.tulsazoo.org/camp
The Tulsa Zoo's Summer Camp takes place June through August. Children ages 3-12 will learn about the zoo's animals, their habitats, behaviors, and get to meet some of the animals during up-close encounters. Each week, a variety of themed camps will be offered, they will include zoo hikes, games, crafts and other zoopendous activities. Half-day and full-day camps are available, depending on the child's age. Registration will begin after Spring Break at: tulsazoo.org/camps/

YMCA OF GREATER TULSA SUMMER CAMPS

Westside, Owasso, Bixby, Camp Takatoka
Tulsa, OK
918.446.1424
www.ymcatulsa.org/camps

Westside, Owasso, Bixby, Camp Takatoka
Tulsa, OK
918.446.1424 (Westside and Camp Takatoka)
918.272.9622 (Owasso)
918.369.9622 (Bixby)
www.ymcatulsa.org/camps
Ages: 5-17
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Sign up today for YMCA of Greater Tulsa summer day camps at Westside YMCA, our 28-acre urban wilderness; Owasso Family YMCA or Daily Family YMCA in Bixby. Day campers will swim, fish, hike, play water sports and other outdoor games like archery, go on field trips, learn about STEM, arts and crafts, get dirty, and HAVE FUN! Overnight campers at YMCA Camp Takatoka will enjoy water sports, zip-lining, campout night, swimming, Thursday Night Live and other TAK traditions! More info/register online: ymcatulsa.org/camps

AIM HIGH ACADEMY SUMMER NINJA CAMP

Contact: Michelle Holmes
7020 E. 38th Street
Tulsa, OK
918.664.8683
michelle@tulsagymnastics.com
www.aimhighgym.org
Ages Served : 5-13
Have some Ninja fun this summer with Aim High Academy's Summer Ninja Camp. June 11th-14th from 10:00am-1:30pm and July 16th-20th from 10:00am- 1:30pm. Cost is $150.00 per camp per student. Each student will need to bring a sack lunch. Register online at www.aimhighgym.org For more information call 918.664.8683.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ TULSA

Contact: Amber Chong
6420 S. 101 E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK
achong@bricks4kidz.com
www.bricks4kidz.com/tulsa
Ages served: 5-12
In our unique and dynamic half-day camps, children ages 5-12 will build incredible motorized creations, play games, make crafts and have lots of fun using LEGO bricks. Each week of camp has a different building theme including Space Adventures, Extreme Ninjas, Transformation Creations, Stop Motion Animation, and Brick City Engineers!

B-SEW INN'S PROJECT SEW SUMMER CAMP 2018

5235 S Sheridan
Farm Shopping Center
Tulsa, OK
918.664.4480
www.bsewinn.com
Ages: Camps for ages 9-16. Sewing lessons for boys and girls
B-Sew Inn's Project Sew Summer Camp is one week and has two sessions each day. Session 1 is 9AM-Noon Session 2 is 2PM-5PM. With the camp fee of $199, attendees will get printed instructions, fabric kits & supplies plus upon completion of camp each participant will receive a sewing machine, valued at $299. Learn a life skill today. B-Sew Inn is the world's largest Baby Lock dealer. B-Sew Inn has been in business for 30 plus years.
Camp dates are: June 11-15 or June 25-29 or July 9-13 or July 23-27. Space is limited so sign up today.

BRIDGES SUMMER CAMP

1813 N. Ash
Jenks, OK
918.299.2656
www.thebridgesfound.org
Ages 10-21
The Bridges Foundation
Bridges Summer Camp is a wonderful place for kids and teens (ages 10 through 21) with special needs to enjoy an environment that fosters their accomplishments, friendships, and have a great time creating memories. Bridges Summer camp offers eight weeks of educational activities to provide an outlet of continued interaction throughout the summer. Continuity in activities and social interaction is crucial to continued development, which is why campers will be engaged in social and communication skills by making new friendships and renewing old ones. Our 3:1 camper/counselor ratio, non-competitive recreational programming and intentional focus on social skill development enables our students to experience acceptance in a thriving camp community. Arts and crafts give each camper an opportunity to practice fine motor skills with providing them an outlet for their artistic expressions. Campers will also enjoy an active schedule filled with physical activities such as basketball, dancing, bowling and swimming. Many field trips will fill the summer calendar! Campers enjoy trips to the Aquarium, Tulsa Zoo, baseball games, museums, and parks throughout this eight week camp. Register today, make memories and build friendships that will last a lifetime!

