



# street talk

## Congratulations Class of 2010!

### 28 Students Participated in Commencement Ceremony

Street School is honored to present the class of 2010 – Ashley Bell, Ray Boyd, Stephanie Brixey, Michael Clark, Kayla Davis, Yasmine Espinoza, Abigail Harris, Alyssa Hart, Heather Hayes, Tiffany Henry, Collin Heritage, Raven Houston, Anteeshia Isaac, Amber Johnson, Amanda Kirby, Ryan Leslie, Jessica Lightfoot, Alex Martin, Matt Noyes, Robert Preble, Abby Rigsbee, Ramon Rodriguez, Ashley Smith, Clarissa Spencer, Itzel Villavincencio, Ashley Whitewater, Taryn Young, and Shaina Zeff. A commencement ceremony was held on June 1, at Will Rogers United Methodist Church for the graduates.

Life after Street School will include many varied opportunities for our graduates. A total of 25 students will

begin college in the fall. Most of the seniors completed their college entrance exams and were enrolled in

Tulsa Technology Center, and another has gained full-time employment.



Speakers pictured left to right: Matt Noyes, Heather Hayes, Shaina Zeff, and Ashley Whitewater

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Commencement speeches were given by graduating seniors, Heather Hayes, Matt Noyes, Ashley Whitewater, and Shaina Zeff. Ashley said, “Street School has opened so many doors for me that I had no idea were even available. This school was the best thing that has ever happened to me.”

Commencement took place at 6:30 p.m. followed by a catered reception. Street School wishes to thank the Tulsa Community Band for donating their services and the Will Rogers United Methodist church for hosting the graduation ceremonies.

*Good luck to our graduates!*

Tulsa Community College by the end of April. One has been accepted into



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Street School is a tuition-free, non-profit alternative school of choice and therapeutic counseling program for students in 9th – 12th grade.

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## Classes Collaborate for Cultural Lesson

It's not Halloween or October 31, but rather "Day of the Dead" on November 2. This Mexican public holiday is also known as El Dia de los Muertos, which is a day dedicated each year to honoring the deceased. This is done through the creation and display of altars. Altars are not for the purpose of worshipping, but rather for offering love and remembering passed loved ones. Altars are built in someone's memory and adorned with items that person liked and items that were important to them.



Students did research on altars to learn about the Mexican culture, and what comprises an altar. Students from the art class and the Spanish class collaborated to build an altar for display at the Living Arts of Tulsa. Students decided to focus their altar on peace by remembering and celebrating the lives of John Lennon and Bob Marley.

Pictured left to right: Darrell Walker, Stephanie Brixey and Ray Brixey

## Students Fit In at Street School

Thanks to a grant from the Gelvin Foundation, an after school fitness program was started January 4. The new *Fit In At Street School* program is available to all students five days a week. The one hour class is held Monday through Thursday and begins 10 minutes after school is over. The Friday session is held during the last hour of the school day.

In addition to the fitness goals of improving strength, cardiovascular, core, and flexibility, the program includes other important goals. These activities are designed to reduce students' anxiety and stress levels. Students' after school time includes a positive healthy group activity, ways to reduce obesity by helping students lose weight and inches, and includes building self-esteem through the success students experience as they see their fitness and health improving.

Amanda Harwood, owner of Adventure Boot Camp, is the program's fitness instructor. "I'm excited to bring health and fitness education to these students. It's been a great experience for those who have participated." Harwood has also secured donated fitness clothing for many students thanks to the generosity of the women that participate in her Adventure Boot Camp fitness program.



It has been reported that an increasing number of children will experience serious health issues, which is primarily due to the nation's childhood and teen obesity epidemic. Unless we help youth develop healthy lifestyles, the outlook for their long-term health is bleak. The *Fit In At Street School* fitness class is a part of the solution.

## Street School – Our Mission

Street School, Inc. is a tuition-free, non-profit, alternative high school and therapeutic counseling program whose mission is to create a supportive community for students who have chosen to continue their education in a non-traditional setting. Our comprehensive and individualized dropout prevention services enable students to grow towards their own potential and become responsible and productive adults.

# Students Mentor

When the Camp Fire USA representatives presented the Remington Elementary school student mentoring idea to Kim Camp's leadership class, students eagerly agreed to adopt this service learning project.

