



Ardmore City Schools "Spotlight"

An Update from Superintendent Kim Holland

ONE TEAM. ONE MISSION.



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Solar Eclipse



Students may not have been able to go outside and see the eclipse on Monday, but that didn't stop Ms. Mette's 1st grade class at Jefferson from celebrating the day! Ms. Mette took the opportunity to teach her students about the Solar Eclipse and the dangers of not having proper eye care. To remember this special day in history, they each wore star glasses for the day.

How a small change made a HUGE difference for Secondary Summer School

Secondary Summer School at AHS this year made a major impact for the students who attended. Superintendent Kim Holland changed the standard operating procedure from "seat time" to using the district's Plato online program. Seat time only allowed students to take one or two classes for credit recovery. Under the supervision of our summer school teachers, the Plato online option opened the door for students to get as many credits as they needed to get caught up. Students were excited for the opportunity. Many who felt they would never be successful in school or felt hopeless because they were so far behind, now have a new outlook to begin the school year. Just how successful was it? Summer School 2016, students completed a total of 50 semesters using "seat time." Summer School 2017, students completed 522 semesters!!!! A success story for sure.



ACS Switches Teacher Evaluation Models

Administrators and AHS Instructional Coaches received training this week on the new Tulsa Teacher Evaluation Model. After a few years of using Marzano, teachers and administration felt the Tulsa Model was a better product. The Tulsa model was created with input from teachers across the state. Teachers are also still active in "tweaking" it as necessary and keeping it updated. Tulsa Model trainers came to ACS this week and one of them has a very familiar face. Yes, that's Dr. Ruth Ann Carr a former ACS Superintendent. Welcome back Dr. Carr.



frogstreet

Teachers from Will Rogers Elementary attended Frog Street training over the summer. Here's how it's making a difference for one teacher at Will Rogers.



Autumn Simon states:

Frog Street has allowed me to get my passion back and fired me up for another year. This year at Frog Street, the keynote speakers were gearing toward teachers and our "super powers." They talked to us about building each other up and making our team strong. This in turn helps us build our students and parents up and makes our school strong. One of my favorite keynote speakers was Lavonna Roth. She spoke about S.H.I.N.E. She was empowering and focused on us as educators being not only valuable but allowing ourselves to see that we are valuable. Often, we do not give ourselves enough credit for what we do. She talked to us about making sure we believed in ourselves and our team. That has lead to my personal growth plan this year being about lifting up my team, being more positive, and to show our S.H.I.N.E. (Self. Heart. Inspire. Navigate. Exceptional.) It is about staying focused and even if you fall down 7 times, you get up 8!



Lincoln Elementary kicked the week off with their Rise & Shine ceremony and a little Rtime rap. Who knew these ladies could teach, rap and entertain all at the same time.



Stay up-to-date with all Ardmore Tiger Athletic Events. Check out the new Athletic Calendar on our website, located under the Athletic Tab. On deck next week: AHS & AMS Softball, AMS Football and the Ardmore Tigers head to Ada on Sep 1.