CAMP INCREDIBLE AT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Contact: Shelly McCollum
326 S College Ave
Tulsa, OK
918.631.5060
campincredible@utulsa.edu
utulsa.edu/uschool
Ages: 4 - 8th grade
Camp Incredible consists of six one-week day camps in June and July. Each week features a variety of exciting, themed camps that combine learning and fun! Students will explore and learn while having incredible summer adventures. Camps run from 9-3 with morning and afternoon extended day available at an additional cost.

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Multiple Locations
Tulsa, Broken Arrow, and Coweta
800.968.4332
www.campinvention.org
Ages Served: Children entering K-6th grade
Wild and crazy ideas become reality in this year's all-new Camp Invention program, Fast Forward! A nonprofit program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, Camp Invention allows children in kindergarten through 6th grade to experience real-world problem solving, creative thinking, invention, and teamwork – all while having FUN! Activities include challenges and achievements from the brightest thinkers around—National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees – to inspire children! This year, campers will bring their "smart" home to life with smart furniture and eco-smart energy, design a robotic dog and diagnose puppy problems, explore sensors by designing tracks for an Optibot, a robot that senses dark and light surfaces, and build Cake Catapults! Local educators lead the week of fun, hands-on, STEM activities that allow children to think big, explore their curiosity, and never give up. Early registration discounts are available. Visit campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to register. Use promo code RegCamp25 to save $25 (expires 3/23) and RegCamp15 to save $15 (expires 5/4).

CAMP LOUGHRIDGE

4900 W. 71st St.
Tulsa, OK
918.446.4194
www.clcamps.org
Get ready for a memorable classic Christian summer day camp experience at the historic Camp Loughridge, where 188 acres of outdoor adventure are just waiting to be explored. We are located less than 5 minutes from Tulsa Hills. Camp Loughridge day camp is for ages 6 -15 and perfect for kids who want all the fun and excitement of summer camp, with the comfort of sleeping at home each night. One-week sessions begin June 11 and run through August 3, from 9 AM - 4:45 PM. Tuition includes lunch each day, an afternoon snack, and a camp T-shirt.

CAMP RAVEN AT RIVERFIELD COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Contact: Kirsten Redmond, Camp Director
2433 W. 61st St.
Tulsa, OK
918.446.3553
www.riverfield.org
Ages: 1st - 12th grades
Dates: May 22-August 10
Times: 8:30a.m. - 3p.m., extended care available
Spend the summer on Riverfield's 120-acre wooded campus, complete with two gyms, barnyard, splash pad, hiking trails, and picnic areas. Camp Raven features cooking, rock climbing, art, river rafting, engineering and design, fashion, music, sports, swimming, and more!

CASCIA HALL SUMMER CAMPS

2520 S. Yorktown Ave.
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918.746.2600
www.casciahall.com/camp
Expert instruction will be given by the Cascia Hall faculty and varsity coaches on the Cascia campus. In addition to athletics, camps will be offered in performing arts and robotics. Students from all schools are welcome. There will be something for all ages. Visit the website for more information and registration forms.

CHRISTIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

3703 S. 90th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.628.6524
www.montessorilearning.com
Ages 3-12
June 3 - July 31

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Each summer CMA offers a hands-on, fun, educational summer camp. This year, our theme is "Art & Music Extravaganza". Come explore the arts with us. Hands- On projects, Period styles of art and music, Artists, Composers, Musical interpretations, math, Science, Language, History & Geography! Spend your summer making new friends, learning new skills, & exploring your world all in a family-friendly, safe environment.

