

The Newsline

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Finding Community with the Help of Your AA

By Annie Scheffe, Communications & Marketing Assistant

They check you in within your first week in FGSH, they encourage you to attend neighborhood gatherings and you seek them out if you have any questions or concerns. Who are they? They are your Apartment Assistants.

The FRC staffs an Apartment Assistant (AA) for each neighborhood and they are responsible for several different things. Jed Gibson, FRC Assistant Residence Director, has worked with the apartment assistant program for over a year and has extensive knowledge of the program.

“Starting last May, the AAs’ responsibilities increased,” Jed said. “They are now responsible for planning neighborhood gatherings, handling check-in and check-out procedures, as well as being there for residents if they have any questions.”

While being responsible for the check-in and check-out procedures is a new addition to the AAs’ role, they have always been responsible for promoting community within their neighborhood and the FRC.

“We always think of the AA program as being on the front lines with the residents,” Jed said.

They are able to do this because they are excellent communicators, they are trained extensively in FGSH policies and procedures and they are housed within the community.

By living within the community, the AAs are in a strategic position to help residents with a variety of issues and easily communicate FGSH news.

“In order to best utilize your AA, the first thing to do is know who your AA is; their name and apartment number,” Jed said. “The second thing to know is how you can contact your AA. Each AA has a home phone as well as an email address. This information can be found in the newsline or the AA newsletters. The third thing to know is that you can contact your AA with any questions, concerns or issues with your neighbors.”

The AAs are there to serve and help our residents best engage with the community around them. To enhance your experience with Oklahoma State University and Family and Graduate Student Housing, get to know your AA, get involved with events at the FRC and interact with your neighbors.

We look forward to seeing everyone around the FRC and FGSH

neighborhood!

Common FGSH Questions

Who to call for maintenance checks?

According to the FGSH policy handbook, “all maintenance requests for apartments and/or university-owned furnishings/appliances should be called in to the ResLife Facilities Office at (405)744-8510 between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday. For after-hour emergency repairs, residents should call the Physical Plant Action Desk (405-744-7154) or their neighborhood Apartment Assistant.”

What is the policy for noise complaints?

According to the FGSH policy handbook, “all residents are required to observe Quiet Hours (from 8pm to 8am) and Courtesy Hours at all times. If noise problems arise, the best solution is for the residents involved to discuss the situation and reach a compromise. If this fails, residents should contact their AA. Noise problems which cannot be remedied may result the involvement of OSU Police. Residents who contribute to noise disturbances may be subject to contract termination.”

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FGSH Office

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Greetings! As we progress further into the Spring semester, this is one of the busiest times of the year for all of us—preparing for finals, finishing up projects, and for some of us, graduation and job searching! In the FGSH office, we are in contract renewal mode. Please do not forget to renew your contracts online by April 11, 2014.

If you are not planning to live in FGSH after May of this year, please submit a vacating notice to the FGSH Office before you leave and schedule your checkout appointment. If you do not plan to continue with classes, the final day to vacate is May 31, 2014, unless special arrangements have been approved by Linda Amey (in the Iba office; linda.amey@okstate.edu).

Remember, to remain living in FGSH, you do not have to be enrolled for summer as long as you are enrolled for the Fall 2014 semester.

Finally, don't forget to check out the FRC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/osufrc) and the FGSH website (www.reslife.okstate.edu/fgsh) for helpful information about your apartment, FGSH services, and FRC programs.

There are two helpful guides on the FGSH website—one is a 'Help Table' designed to help you know where to call/go if you have a question or need assistance regarding any issue in FGSH; the other is a Move Out Checklist that you can use to help avoid checkout charges. Check them out!

Thanks for being an FGSH resident and good luck on your finals!



Sarah Gordon, Ph.D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



Keep up with the FRC on Facebook! Search "OSU Family Resource Center" and like our page. Make sure to check daily to find important FGSH information and for chances to win prizes!

Newsline Online

Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically? Send an email to sarah.gordon@okstate.edu with your name and email address. You will still receive a paper version.