Street School Students were paired as mentors to the *Check and Connect* students from Remington Elementary. The *Check and Connect* students are children with low attendance; pairing them with Street School students as mentors in this project helped improve their attendance.

Remington Elementary school is located on 20 acres of wetlands with hiking trails. Street School students walked the trails with their mentees, and chose projects that would help improve the trails. Some worked together by laying down mulch, donated by the City of Tulsa. Other mentors and mentees created a

“reading circle,” which involved getting paint and brushes donated from Lowes, cutting small dead and fallen trees to utilize as chairs, and clearing the reading circle.



Pictured: Darrell Walker, Street School student with Remington Elementary second grade student.

To celebrate the completion of their project, a party was held where students from both schools made gifts for one another. Some materials used to make the gifts were purchased from money raised by selling roses. Leadership class

students sold roses, which were donated by Toni's Flowers, during school the week before Valentine's Day.

The final day at Remington Elementary consisted of the elementary students showing a picture board of the projects to their classmates, introducing their Street School mentors, and beaming with pride as they shared stories. These projects showed elementary students that there are caring teens, developed pride, and created friendships.

## A Good Time to Plan!

If you're like most people, you've probably spent a lot of time thinking about the economy and the impact it might have on your personal financial situation. One thing is certain, the economy is always changing. The good news is change can be positive, especially if we plan appropriately. Our plan at Street School is simple; to create a supportive community for students who have chosen to continue their education in a non-traditional setting.

One of our resources is to provide you with information and planning services to make you aware of opportunities to support Street School. Street School, in partnership with Tulsa Community Foundation, will provide you with a variety of “free” estate planning services that can be customized to your specific family, financial, and philanthropic needs.

There is no cost or obligation for using our educational service; it's just our way of partnering with you. For more information or to arrange an appointment, please contact David Urich at (918) 833-9813 or [urichda@tulsaschools.org](mailto:urichda@tulsaschools.org).

## Wilderness Group Bows & Arrows

Eight students experienced the intricacies and challenges of archery for the first time. Through the generosity of David Nance and Jimmy Parker, owners of JP Archery, students were taught how to safely handle equipment, how to shoot compound bows, and how to practice target accuracy.

“It was fun and educating, a lot different than I expected it to be. It takes more skill than you would

think,” said Mika Donica Street School student.

Unlike traditional school sports, target archery is successful in engaging all students. Most other competitive sports limit participation to those physically able to perform according to the physical demands of a particular sport.

The archery field trip was organized through Julie Moeller's *Wilderness*

*Group*. A goal of the *Wilderness Group* lessons is to improve student confidence through mental and physical challenges. Through archery, students learn they must overcome distractions and obstacles, and have a plan of action. Archery provides a fundamental relaxation quality in that the archer must be focused on the immediate moment. Archery is a self-challenging and rewarding activity, blending physical and mental resources.

## Meet Heather!

Please meet Heather – a class of 2010 graduate. She is a shining example of a student receiving a second chance and making the most of it.

Because of her dyslexia, Heather needed extra help in school, but wasn't able to get the help she needed at her traditional school. A friend told her about Street School, where she enrolled three years ago. Heather entered Street School reading at the 6th grade level, but when she entered her junior year, she was reading at the appropriate grade level.

Now she plans to attend Tulsa Community College this fall. She's torn between which path to follow as she contemplates becoming an English teacher or an orthodontist.

When asked what she liked most about Street School? She said, "All the opportunities that were given to me. Like going to the Oklahoma City Memorial, taking a glass blowing class, going on a Washington DC field trip, having a pen pal in West Virginia, participating in Listen Up Tulsa, and meeting with my mentor each week." Heather wants others to know "Street School is a safe place. You always feel comfortable because it is like family. They help you with anything. You just have to ask."

Heather is a fun, friendly, outgoing person who loves hanging out with friends and family. She said, "The Street School teachers and counselors became my family." Everyone at Street School wishes Heather all the best and a bright future.



## Kids Against Hunger

After the devastating Haiti earthquake, leadership class students discussed what they could do to help. Students decided "hunger won't wait" and chose to help the Kids Against Hunger Global organization, which is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide fully nutritious food to impoverished children around the world.

Darrell said, "I think it was great because I was able to make a difference first hand, and learned that even as a student I can make a difference in the life of someone in another country."