CLARK YOUTH THEATRE DRAMA CAMP

Contact: Melissa Sparks
4825 S. Quaker Ave
Tulsa, OK
74105
918.746.5065
clarkyouththeatre@gmail.com
clarkyouththeatre.com
Ages Served : 8-14

Clark offers both a spring break and summer camp each year. Camps focus on acting, dance, and music skills with a performance at the end of camp. Each session of camp is taught by industry professionals. Before and after care are also available for all camp sessions. Visit Clark's website or Facebook page for more details and pricing.

COSMOSPHERE CAMPS

Contact: Laurie Givan
1100 N. Plum St.
Hutchinson, KS
620.665.9323
camps@cosmo.org
www.cosmo.org/camps
Ages: 2nd grade through high school and beyond

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DISCOVERY LAB

560 N. Maybelle Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.295.8144
reservations@tulsachildrensmuseum.org
www.tulsachildrensmuseum.org/camps_summer

Kids connect with their natural curiosity and creativity during fun-filled camp experiences at Tulsa's Discovery Lab! Museum educators lead groups ages 4–12 through hands-on explorations of STEAM and health and wellness. All camps are week-long and feature low student-to-teacher ratios, museum time, outdoor play, and a free camp t-shirt.

The summer 2018 camp lineup includes Lights, Camera, Build It!, combining Legos™ with the latest technology, and Gamer Coding, a week of coding and animation that integrates your child's favorite gaming worlds or universes, like Minecraft or Frozen. Students will design and build their own amusement park during ZOOMology and make magical reactions happen during the week-long Wizarding camp. For the first time, Discovery Lab will offer a two-day Explosions! Explosions! Explosions! camp, featuring all our most over-the-top reactions. Finally, our always-in-demand Body Bodies camp will be available for ages 4-5.

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Summer Art Camp 2018

June 11-August 10
9 a.m.-Noon & 1-4 p.m.

Class Ages 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

Prices per week
Half-Day Classes: $100 members; $125 not-yet members

All-Day Classes: $200 members; $250 not-yet members

After-Hours Care: 4-5 p.m.; $25/week

Register online at gilcrease.org/summercamp



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GOLDEN EAGLE GIRLS' BASKETBALL CAMPS

Contact: Janae Voelker
7777 S. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa, OK
www.abcsportscamps.com/orubasketball
Ages Served: 5-18
Dates: Skills Camp: Monday, June 11-Thursday, June 14
Skills Camp: Monday, July 16-Thursday, July 19
Hello from Golden Eagle Girls' Basketball Camps at Oral Roberts University! We are committed to providing a camp that is both instructional and informational along with creating a great atmosphere to learn! The Golden Eagle Girls' Basketball Camps coaching staff is dedicated to the development and growth of basketball players of all ages and skill levels. Golden Eagle Girls' Basketball Camps offer an opportunity for players to receive valuable instruction on the fundamental skills of basketball. Our goal is to provide a positive and instrumental learning experience for all campers in a structured, enthusiastic and fun environment. Please visit our website for more information!

HAPPY CAMPERS AT JOHN KNOX

2929 E. 31st St.
Tulsa, OK
www.happycampersacademy.com
Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Ages 5 – 12 years old
If you are looking for a fun and exciting summer camp for your school age child, Happy Campers at John Knox is your place! Day campers will enjoy weekly field trips, along with arts and crafts and STEM activities to keep them engaged and learning. We will be participating in the library's summer reading program, and also going swimming at a private pool, in order to balance our fun and learning activities! Come and have an adventurous summer with us!

HEALTH ZONE SUMMER CHALLENGE DAY CAMPS

Contact: Jenni Rowe
5353 E. 68th St.
Near 71st and Yale
Tulsa, OK
918.494.1671
saintfrancis.com/healthzone
The Health Zone Summer Challenge day camps are filled with indoor and outdoor games and activities. Each day we swim, do creative crafts and have healthy snacks!

HOLLAND HALL SUMMER PROGRAMS

Contact: Debbie Almohandis
5666 E. 81st Street
Tulsa, OK
918.879.4716
www.hollandhall.org/summer
With more than 100 one-week classes and camps designed for both fun and education, Holland Hall has a program for everyone of every age this summer. Programs are structured as eight, one-week sessions that include academic, athletic, artistic, and "just for fun" activities. Choose between morning and afternoon sessions or sign up for both and stay all day! Participants in Holland Hall summer programs will be able to experience educational and enrichment opportunities in an atmosphere dedicated to fostering mental, physical, and creative growth. Classes are available for 3-year-old through adults and are open to the Tulsa community.

