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Welcome to the Family

Another year is almost here! Together with the Apartment Assistants, the Family and Graduate Student Housing (FGSH) office and the Family Resource Center (FRC), we hope you have had a restful and fun summer. August signifies a new beginning and represents a new academic year for residents young and old, and this means opportunities for new friendships.

We would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to the individuals and families who are new to the FGSH community as well as to those who are back from their summer vacations. For those of you who are unfamiliar with FGSH and the services that are available, please take a few moments to browse through this newsletter. It offers a brief breakdown of some of the services offered.

The FRC is available for all residents in the community--don't let the name fool you! Single students, graduate students, couples and families are all welcome to utilize any of the services the FRC offers. For adults, the FRC provides free English classes, as well as craft classes, cooking demonstrations and conversation groups. For children and families, the FRC provides a variety of fun programs, including After School Adventures, Toddler Time, Teen Club and Family

Story Hour. Please refer to the calendar on the last page of this newsletter for a quick reference to all of the programming offered at the FRC.

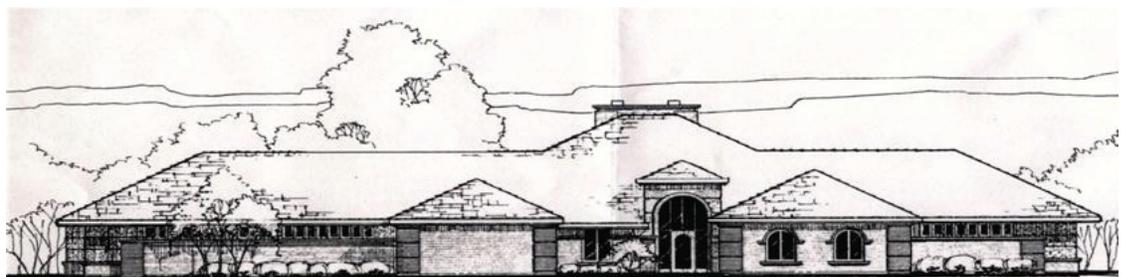
The FRC also has lending programs for books, vacuum cleaners and sewing machines. We also have a pool table, foosball table, pingpong table, a big screen TV and a 24-hour computer lab and printer for our residents to use. Further, we offer a Shopping Shuttle service with front door drop-offs to local grocery stores. If you have any questions about the services we provide, please drop by and one of our staff members will be happy to assist you.

Finally, The Laundry Mart, located next to the FRC on McElroy St. has all your laundry needs covered. Along with the many washing machines and dryers, the Laundry Mart has a lounge area with a color television and free wireless internet. The Laundry Mart is open with card access, Monday through Sunday, 7am to 10:30pm, with laundry staff available from 12:30pm to 10:30pm.

We hope you will take advantage of the great things the FGSH community has to offer! Don't forget to check out the FRC. It's going to be a great year!

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Family and Graduate Student Housing Office

A note from the FGSH Coordinator

Greetings! Welcome to a new semester in Family and Graduate Student Housing! Your Apartment Assistants (AAs) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) staff wish you the best in your academic and personal/family endeavors while living in our community--we want you to feel like you are part of our "family" because you are! Our community has residents from many different countries and cultures, yet we all have things in common. You and your neighbors alike strive to better yourselves and your families by reaching your academic goals while at OSU. Also, you and your neighbors want to get to know new people who will help support you personally and professionally during your time at OSU and for years to come. It is these commonalities, among numerous others, that makes us family. I encourage you to make an effort to get to know your neighbors and make friendships that will last forever.

This newsletter, along with your Apartment Assistant's newsletter, are the best sources of information related to FRC activities, FGSH reminders, and neighborhood functions. Please take advantage of the programming offered by the FRC and your AAs and participate or volunteer when you can. If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind, please don't hesitate to call the FRC, the FGSH office, or your neighborhood AA. Also, feel free send me an e-mail (sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu) or come by my office at the FRC—my door is always open!

Sincerely,


Sarah Wilkey
FRC & FGSH Coordinator

The FGSH Community is a Great Place to be!

