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**"IT'S A
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Exchange program to offer students chance to visit Israel

Bartlesville High School has been selected to be part of the Youth Ambassador Student Exchange Program this fall.

As part of the exchange, two BHS students will have the opportunity to travel to Israel as well as Washington D.C. and New York, N.Y. In addition, eight Israeli students and a sponsor will spend seven nights in Bartlesville.

"This could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Bartlesville High School students who take part in this program," says BHS principal Teri Brant. "They will be able to learn first-hand about the culture and people of Israel."

Sponsoring the program are the American-Israel Friendship League as well as the Oklahoma-Israel Exchange (OKIE), which means the students who participate incur no to themselves or their families. BHS students who are interested in the program – students must be juniors or seniors in order to participate – are invited to pick up an application packet from the BHS counselor's office. The packets must be completed and returned

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Approximately 215 students who will be ninth graders at the Bartlesville Mid-High School during the upcoming 2010-11 academic year took part in the fourth annual Bruin Camp, a fun-filled freshman orientation event, Tuesday on the Mid-High School campus.

Caught up in the fun

Incoming freshmen flock to Mid-High School campus for fourth annual Bruin Camp

Though no classes were in session, the Bartlesville Mid-High School was teeming with activity on Tuesday afternoon.

Students could be found in classrooms, the gymnasium, the auditorium and throughout the halls of the building. Typically, youngsters don't spend a lot of time around schools during the

summer months. However, at the Mid-High School, the annual Bruin Camp has consistently drawn a crowd. Now in its fourth year, the fun-filled freshman orientation event attracted an estimated 215 students – approximately half of the Mid-High School's incoming ninth-grade class – to campus.

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Schedule changes to add up to extra hours of education

School day times will be different at 9 of district's 11 sites this year

The upcoming 2010-11 academic year will usher in some changes to the schedules of most of the schools within the Bartlesville Public School District.

The changes, which will slightly lengthen the academic day at the buildings affected, will be felt at nine of the district's 11 schools.

"Where we can find time for extra instruction – to ensure our students receive the best education possible – that's what we like to do," says BPSD superintendent Dr. Gary W. Quinn. "Though the schedule changes are very slight and will have little effect on our students and staff members throughout the course of a given day, when taken together throughout the span of an entire academic year, it can make a big difference."

The BPSD's seven elementary schools – Hoover, Jane Phillips, Oak Park, Ranch Heights, Richard Kane, Wayside and Woodrow Wilson – will see 15 minutes added to their respective academic days. Whereas last year's school day spanned from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., this year's will last from 8:50 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

In a given academic year, the BPSD features 176 days of instruction – days when class is actually in session, excluding weekends, holi-

days and days off for other reasons. That means, with the 15 minutes a day of extra instruction called for at the district's elementary schools, students should expect to have an additional 44 hours of study during the upcoming 2010-11 academic year.

"We're happy with the schedule changes that we're making for the 2010-11 academic year," says Quinn, "and I think they will have a positive effect on our instruction."

The new school year will see both the Bartlesville Mid-High School and Madison Middle School evolve from six- to seven-period days. The change will allow the students at the respective schools more flexibility to take elective courses.

Both the Mid-High School and Madison will see their schedules change from the 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. slate of last year to the new 7:50 a.m. to 2:35 p.m. run for the 2010-11 academic year. With the alteration, whereas the class periods at the two schools were 55 minutes last year, this year, they will be 50 minutes. Additional minutes will be captured as the time between classes will be trimmed from five minutes to four.

Sometimes, it's difficult for students to find time for an elective course within the confines of a six-period day. For instance, Mid-High freshmen will be required to take five core classes in a given semester during the 2010-11 academic year

with the introduction of the new financial literacy course. Operating within a six-period schedule, that would leave one slot available for an elective course. However, if a student struggles and needs to take a remediation class in addition to his or her core courses, then there would be no room for an elective. That won't be the case with the new seven-period plan.