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8112 S. Memorial Dr.
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918.286.6962
www.infinitydancetulsa.com
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go, choose your own classes. Drop-in classes are just $10 each! From August 15th to 17th during "Drop-In 'til You Drop" week class are $5 each
Summer Specials
Want the most budget-friendly option for your family? Sign up for summer camps to receive an average savings of 25% off. Choose your camp and your session:
Sessions*:
Session 1: June 13th-29th
Session 2: July 4th-July 20th
Session 3: July 25th-August 10th
"Drop-In 'til You Drop" Week: August 15th-17th ($5 per class)
Camps:
Terrific 3's Camp (3yr): $35
Tiny Dancer Camp (4-5yr): $69
Beginning Dance Camp (6-18yr): $99
Broadway and Jazz Camp (8-18yr):$69
VIP Camp (8-18yr): $199
*All sessions have the same class schedule. View the schedule online at https://www.infinitydancetulsa.com/classes/schedule/

JANELL WHITBY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Contact: Janell Whitby
5147-D S. Harvard
Tulsa, OK
918.743.4339
www.janellwhitby.com
If your child loves music, this two-week course offered in June and early July is perfect! Your child will enjoy making music with rhythm instruments, movement, singing, ear training and keyboard songs. The introductory small-group class is built on parent participation with individual keyboards provided for every child. Try the Discovering Music class and learn the impact of music on the brain. It's a fun opportunity for 4- and 5-year-olds! Celebrating its 37th year, Janell Whitby School of Music has a proven curriculum that progresses through the 12th grade. Invest two weeks and start your child with the lifetime gift of music. Call now - classes fill up fast!