Thank you for making the FGSH community such a great one! Because of our residents' involvement and input, we are proud to be a part of a community with so many amenities and opportunities:

- Family Resource Center
- Lending Programs (Vacuums, Sewing Machines, Books and Toys)
- Neighborhood Gatherings
- Children's Programming
- Craft and Cooking Classes
- Family Activities
- Safe Neighborhoods
- Leadership Opportunities
- Free Language Classes
- Cultural Events
- 24-hour access to a computer lab
- Helpful, friendly and diverse residents and staff!

Want to become more involved?

If you are looking for a way to be more involved in your community, there are many ways to share your talents:

- Volunteer at the FRC in various areas, including cooking, cake decorating, childcare, computer skills, sewing, quilting and teaching!
- Help your AAs plan the next neighborhood gathering.
- Attend and provide feedback on FRC programs and neighborhood events.

For more information on helping with neighborhood events, contact your AA (page 4). If you are interested in volunteering at the FRC, please contact an FRC staff member at 744-6539.

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Save Money on Back-to-School Shopping

Heading back to school often means a lot of expenses, but with a few savvy tips, you can get clothes and supplies you need without breaking the bank.

How to Save More During Tax Free Weekend?

Take full advantage of your state's tax free weekend (or week) by applying the following tips, written by Jennifer Wolf, About.com Guide

- 1. Plan Ahead:** Plan major purchases around your state's tax free weekend event. For example, if your state allows you to purchase school supplies, clothing and shoes tax-free during the first weekend of August each year, use that time to purchase not just what you need right then, but what your children will need over the next several months.
- 2. Compare Prices:** Use the sales circulars in your Sunday paper to compare prices on the items you wish to buy. In addition, visit the websites of several stores where you usually shop. For example, if you tend to buy your kids' jeans at Old Navy or The Children's Place, visit their websites during tax free week to find out which store is offering the better deal. Do the same for items such as school supplies, computers and even sneakers.
- 3. Use Coupons to Take Advantage of Special Deals:** Some states will not allow consumers to use coupons during a sales tax holiday. Visit your state's tax free weekend event web page to learn about the rules that apply in your area. Even if coupons are not permitted, though, pay attention to your local stores' advertisements for "Early Bird" shopping hours and special deals that can add to your savings during tax free weekend.

Oklahoma's Tax Free Weekend is scheduled for August 5-7, 2011. It applies to clothing and shoes priced under \$100. The regular sales tax rate in Oklahoma is 4.5%, so that's how much money you would be saving - along with your local sales tax, if applicable.

By shopping around and also using coupons, you might find that the items you're looking for are less expensive either before the tax free weekend or after it takes place.

Quick tips

- 1. Take stock of what you already have**
Reuse notebooks and other supplies. You save money, you are organizing your home and you are being kinder to the environment by reusing and buying less.
- 2. Steer clear of cheap items**
If you buy a cheap backpack that doesn't make it through the school year, then that bargain will end up costing you more money in the end so buy a durable bag that will last.
- 3. Search out store brands**
Office supply stores such as Staples often feature their own brand of notebooks, paper and other school supplies at a lower price than name brands at mass retailers such as Wal-Mart.
- 4. Arrange a back-to-school swap**
Gather your friends and relatives with kids of approximately similar ages and have them bring fairly-new or unused school supplies and clothes that can be exchanged.
- 5. Don't buy everything early**
Buy what you need for the first day of school but don't buy too much for the rest of the year.