Along with its seven elementary schools, the BPSD features four secondary sites – Bartlesville High School, the Mid-High School and Central and Madison middle schools. BHS is home to the district's juniors and seniors, while the Mid-High School features freshmen and sophomores. Central and Madison are home to the BPSD's sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Central, which will not see a change to its class times this year, already utilizes a seven-period schedule. BHS features a six-hour schedule and won't see a change either.

Those who would like to see the complete list of school schedules for the BPSD can go online to www.bps-ok.org. They can then click on the "Students & Parents" link which is located on the left side of the home page. Once on the "Students & Parents" page, the list of school schedules –

the times when the academic day begins and ends – can be found at the bottom of the page.

BHS seniors, juniors can pick up 2010-11 schedules next week

Bartlesville High School students will be able to pick up their class schedules for the upcoming 2010-11 academic year next week on campus.

The schedules will be available for pick up in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center. Seniors will be able to pick up their schedules on Wednesday, Aug. 4 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Schedules will be available for pick up by juniors on Thursday, Aug. 5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Students who are new to the Bartlesville Public School District should call BHS registrar Katie Matney (336-3311, ext. 5029) to schedule an appointment to enroll.

The new academic year is set to begin throughout the BPSD on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Madison registration set for next week

Madison Middle School will hold registration for the upcoming 2010-11 academic year next week on campus.

Madison, which is located at 500 SE Madison Blvd., will open its registration period on Monday for students who are new to the Bartlesville Public School District. Monday's registration period will span from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eighth graders are due to register on Tuesday, while the seventh graders will be due on Wednesday and the sixth graders will follow on Thursday. The registration time for all three days will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday will be reserved for late registration, and it will span from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Home to sixth, seventh and eighth

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Everyone invited to public splash party on Tuesday to benefit Sooner Pool

The Sooner Park Friends have teamed up with the City of Bartlesville for a public splash party which will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 3 at the Frontier Water Park.

The "Swim for Sooner" event will be held from 7-9 p.m. and all admission proceeds will go toward a recently established fund to re-open Sooner Pool. Everyone is invited to attend the "Swim for Sooner" event, and admission is a donation of at least \$3 toward the fund per person. The "Swim for Sooner" will feature a dollar duck derby as well as the giveaway of several door prizes throughout the evening which have been donated by area businesses.

The concession stand will be

open throughout the event, and representatives of both the Bartlesville Police Department and the Bartlesville Fire Department are expected to be on hand to show off their vehicles.

"The Bartlesville Parks and Recreation Department is excited to participate in 'Swim for Sooner,'" says Brooke Cox, the BPRD planner.

"The Swim for Sooner" event is one in a series of fun fundraisers which have been planned by the Sooner Park Friends, which is a community-wide volunteer organization. The group has a fundraising goal of \$51,000, which represents approximately half the cost of re-opening and then operating Sooner Pool in 2011.

HELPING OUT AT THE MID-HIGH SCHOOL



Photo Special to The Bruin
Due to be a sixth grader at Central Middle School during the upcoming 2010-11 academic year, Ashley Raatz paints a bench at the Bartlesville Mid-High School. Ashley was assisting her brother, Austin, a member of the Boys Scouts of America Troop 3 in Bartlesville who will be a sophomore at the Mid-High School. Austin has focused his Eagle Scout project on the beautification of the Mid-High School campus. He received assistance from his family and friends as they did work such as repainting the word "Bruins" and 34 paw prints along the front sidewalk in front of the school as well as the legs of 10 benches.

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“We had a great turnout,” says Mid-High School principal Jason Langham of this year’s event. “It was the largest percentage of incoming freshmen who had ever attended a Bruin Camp.

“I think the students enjoyed themselves at the Bruin Camp and will ultimately benefit from the experience.”

The beauty of the Bruin Camp is that it allows students to acclimate to their new school in a light atmosphere completely void of pressure. It allows them to begin their high school careers – the Mid-High School is home to the Bartlesville Public School District’s freshmen and sophomores – in a highly enjoyable environment.