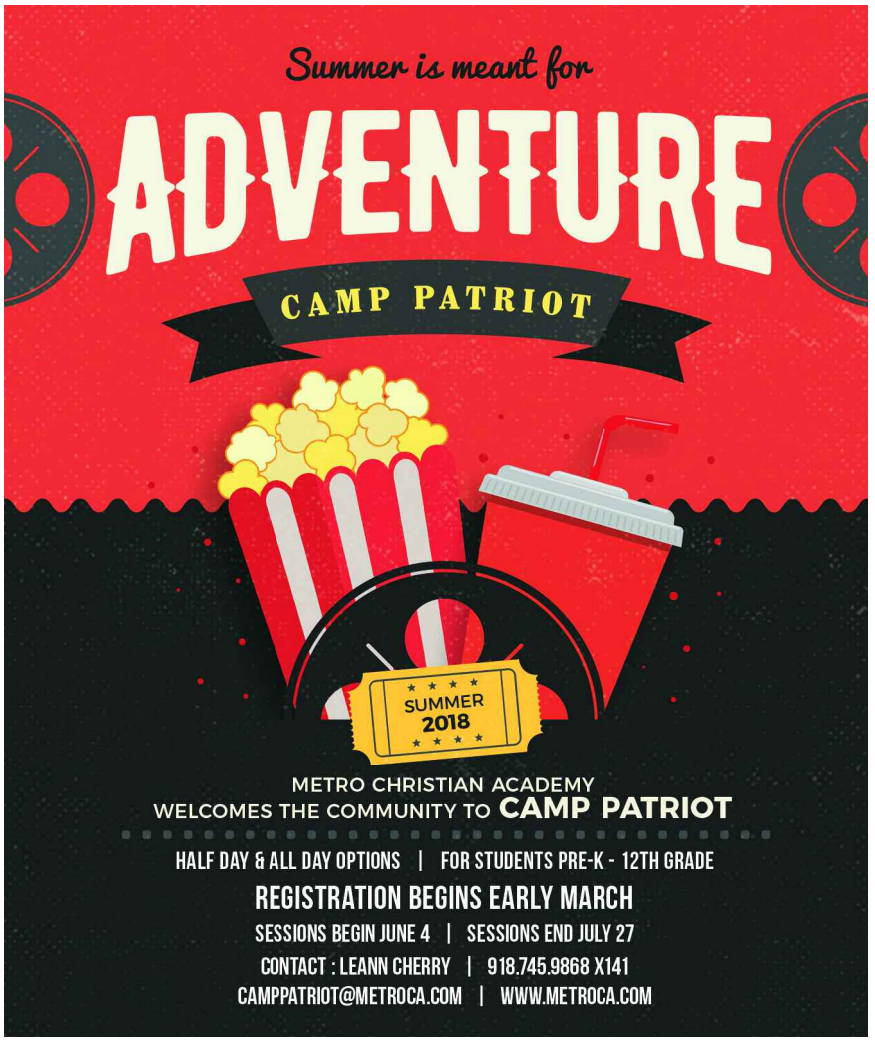
KRAVIS CAMPS 2018

Contact: Kristi Smith
918.925.1145
www.tulsaschools.org/Parents/Kravis
Kravis Arts Camp 2018 is a two-week camp designed to develop students' interest and skills in the arts. There will be three camps offered June 18-29. The elementary/middle camp theme is "One World – Building Bridges in the Arts". Elementary will offer classes for grades 1-6 in music, dance, drama and visual art. The middle school camp will offer classes in band, dance, drama and art. Both of these camps will held at a new location this year, Edison Preparatory School. The Summer Intensive Art Camp located at the University of Tulsa is for serious visual art students wishing to add to their portfolio for AP Studio Art or college application. Course options include Animation, Fab-Lab, Photography, Printmaking, Ceramics, Painting, Jewelry and Charcoal Portraiture.

METRO CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S CAMP PATRIOT

Contact: Leann Cherry
6363 S. Trenton Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.745.9868 x141
camppatriot@metroca.com
www.metroca.com
Welcome to Metro Christian Academy's Camp Patriot …where summer is meant for adventure! With more than 50 camp options – including Kanakuk KampOut!, Camp Patriot has something for everyone. One-week camp sessions begin June 4 and continue through July 27 at the Metro Campus and are open to the Tulsa community. Children four years old through 12th grade can choose between morning and afternoon sessions or stay all day! Camp Patriot is designed with students in mind! Campers will enjoy a relaxed, supportive, healthy Christian environment promoting creativity, learning, and personal growth. All camps begin enrolling in early March! For more information, email camppatriot@metroca.com.

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SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS 2018

WEEK 1: June 4-8
WEEK 2: June 11-15
WEEK 3: June 18-22
WEEK 4: June 25-29
WEEK 5: July 9-13
WEEK 6: July 16-20
WEEK 7: July 23-27
WEEK 8: July 30-August 3
WEEK 9: August 6-10

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Boys & Girls ages 5-12



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MILLER SWIM

Contact: Gina Kinnison
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Tulsa, OK
918.254.1988
www.millerswimschool.com

Miller Swim School has been in the unique business of swimming for over 50 years. We, at Miller, believe that swimming is not only a fun activity but through participating in swimming lessons, children are able to learn how to be safe both in and around the water. Swimming lessons are one of the best activities to keep a child active in an environment that provides them with unique experiences and a valuable set of life skills. Through participating in water activities, students are able to gain self-discipline, coordination, and balance. Studies have also shown that swimming lessons help children grow socially and intellectually as well. At Miller Swim School, students are grouped according to ability and comfort in the water. Classes are offered year round, in both morning and evening at our main facility and in the summer at our outdoor satellite pool facilities. Transportation for large groups may be provided in our Miller Buses as well. Miller Swim School also offers party packages and open swim times for families and friends to enjoy the pool! Check out our website to find our complete summer and year round program schedules as well as more information regarding parties and the other classes we offer! Also, "like" us on Facebook and "follow" us on Twitter @Miller_Swim for the best discounts and contests!