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Neighborhood Gatherings

BRUMLEY

Friday the 26th
4:30-6pm
Brumley Hall
Video game tournament and
Bored games
Pizza, chips, drinks

DEMAREE

Friday the 26th
5:30-7pm
Demaree Picnic Tables
Field Games, Bean Bag Toss,
jump sacks, hot potato, hop
scotch
Sandwiches, chips, pickles

MORRISON

Saturday the 27th
5-6:30pm
Morrison Playground
Bike Rodeo
Subs and Pizza

WILLIAMS

Saturday the 27th
6:30-8pm
Williams Playground
Soccerball
Donuts, ice cream and drinks

PROSSER

Saturday the 27th
7-8:30pm
West Playground
Board games and pizza

WEST

Saturday the 27th
7-8:30pm
West playground
Board games and Asian Food

STEVENS

Saturday the 27th
7-8:30pm
Stevens Playground
Kites, Frisbees and Asian Food

Bicycle Registration and parking

Unregistered bikes left behind are subject to being impounded over the summer break. Bicycle Registration is mandatory and available without charge, at the OSU Parking and Transit Services Office. Bicycles may be parked at approved bicycle racks only. Parking bicycles at light poles, fence/sign posts, stairwells, shrubs, trees, etc. is prohibited. Any bicycle (registered or unregistered) that is incorrectly parked may be impounded by the OSU Parking and Transit Services office and a citation will be issued at the time of release. Abandoned bicycles will be picked up and impounded at regular intervals. Bicycles may be considered abandoned if they are not moved or relocated within a 30-day period, and/or are not in a reasonable operable condition. The University shall not be liable to the owner of any securing device or the owner of the bicycle for the cost of repair or replacement of the device that is removed during the impound. The University assumes no responsibility for the care and protection of any bicycle, attached accessories, or contents at any time the bicycle is operated or parked on campus.

FGSH News

The BUS--Campus and Community Transit

The BUS is the campus and community transit service operated by the Department of Parking and Transit Services at OSU. The BUS provides fixed-route transit services throughout Stillwater and the OSU campus. Two routes provide service on the main campus every 7 minutes from 6 am to 7pm and every 15 minutes after 7pm. The BUS also provides public transportation in Stillwater to all citizens from 6:30am to 7pm Monday through Friday. The BUS fares are as follows:

OSU Students, Faculty, and StaffFree with ID
 General Public 50 cents (\$0.50)
 Child Under 5.....Free when accompanied by paying passenger
 Child/Young Adult age 5-18; Seniors age 60+ 25 cents (\$0.25)
 Persons with ADA Disability Card & Persons with Medicare Card 25 cents (\$0.25)
 Exact fare required; fares are for one-way trips. Return trips require additional payment.
 For route information, visit www.transit.okstate.edu.



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 *Newsline* electronically?

Send an e-mail to sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu with your name and the e-mail address you want to use. You will still receive a paper version.

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry)To International Stores
 (Sultan International Market, Overseas Market, Boomer International Plaza, and El Jacal)
 6:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:10pm(Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:40pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office)..... To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments
 10:00am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid)..... Return to FGSH Apartments
 11:40am(Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments

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Youth & Family Programs

Youth and Family Programs Schedule Fall 2011

All programs begin on Monday, August 22

Kindergarten Kids Club (age 4-5)	Monday-Friday, 4 - 6pm
After School Adventures (ages 6-11)	Monday-Friday, 4 - 6pm
	Soccer Tuesdays (during ASA)
Cowboys & Cowgirls 4-H Club (ages 9-17)*	Monday, 4:30 - 6pm
Book Club (ages 9-12)	Monday, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Toddler Time (ages 2-3)	Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 - 11:30am
Teen Club (ages 12-17)	Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 - 8pm
Family Story Hour (ages 0-4):	Friday, 10 - 11am
Practical Parenting.....	Friday, 11:30am-12:30pm

*At this time, the 4-H Club is accepting no new enrollees. Only those children enrolled in 4-H during the Spring 2010 semester are currently enrolled in the 4-H Club.

2011-2012 Enrollment Announcements

During the month of August, the Youth & Family Programs Staff will be assisting all parents in completing new enrollment forms for children in order to participate in Fall 2011 & Spring 2012 programs. All parents who would like their child to participate in fall and spring programming must fill out a new enrollment form regardless of whether or not your child was previously enrolled. For the fall and spring semesters, children will be enrolled in programs on a priority basis; those residents who have lived in the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community for the longest amount of time will have first priority in signing up their children for programs. Enrollment for most of our programs will be limited; refer to the information below, so you may enroll your child on the appropriate day. Additionally, in order to enroll children for programs residents are now required to bring a copy of their housing contract or e-mail renewal notice, their apartment key and a photo identification card. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact Amie.