“For those freshmen who attend the Bruin Camp,” notes Langham, “during the first few days of school, we see a lot less anxiety. They are a lot more at ease, knowing they have already had a good experience at the Mid-High School.”

A free event which is open to all incoming ninth-graders to the Mid-High School, the Bruin Camp was held from 1-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Once youngsters arrived, they signed in, received a complimentary Bruin Camp T-shirt and then headed into the auditorium for a brief welcoming event. Then, the students were divided into four groups, through which they circulated through the day’s activities. This year’s Bruin Camp – as has been the case in the past – featured four stations: a scavenger hunt, Mid-High School traditions, team-building exercises and a keynote speaker.

During the scavenger hunt, the students made their way throughout the school looking for particular items. The items were found in key locations in the Mid-High School,



English teacher John King leads students through the Bruin fight song on Tuesday afternoon during the Bartlesville Mid-High School’s fourth annual Bruin Camp, a freshman-orientation event.

such as the main office, the library and the cafeteria, helping students become familiar with the areas in the process. During the traditions portion of the day, the students were able to get caught up in a little Bruin spirit, singing the fight song and taking in some cheerleader routines.

The team-building exercises took place in the gymnasium. Most of the incoming freshmen to the Mid-High School hail from one of the BPSD’s two middle schools – Central or Madison. So, the team-building exercises allow youngsters who might not know each other to work together toward a fun goal.

Dr. Cory Phillips served as the keynote speaker for this year’s Bruin Camp and spoke of setting goals and overcoming adversity. Phillips works at ConocoPhillips in Bartlesville and is active in the community, volunteering with organiza-

tions such as the Academic Interest & Mentoring Society (AIMS).

Sponsors for the fourth annual Bruin Camp included the Mid-High School Parent Support Group, Grace Community Church and Jared’s Frozen Custard, which served complimentary treats toward the end of the event.

“I really appreciated the number of volunteers that we had for this year’s event,” noted Langham. “We had a large number of teachers and employees as well as youth pastors, members of Grace Community Church and volunteers from other walks of life who had heard about the program.

“We have always had good volunteer assistance, but this year it was even stronger. I think that’s good because that tells me that they have heard about the Bruin Camp and see the benefits of it.”

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to the counselors' office by Wednesday, Aug. 25.

The two students who are chosen from the BHS applicant pool to be part of the program – a decision will be made by Sept. 1 – will miss 15 days of school from Nov. 3-26. The absences will be excused.

The program will begin on Oct. 27 with the arrival in Bartlesville of the eight Israeli students and one sponsor. They will stay in town for seven nights – through Nov. 3 – with host families. Together, the BHS and Israeli students, the Israeli sponsor and representatives from OKIE will travel to Washington, D.C. from Nov. 3-7, before heading to New York, N.Y. from Nov. 7-11. Then, it's off to Israel where the group will stay in youth hostels in Tel Aviv from Nov. 12-14 and Jerusalem from Nov. 14-18.

The BHS students will enjoy home hospitality in four Israeli communities from Nov. 18-25. During that time, they will have the opportunity to visit schools and different attractions. During the BHS students' final full day in Israel – on Nov. 25 – they will travel to Tel Aviv for an evening reunion with the Israeli youth ambassadors. They will return to the United States on Nov. 26.

Originally formed as an agricultural partnership with Israel in 1992, OKIE joined the Youth Am-

Host families will be needed to house visiting students this fall

With eight Israeli students and a sponsor due to visit Bartlesville this fall as part of the Youth Ambassador Exchange Program, host families are being sought.

The students and the sponsor, who will be an Israeli adult, are scheduled to spend seven nights in Bartlesville from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3. During that time, they will take in several area tourist attractions, such as Woolaroc and the Price Tower. They will likely attend a Bartlesville High School varsity football game

on Friday, Oct. 29 as well when the Bruins play host to Stillwater.