MINGO VALLEY CHRISTIAN

Contact: Lisa Padgett, Admissions
8304 S. 107th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.294.0404
www.mingovalley.org

Mingo Valley Christian has been serving Tulsa area families for over 40 years. We are a college preparatory, non-denominational, private school, serving students in grades PK-12, through personalized learning and maximum growth for each student. We partner with parents and incorporate a Christian worldview into all aspects of the learning process. We know our students are tomorrow's leaders, and our school culture is infused with opportunities for leadership, mentoring, and service to the Tulsa community. Learning happens best in the context of relationships, so our teachers engage personally with each student to encourage academic success. We offer honors and AP courses, NHS/NJHS, concurrent college enrollment, art, computer, music, and foreign language, with technology utilized throughout all academic disciplines. Our highly regarded theatre program attracts arts patrons from across the Tulsa community. Our athletic programs include football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, cross country/track, and cheer. For more information or to schedule a tour or shadowing, please call or visit our website, or visit us at our two open houses in the spring of 2018: January 30 (9 am-1 pm) and March 27 (9 am-1 pm). Office hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Accreditation: State of Oklahoma (OPSAC); AdvancED; Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

MISS HELEN'S PRIVATE SCHOOL

Contact: Miss Jayme, Director
4849 S. Mingo
Tulsa, OK
918.622.2327
www.misshelens.com
Ages: 3 years-5th grade

Miss Helen's provides a safe environment of summer fun activities to accentuate the positive in students. Fun and appropriate activities are offered. Preschool theme-based weeks include an annual pet parade, wheel days, and water play days. Elementary students' activities include: science, chess, sewing, mystery games and cooking experiences. Individualized reading, writing, math included. In addition to daily classes, preschool students may choose to take cheerleading, swimming lessons, gymnastics or karate classes. Elementary students may choose swimming lessons, gymnastics, cheerleading, tennis, golf, karate, soccer and drawing. Community service projects included. Join Miss Helen's family by contacting us today!

MONTE CASSINO CAMP MONTE

Contact: Caitriona Harris

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2206 S. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.746.4190
www.montecassino.org/campmonte
Camp Monte is the place where summer dreams are fulfilled one amazing week at a time! With unique experiences designed for every age group, your child will stay engaged in a child-centered environment where campers can participate in a wide variety of stimulating choices. New this year, Camp Monte has partnered with local Tulsa artisans to bring you new and exciting camp offerings!! Camps run through June, part of July and the first of August.

PHILCREST HILL TENNIS CAMP SUMMER TENNIS DAY CAMP

Summer Tennis Day Camp at Philcrest Hills Tennis Club
10900 S. Delaware
Tulsa, OK
918.299.2643

PINE COVE DAY CAMP HOSTED BY RIVEROAKS

5150 E. 101st
RiverOaks Presbyterian Church at 101st and Yale
Tulsa, OK
www.campinthecity.com
Ages: kids entering 1st-6th grade
Dates: July 2-6
Register at www.campinthecity.com
Camp in the City is Pine Cove's summer day camp program right in your neighborhood! We're loading up all the fun activities and great staff of summer camp and heading to Tulsa. Campers will experience Jesus through Bible study, worship, and time with their counselor as well as participate in tons of great camp activities! The camper's day will be filled with fun…from bungee trampolines and water slides to climbing walls and laser tag. A day at Camp in the City is every kid's dream!

PRIMROSE SCHOOL OF SOUTH TULSA

10185 S. 85th E. Ave.
Bixby, OK
918.364.0021
primrose@primrosesouthtulsa.com
www.primrosesouthtulsa.com
Primrose School of South Tulsa is dedicated to delivering the best and most trusted early education and care for children and families across America. Experience the excitement of our Summer Adventure Club where imaginations are free to run wild. Get ready for engineering design challenges, discoveries, outdoor exploration and more. With different themes every week including Take the Stage, What Floats Your Boat, Crack the Code, and Get Ready, Get Safe! your school age student is sure to have a blast! Weekly field trips and nutritious meals and snacks prepared by our on-site chef will round out the experience! It's going to be one epic summer. Call today to schedule a tour!