Follow the FRC on Pinterest! Search "OSU Family Resource Center" under Pinners. Make sure to look us up for interesting recipes, activities and other information!



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Us**

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The mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide information and resources to individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those living in FGSH. We assist residents in their adjustment to academic life and promote their success and personal fulfillment.

FGSH Spotlight

Staff Member

Bruce Umali
FRC Desk Clerk



Bruce Umali is currently a student at Oklahoma State University. He is pursuing a degree in marketing.

Bruce is from Edmond, Okla., and now serves as an FRC Desk Clerk.

His birthday is on July 8.

His favorite meal is fried chicken.

In his free time, he enjoys playing any sport, especially basketball and hanging out with friends.

After graduation, Bruce hopes to work in Advertising, Sales, or Marketing.

His favorite book is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

His favorite thing about the FRC is the friendly staff members and the positive work environment.

His favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

An interesting fact about Bruce is that he was born in the Philippines and moved to

Oklahoma when he was 6 years old.

His favorite quote is, "All a person is guaranteed is the gift of this moment; that is why it is called, The Present." -Unknown.

If you see Bruce around the FRC, be sure to say "Hello!"

If you enjoy learning more about current FGSH staff members and fellow residents, be on the lookout for more spotlights in the upcoming *Newsline* editions!

Youth & Family Programs

Week of the Young Child 2014: Early Years Are Learning Years

The Youth & Family Programs staff is pleased to announce that a variety of events will take place at the FRC during the week of Monday, April 7 to Saturday, April 12, in celebration of the annual Week of the Young Child.

This event is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and is intended to highlight the importance of providing high quality opportunities for the growth and development of children and families. The theme for this year's event is "Early Years Are Learning Years." The YFP staff has been working hard to put together a great week of activities which we hope you will enjoy. If you have any questions, please contact Mumbe. Due to the nature of these programs, parents must attend all events with their children.



AA & FGSH News

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Resident Training Series

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Resident Training Series. Please remember that in order to receive the \$100 rent credit, primary residents must have attended all four of the trainings. The last training will be Thursday, April 3 at 7pm and Saturday, April 5 at 11am.

No Neighborhood Gatherings

The April Neighborhood gatherings have been canceled due to the FGSH Soccer Tournament. Come out for the Soccer Tournament on April 12 for food and entertainment.

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle's departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
 5:40pm Leave from International Stores To Laundry
 6:00pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 6:30pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Aldi's
 6:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:15pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 7:25pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:55pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:25pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Aldi's
 9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 10am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Aldi's
 10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments
 11:40am (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi's) Return to FGSH Apartments

*All times listed above are approximate. Due to varying traffic flow, these times may be delayed.
 **The shuttle used to start at 5:30pm, but now it starts at 5pm on Monday and Wednesday.

	Brumley Neighborhood	Demaree Neighborhood	Morrison Neighborhood
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Prosser Neighborhood	Stevens Neighborhood	West Neighborhood	Williams Neighborhood
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Community Development News

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Community Development Programs Spring 2014 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10-11am Reading Skills with Katelyn**	10-11am Everyday English with Caroline**	10-11am Listening and Speaking Skills with Caitlin**	10-11am Cultural Conversation with Caroline**	9:30-10:45am Inventions and Innovations with Adran**	6-7:30pm Survival English with Ron
11am-12pm English Grammar with Jordan**	11am-12pm English Conversation with Caroline**	11am-12pm Book Club with Jordan**	11am-12pm Current Events with Caroline**	11am-12:30pm Cooking Demo with Caitlin, Jesse and Jordan**	7:30-9pm Intermediate English with Ron
1-2pm Writing Skills with Jordan**	1-2pm Basic English with Jesse**	1-2pm English in the Media with Katelyn**		1:30-2:30pm Pronunciation Skills with Caitlin**	
2-3pm Craft Class with Katelyn and Caroline**	2:30-3:30pm Advanced English with Katelyn	2-3pm Situational English with Caitlin	2:30-3:30pm English in the Media with Katelyn		
			3:30-4:30pm Idioms and Phrasal Verbs with Katelyn		
4:30-5:30pm Pronunciation Skills with Caitlin	4:30-5:30pm Tricks of the English Language with Jordan				

**Activities for children provided

Edible Book Festival

Stillwater Public Library will host their annual Edible Book Festival April 12 from 1 to 4pm. This year there will be a panel of judges to decide the winners in 4 categories: Highest Literary Merit, Funniest/Punniest, Children's Entry (12 and younger), and Best in Show.