Up to nine Bartlesville families will be needed to serve as hosts for the individual members of the Israeli contingency, each of whom will speak fluent English.

Those who may be interested in being a host family - or would like to learn more about the possibilities - can contact BHS principal Teri Brant via phone (336-3311, ext. 5052) or email (BrantTL@bps-ok.org).

bassador Student Exchange Program in 2006 and has offered overseas trips for students ever since. OKIE representatives will be on hand with the BHS students as they visit Israel.

Bartlesville is one of four cities from across the U.S. which will offer an exchange program with Israel this year through the Youth Ambassador Student Exchange Program. The two BHS students who are eventually chosen to be part of the program will need to apply for passports if they do not already have them.

Once BHS students and host families from Bartlesville are chosen, representatives from OKIE will visit town to do a presentation for

them and answer any questions they might have.

The Israeli contingency which visits Bartlesville is scheduled to travel to Tulsa during its stay and meet with representatives from the Jewish Federation of Tulsa. In addition, they will take in some classes at BHS and will be welcome to enjoy some personal experiences with their respective host families as well.

Those who wish to learn more about the Youth Ambassador Student Exchange Program and the opportunities for BHS students and host families in Bartlesville can contact BHS principal Teri Brant via phone (336-3311, ext. 5052) or email (BrantTL@bps-ok.org).

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graders, Madison is one of the BPSD's two middle schools along with Central. Those seeking more information concerning registration or anything else about

Madison can call the school's main number at 333-3176.

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Did You Know?

The 2010-11 academic year is scheduled to commence throughout the Bartlesville Public School District on Wednesday, Aug. 11. It will be preceded by two professional in-service days for BPSD educators.

The BPSD's 2010-11 Back to School Rally is set to take place on Tuesday, Aug. 10 in the Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Bartlesville High School campus beginning at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

BPSD EDUCATORS TAKE PART IN DATA TEAM TRAINING



The executive director of secondary operations for the Bartlesville Public School District, Sam Herriman leads a data team training session on Tuesday in the Fine Arts Center's hospitality room on the Bartlesville High School campus. The focus of data team training is to help educators use data to improve their instructional practices. The BPSD played host to data team training from Monday through Wednesday and an estimated 120 educators from schools throughout the district took part.

Simply Stellar Sites

The Bartlesville Public School District offers a wide array of useful tools for students as well as parents. For some extra educational insight, give these web sites a look:

PowerSchool

<http://www.bps-ok.org> Click on the PowerSchool link toward the top of the home page.

- Parents and legal guardians can check with office personnel at their student's school to find out how to access

PowerSchool.

- Information on students - such as grades and attendance records available via PowerSchool.

Study Island

<http://www.studyisland.com> Use the "Member Login."

- Student login information must be obtained from teachers.

BARTLESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES (JULY 29 - AUGUST 4, 2010)

Thursday, July 29

(No events scheduled)

Friday, July 30

(No events scheduled)

Saturday, July 31

(No events scheduled)

Sunday, Aug. 1

(No events scheduled)

Monday, Aug. 2

Marching band camp (TBA)

Registration for new students (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) (Madison)

GED testing (8 a.m.) (McKinley)



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Eighth grade registration (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) (Central)

Sophomore enrollment (9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.) (Mid-High)

Tuesday, Aug. 3

Marching band camp (TBA)

GED testing (8 a.m.) (McKinley)

Seventh grade registration (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) (Central)

Sophomore enrollment (9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.) (Mid-High)

Eighth grade registration (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) (Madison)

Softball: 99-Inning Game (4 p.m.)

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Wednesday, Aug. 4

Marching band camp (TBA)

Senior schedule pick-up in Fine Arts Center (8:30- 11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m.) (BHS)

Freshman enrollment (9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.) (Mid-High)

Sixth grade registration (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) (Central)

Seventh grade registration (10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.) (Madison)