RIVER RUN FARM SUMMER CAMP

Contact: Susan Cravens
9300 S. 51st W. Ave.
Tulsa, OK
918.855.5032
www.riverrunfarmok.com
Ages: 2 years and Up
Dates: Weeks of June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30
Times: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Located in a magical setting of 40 acres of wooded and tame pastureland with three ponds, River Run Farm is an escape to a Virginia-style farm with a variety of summer camps for all ages. Little Boots Pony Camp, ages 2-4, is an age-appropriate introduction to size-appropriate miniature horses; Chaps & Britches Camp, ages 5-7, provides a unique learning environment for young equestrians; Horsin' Around Camp gives horse lovers 8 and up a chance to learn all aspects of horse ownership. The week-long camp includes daily riding and fun activities, covering all aspects of our equine

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BRIDGES DAY CAMP

Ah, summer camp. The crafts, the swimming, the friendships...the bug juice! What child wouldn't benefit from the fun and structured freedom camp provides? Bridges Summer Camp is a wonderful place for kids and teens (ages 10 through 21) with special needs to enjoy an environment that fosters their accomplishments, friendships, and have a great time creating memories. Bridges Summer Camp offers eight themed weeks of educational activities to provide an outlet of continued interaction throughout the summer.

Theme Weeks:

June 4th-8th:
Masters of Music

June 11th-15th:
The Great Outdoors

June 18th-22nd
Team Up

June 25th-29th
Going Green

July 2nd-6th
Holiday Hullabaloo

July 9th-13th
STEMulation

July 16th-20th
Superheroes

July 23rd-27th
Bon Voyage



CAMP DATES & TIME

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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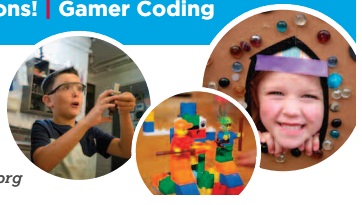
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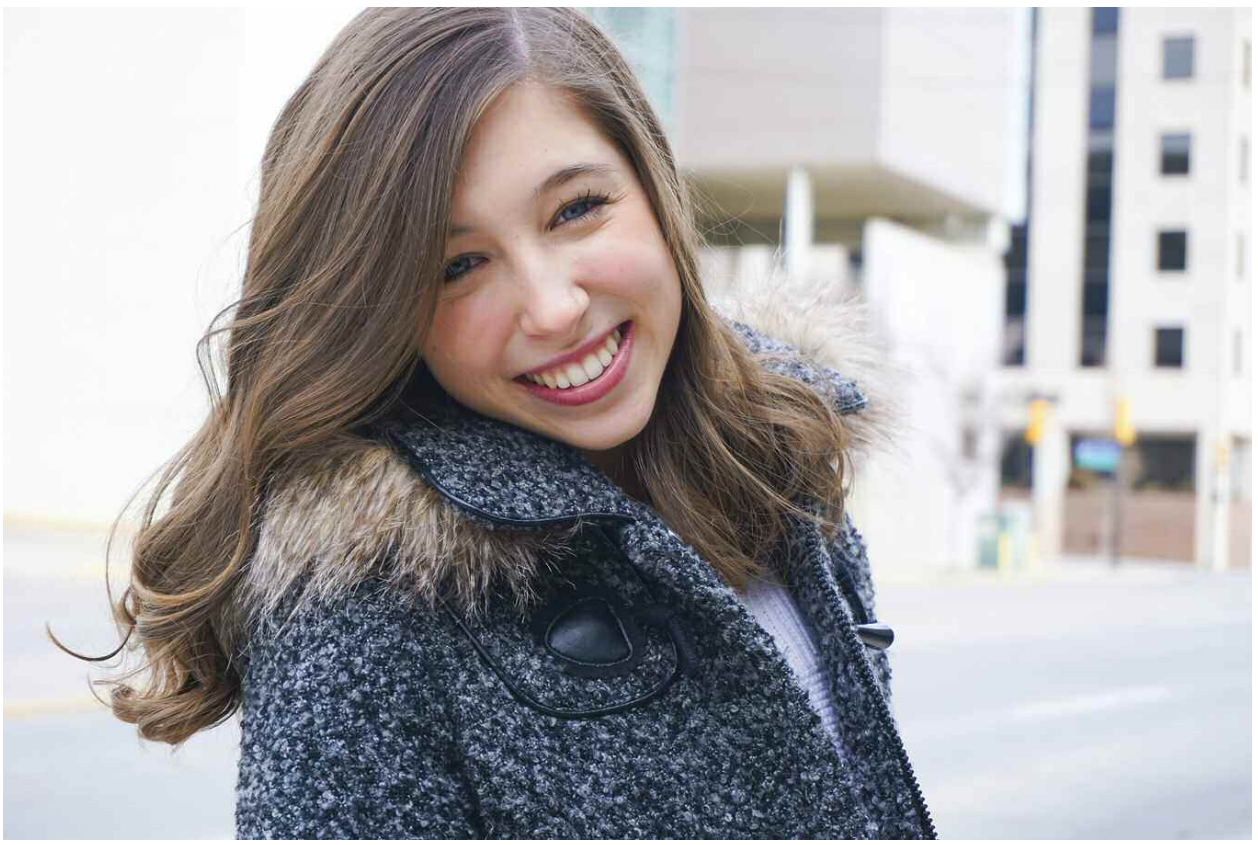
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Emily Thresher: Finalist in Tulsa Sings! Competition