Residents may enroll their children on their specified days during the following times:

9 - 11am; 1 - 3pm; 5 - 7pm

Monday, August 15 - Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community prior to Sept. 1, 2007, may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Tuesday, August 16 - Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community from Sept. 2, 2007, to Sept. 1, 2009, may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Wednesday, August 17 - Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing Community from Sept. 2, 2009, to the present may enroll their children on this day during the times listed above.

Mandatory Parent Meeting Programs

Parents of children enrolled in programs are required to attend the informational meeting regarding fall and spring programs on Thursday, August 18, from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Parents must attend this meeting in order for their children to attend summer programs. At this informational meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet the Youth & Family Programming Staff, become aware of children's programming policies and procedures, learn about special programs and field trips and ask questions. Child care and light refreshments will be provided. Please note this meeting is mandatory; your child will not be allowed to participate in this program if you do not attend this meeting.

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Community Development

Come to the FRC to Pick up the Community Development Fall Class Schedule

The Community Development area provides fun and educational activities for adults living in the FGSB community. Examples of Community Development programs include: English classes, cooking demonstrations, craft classes, personal wellness classes, diversity/cultural activities, Women's/Men's/Couple's events and much more!

Women's Night

Cool off at this month's Woman's Night as we have a women's only pool party at a secluded location in Stillwater on Friday, August 26. Snacks and transportation will be provided. We will leave the FRC at 6pm and will be back at the FRC around 8pm. *Child care will be provided at the FRC.

Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor's Welcome is an annual event hosted by the International Friendship Committee of Stillwater that allows various community and campus organizations that provide specific services of interest to international students to exhibit their services. The Mayor's Welcome also serves to welcome new and returning international students to the community and acquaint them with all the activities the community has to offer. Refreshments will be served and the mayor Nathan Bates will be present to address the guests. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 20, at 6pm in the Wes Watkins Center.

GPSGA Welcome Reception

To honor the graduate students of Oklahoma State University, the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, GPSGA, will be hosting a Graduate Student Welcome Reception. The event takes place on Thursday, August 25, from 4-6pm in the Noble Research Center Courtyard, north of the Edmond Low Library. To help orient new graduate students to the university, campus organizations and businesses within the Stillwater community will have booths setup for the event. Come meet new graduate students and have the chance to win door prizes.

Need a Tutor?

The Stillwater Literacy Council provides confidential, free tutoring to adults in Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language. The Literacy Council is a non-profit organization serving the Stillwater community. Contact the Stillwater Literacy Council at stillwaterliteracycouncil@gmail.com for more information on their services or becoming a tutor.

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Programs made possible
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Activity Board Fee and
the Stillwater Literacy
Council.

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30pm SS	2	3 5:30pm SS	4	5	6 9am SS
7	8 5:30pm SS	9	10 5:30pm SS	11	12	13 9am SS
14	15 YFP Enrollment: 9-11am; 1-3pm; 5-7pm 5:30pm SS	16 YFP Enrollment: 9-11am; 1-3pm; 5-7pm	17 YFP Enrollment: 9-11am; 1-3pm; 5-7pm 5:30pm SS	18 6:30pm Mandatory Parent Meeting	19	20 9am SS
21	22 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 4:30pm 4-H 5:30pm SS 6:30pm BC#	23 9:30am TT 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 6:30pm TC	24 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 5:30pm SS	25 9:30am TT 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 6:30pm TC	26 10am FSH 11:30am PP 4pm KKC 4pm ASA 4:30pm Brunley 5:30pm Demaree 6pm Women's Night	27 9am SS 5pm Morrison 6:30pm Williams 7pm Prosser 7pm West 7pm Stevens
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FSH-Family Story Hour
SS-Shopping Shuttle

KKC-Kindergarten Kids Club
TC-Teen Club

TT-Toddler Time
PP-Practical Parenting

ASA-After School Adventure
BC#-Book Club for Youth & Family