The public will have the opportunity to cast their vote for People's Choice. Admission is free with an entry, but for the public at large there is a \$5 donation which includes 5 tasting tickets and 1 voting ticket; additional tickets will be available for \$1.00 each. Children 5 and under are free, but tasting tickets must be purchased separately.

There will be background music to help with the festive mood, and there will be Food Demonstrations staggered during the afternoon while people are viewing the entries. There will be a cake decorating demonstration, possible sushi demonstration, and fruit and/or vegetable carving.

For more information, contact Andrea Duncan at aduncan@stillwater.org.

Youth & Family News

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Youth and Family Programs Fall 2013 Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	10-11:15am Toddler Time (ages 2-3)		10-11:15am Toddler Time (ages 2-3)	10-11am Family Story Hour (ages 0-4)
3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5)	3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5)	3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5)	3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5)	3-5pm Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5)
3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11)	3-5pm After School Adventures (ages 6-11)

**Note:

The last Family Story Hour will be Friday, May 2nd.
The last Toddler Time class will be Thursday, May 1st.
The last day of KKC will be Friday, May 9th.
The last day of ASA will be Friday, May 9th.
The last day of Teen Club will be Thursday, May 1st.

4:30-6:30pm
Teen Club
(ages 12-17)

Monday, April 7 at 5:30pm:

Come celebrate your family at the FRC with fun activities for the whole family. Create things together, solve problems, puzzles and riddles, get tangled up and help your family member through a maze. Be prepared to move, be involved and have fun together!

Encouraging health and fitness

Join us Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30pm for a fun-filled evening. Enjoy indoor and outdoor activities involving jump ropes, hula hoops, frisbee tosses, soccer and more. Complete the obstacle course and receive a prize. A yogurt sundae bar will provide a sweet healthy treat for the night.

Diversity and Play: Where Learning Begins.

Come celebrate Thursday, April 10 at 5:30pm. You will be able to see a puppet show, create crafts, try new activities, taste foods from around the world and showcase pride in your own country/culture!

FRC's 12th Annual Family Fun Day

Come out Saturday, April 12 for the Family Fun Day program will provide a variety of family-friendly entertainment for children and adults of all ages. All individuals, couples and families within our community are invited to this event which will include a talent show, carnival-themed games, popcorn and inflatables. Please come and participate in the fair-style atmosphere from 2 to 4pm. The talent show will take place from 1 to 2pm. The soccer tournament will take place before the Family Fun Day.

Special Note:

Kindergarten Kids Club and After School Adventures end at 4:30pm Monday through Friday during the Week of the Young Child, so that YFP staff may prepare for Week of the Young Child events. Additionally, Teen Club is cancelled due to Week of the Young Child. All evening events will start at 5:30pm and end at 7:00pm.

Kids' Page

Create a kite and color this Spring-themed page!

Source: www.coloring.ws and worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/

Stained Glass Kite (<http://www.makeandtakes.com/colorful-stained-glass-kites>)

You'll need:

- Black construction paper
- 1/2-inch strips of black construction paper (from cutting out the kite)
- Assorted colors of tissue paper (you can cut it into squares or tear pieces)
- Clear Contact paper
- Yarn or ribbon

Instructions:

1. Cut a kite-shape from black construction paper. Then, cut out the center of the kite, leaving about a 1-inch frame.
2. Tape a piece of clear Contact paper, sticky side up, on the table. Stick your kite frame down and create a design with black paper strips or shapes.
3. Start covering your kite shape with colored tissue paper squares or pieces.
4. When your kite shape is completely covered with tissue paper, seal with another piece of clear Contact paper. For best results (less wrinkles and trouble), stick the cover sheet to one end and slowly smooth it down over the tissue paper.
5. Cut out your kite shape, cutting off the extra paper strips and contact paper.
6. For the tail, staple a piece of yarn or ribbon to the bottom of the kite.
7. Tape your colorful kites in a window to brighten up a gloomy day.