Darrell was one of Street School's leadership class students that helped the Kids Against Hunger Global organization. Students volunteered at the organization packaging nutrient-rich food, which was distributed to Haiti's hungry children. Each prepared package provided six servings.

"This service learning project is one of several our students will participate in this year," said Kim Camp, life skills instructor. Camp added, "These are wonderful learning opportunities for our students as they identify the projects, create action plans, define tasks, decide roles, and determine resources and budgets needed."



Pictured: Darrell Walker

## Giving Blood to Help Others

Street School students in Kim Camp's leadership class held a student blood drive. With the help of the Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI), 25 people gave blood. Ashley Whitewater said, "I gave blood because I wanted to help save someone's life."

Street School's leadership class organizes events that promote leadership opportunities for the students to learn about project management, goal setting, team work, and give them an opportunity to help the community. The blood drive also promoted a sense of volunteerism and philanthropy as well as educated the students about

the importance of public service. Students planned all aspects of the blood drive including researching blood types and blood properties, as well as, learning who would and would not qualify to give blood. Their efforts also included promoting the event and recruiting others to participate. Camp said, "I am proud of the effort students gave to make the drive a success. Many people are hesitant to donate blood, but our students did a great job in educating everyone about the need and why they should give."



Pictured left to right: Heather Hayes, Ashley Whitewater, and Kevin Porter, Phlebotomist with Oklahoma Blood Institute

# Rock-n-Roll Street Party – You Made it A Success!

Street School's 15th annual fundraiser Rock 'n' Roll Street Party was a record setting success raising \$276,000 – an all time record! Through the generosity of 81 sponsors, ambitious Hardest Rockers contestants, and many student art auction items, Street School held its fundraiser on April 10 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. A resounding “thank you” goes to all the many volunteers and donors that made this event possible.

Responsible for event's success are event co-chairs Nancy Siegel and John Bolton, and honorary chair Milann Siegfried. They were supported by a volunteer organizational committee, which included: Lydia Bracken, Thomas Cobb, Jarrod Compton, Howard Doak, Annette Ellis, Maggie Fox, Elizabeth Ellison, Judy Gadlage, Katrina Hall,



Chairs pictured left to right: Milann Siegfried, John Bolton and Nancy Siegel.

Sarah Hansel, Joy Jenkins, Connie Lee Kirkland, Kelly McElroy, Kathryn Offermann, Donna Ogez, Jennifer Pettey, Talmadge Powell, Barbara Smallwood, Allison Starke, Susan Thomas, John Villareal, and Monica Wilkinson.

Highlights of the evening included our Hardest

Rocker contest winners. Honors were bestowed upon the participants that received the most “votes” a.k.a. raised the most money as donations for Street School. The winners of the Hardest Rocker contest were

Jennifer & Stan May. The Bad to the Bone Band winners were Christina Merlo, Luis Flores, and Elizabeth and Chris Ellison. And the People's Choice



Jennifer and Stan May

award winners were Jamie Capps and Raj Basi. All the contestants combined raised a total of \$22,820!

Street School students helped to make the event a success as well. Not only by helping move supplies, decorations, and auction items from Street School to the hotel, but by creating one-

of-a-kind works of art, which were included in the silent auction, and raised \$6,217.



Christina Merlo, Luis Flores, Elizabeth and Chris Ellison

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# Students Warm Up America

Students in Kim Camp's life skills class learned a new skill while helping others. They participated in the *Warm Up America* project, which is a charitable endeavor that collects completed afghan blankets for distribution to various charitable

organizations and agencies that give the afghans to homeless and needy persons.

Students had fun learning the creative skills of knitting and crocheting. Evelyn Fox said, "It was a great opportunity to learn something new, and help people at the same time." In addition to learning the value of community service by helping those in need, students benefited from the project by improving motor coordination, reading, and problem solving abilities. It also encouraged positive social behavior and teamwork.

*Warm Up America* is a charity that has warmed peoples' lives since 1991. It started in a small Wisconsin town with neighbors knitting and crocheting afghans for neighbors in need. Thanks to the creativity of founder Evie Rosen who came up with the idea of having volunteers knit or crochet small sections and then others join them together, the idea quickly caught on. Today *Warm Up America* distributes warm afghans, caps and other items to tens of thousands of people, thanks to the generosity of knitters and crocheters around the country.