When an unfortunate hand injury stopped 16-year-old, Jenks High School student Emily Thresher's gymnastics career, it opened a new door to her real passion — singing. Emily has been performing on the stage for the past six years and is currently working on her school's production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Emily's talent has landed her a spot as one of the Top 6 in Signature Symphony at TCC's Tulsa Sings! Competition, making her the youngest competitor. She will be singing with other finalists with the Signature Symphony at the VanTrease Performing Arts Center on Fri. and Sat., April 6 and 7, 2018.

TK: When did you start singing?
Emily: My dad says I started singing way before I could talk. He says I learned words and sentences by singing! From asking my mom for a glass of water to making up songs about the neighbor, I sang everything. I didn't really start preforming until I was 6 years old, though. I started playing piano, and, once my teacher found out I loved to sing, she would take the last few minutes of my lesson if I practiced really well throughout the week to let me sing. It's really all thanks to her that I'm still preforming!

TK: What is your favorite type of music to perform?
Emily: Broadway and Musical

TK: Have you ever performed before on a big stage like the one at the VanTrease PAC?
Emily: The only comparable states would be the Chapman Music Hall in the Tulsa PAC, the Coleman Theatre in Miami, Oklahoma or the BAPAC state when performing for Kristin Chenoweth in her master class. Also, I sang the National Anthem for the Tulsa Shock game and that was so much fun!!

TK: How did you get selected to be a finalist in the Tulsa Sings! Competition?
Emily: I sent a video, but was really surprised when I got a callback, coming out of it. At the auditions, I felt like I had completely failed. When I heard I made the Top 6, I was shocked!

TK: How did it feel to be selected as a finalist in the Tulsa Sings! Competition?
Emily: Oh, my goodness! I was extremely excited! I got in the car after rehearsal for the The Hunchback of Notre Dame and my mom says, "Guess what? You made the Top 6!!!" All I can say is that it was the best birthday ever!

TK: Who are your musical influences?
Emily: Currently, it ranges everywhere from Jordan Smith to Sutton Foster and Kristin Chenoweth to Lauren Daigle, Bethel or Kari Jobe. I love all music!

TK: Who inspires you?
Emily: I've had so many people inspire me in music and everyday life to just pick one.

TK: Do you have any advice for future singers?
Emily: Just be yourself. Don't be afraid to step out; that's something I still really struggle with. Don't try to sound exactly like the singer in the recording - make it your own and HAVE FUN!

TK: What are your hobbies?
Emily: I like playing instruments, writing in calligraphy art, hanging out with friends and, of course, singing nonstop.

TK: What are your plans and goals for the future?
Emily: I feel like I've known exactly what I've wanted to do for my entire life up until this year. I think I'd really like to go into journalism/broadcasting or maybe even commercial voice. Of course, music will always be a part of my life, though honestly, my main goal in life is to just stay myself no matter where I am or what I do. I just want to stay a constant person.

TK: What is a fun fact about you?
Emily: Surprisingly, I was a competitive gymnast at one time! I did gymnastics from age 3 to 10.

Summer Camps and Activities Fair

Sunday, April 8, 2018

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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