Spring Fun

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RAINBOW
LADYBUG
FLOWER

BUTTERFLY
SUNSHINE

UMBRELLA
HONEYBEE

Upcoming events

Use this page as a quick guide to FRC, campus and Stillwater events going on this month!
April 2014

Tuesday, April 1

Deadline to file for a Spring or Summer Diploma Application

Submit a Diploma Application through SIS. Select the "Diploma Application" option from the Student Records menu.

Tuesday, April 1

Human Sciences Week

Learn more at <http://humansciences.okstate.edu/component/content/article/548>

Tuesday, April 1 – 4pm

A Peek Inside the Chief Series

202 Human Sciences West • Must be 21 due to wine tasting.

Wednesday, April 2 – 7pm

"Reject" Film Screening

Student Union Theater

Thursday, April 3 – 9:30am to 12pm

Education, Teacher and Service Fair

Wes Watkins Center

Saturday, April 5

Spring Family Weekend and Mom's Day

Saturday, April 5 – 9am to 3pm

Open House at the Botanic Garden • Free

Saturday, April 5 – 5:30pm

Spring Sing

GIA • Contact Fraternity and Sorority Affairs for tickets at (405) 744-5490

Monday, April 7 – 5:30pm

Week of the Young Child

FRC • Activity day

Wednesday, April 9 – 5:30pm

Week of the Young Child

FRC • Health and Fitness

Thursday, April 10 – 5:30pm

Week of the Young Child

FRC • Diversity and Play

Friday, April 11 – 8am to 5pm

"W" Drop/Withdraw Deadline

To drop a class, bring a completed drop/add card with your adviser's signature to the Office of the Registrar (322 Student Union)

Saturday, April 12

Week of the Young Child

FRC • Soccer Tournament

Saturday, April 12 – 1 to 4pm

Week of the Young Child

FRC • Family Fun Day

Saturday, April 12 – 1 to 4pm

Edible Book Festival

Stillwater Public library • Tickets \$5

Monday, April 14 – 4 to 5pm

A Practical introduction to relaxation

Student Counseling Center room 320 • Free

Tuesday, April 15 – 8pm

Step Afrika!

Serentean Center Concert Hall • Tickets \$15-\$20 • Contact Brandon Mitts or Meghann O'Harrar for more information: (405) 744-7509

Saturday, April 19 – 9am to 12pm

Family Day in the Garden

The Botanic Garden at OSU • Free

Saturday, April 19 – 10am to 5pm

Stillwater's 37th Annual Arts Festival

Downtown Stillwater • Free

Sunday, April 20 – 10am to 5pm

Stillwater's 37th Annual Arts Festival

Downtown Stillwater • Free

Friday, April 25 – 2:30 to 3:30pm

Free Popcorn Friday at the Library

South Lobby of Edmon Low

Friday, April 25 – 8pm

Euphoria Fashion Show: An Orange Carpet Event

Human Sciences Courtyard • Tickets \$15

• For more information contact Diane Limbaugh at (405) 744-5035

Monday, April 28 to May 2

Pre-Finals Week

Weekly events at the Stillwater Public Library:

Preschool Story Time 1st session –

10 to 11am April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Preschool Story Time 2nd session

11am to 12pm April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Evening Family Storytime

7 to 8 pm April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Toddler time 9:30am

9:30 to 10:30am April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Toddler time 10:30am

10:30 to 11:30am April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Event Guide:

FRC/FGSH Events

OSU Events

Stillwater Events

FGSH Resident's Advisory Council

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The FGSH Resident's Council is a group of FGSH residents who serve as representatives of the individuals, families, students, staff, faculty & other residents who live in FGSH at OSU. The Council helps give suggestions and input to FGSH & ResLife staff. Please contact a council member if you have a question, concern or feedback.