Pictured left to right: Evelyn Fox and Juanita Garcia.

## Member Agency



## Camp Enterprise

Street School students Monique Harris and Fred Moss joined their peers at Camp Enterprise, which was an intensive four-day retreat where qualified high school juniors explored the fundamental challenges, opportunities and obligations of the free enterprise system. After returning from camp Monique said, "There is a lot more behind the scenes of any business than I was aware of like cost of product development, advertising, etc."

This camp provided a select group of 75 high school juniors representing 34 northeast Oklahoma high schools the opportunity to learn team building, leadership and motivation skills, all while working within a real business simulation program. Campers met and

interacted with some of Tulsa's top business leaders and worked with international students assigned to their team.



Pictured left to right: Fred Moss and Monique Harris.

Students formed eight competing "companies" that mimicked those in the real world. They selected their

leader, assigned tasks, and made decisions that determined their success and profitability. Each round of computer simulated business competition was wrapped with feedback and education as to the key elements of running a business. Fred's team finished first and Monique's team finished third.

The camp was a global experience about what makes America's enterprise system work. This unique camp was originally developed with the help of the American Management Association using tools available from Junior Achievement with the Rotary Club of Tulsa as the primary underwriter. Camp Enterprise 2010 was held at Camp Heart O' Hills in Tahlequah, Oklahoma April 8 - 11, 2010.

## Math Class – Always a Good Investment

Street School students in Will Allen’s math class took part in Junior Achievement’s seventh annual Student Investor Challenge. Over 650 students participated from 52 Oklahoma high schools. Street School students formed four teams, with their top team finishing in 5th place out of 46 teams.

This unique event allowed students to immerse themselves in the stock market by participating in a highly sophisticated computer simulation. Student teams of four competed to build the largest stock portfolio. By purchasing and trading shares in a variety of fictitious companies, students were able to make educated decisions to improve their financial standings, as well as learn the importance of team work and making decisions under pressure. This program allowed students to learn the principles of the stock market by teaching them how to buy and trade stock, and it also showed students how their decisions impact themselves and their team.

Alyssa Hart said, “This was fun and challenging. We think Street School will win next year.”

Pictured left to right: Alyssa Hart, Ashley Whitewater, Alex Martin and Ramon Rodriguez.



# Key Club Creates A Night To Remember

*A Night To Remember* was the theme of this year’s student prom, which was held on April 24 at Street School.

This all-student prom was organized by the 13 member Street School Key Club and Street School representatives Sheila Jones, English teacher, and Pat Moran, counselor. Key Club members invested many hours over the week leading up to the dance decorating the school gym for the very special occasion.

Fifty students dressed in their prom attire danced the night away to their

favorite music, had their portraits taken, and received keepsake glasses. All of this would not have been possible without the support of the Key Club that raised money through their school store, as well as, support from Rhoads Photography for student portraits, and prom sponsor R.P.H.S., Inc. whose donations helped underwrite food, decorations, music, and supplies.



Pictured left to right: Brittany Carter, Darrell Walker and Raven Houston.



Pictured left to right: Taryn Young and Alec Pritzos.



Pictured left to right: Heather Hayes, Matt Noyes and Shaina Zeff.

A big Thank You goes to the UPS Foundation for their classroom technology grant! This grant enables our program to purchase technology equipment that includes classroom computers, interactive SMART Board technology equipment, and a TV and DVD player for student orientations and assemblies.

*Thank You, UPS!*

# Expanding Real World Education

Thanks to the Grace and Franklin Bernsen Foundation, H.A. & Mary K. Chapman Charitable Trust, and The UPS Foundation, Street School received a new 15 passenger mid-bus for *The World Is Our Classroom* education on March 11.



## Street school

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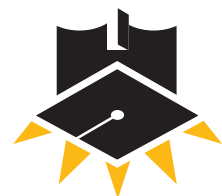
Commencement . . . . .	June 1
Classes End . . . . .	June 2
First Day of Classes . . . . .	August 23
Labor Day . . . . .	Sept. 6
Student Fall Break . . . . .	Oct. 21 – 22
Parent Teacher Conference . . . . .	Oct. 25
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Thanksgiving Break . . . . .	Nov. 24 – 26
Winter Break . . . . .	Dec. 20 – 31
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