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Family Resource Center Welcomes New Students

By Jackson Alexander, FRC Communications and Marketing Assistant

The Family Resource Center is excited to start another year at Oklahoma State University. Each member of the faculty and staff has worked to provide exciting new classes, events, and opportunities for the residents of OSU Family and Graduate Student Housing.

The Family Resource Center, originally founded in 1987 as a graduate student practicum, offers assistance to families and campus residents as they get settled on campus in the Stillwater area. Residents enjoy having a place where they can share their culture with others, and learn about customs and cultures from the United States and other countries as well.

“The FRC is a great place for all residents in FGSH—we have programs, activities, and resources for everyone, not just families,” said Sarah Wilkey, FGSH Assistant Director. “Our mission is to help residents adjust to academic life, and we provide services to help make life a little easier for OSU students. The FRC staff is ready to help, so please let us know what we can do to serve you better!”

Services that are offered at the FRC include adult programs, youth and family programs, academic programs, lending programs, English classes, referral services, and even a shopping shuttle. Just a few of the classes and activities include a book club, cultural experiences, athletic contests, cooking demonstrations, children’s programs and classes, and a wide variety of other exciting activities.

The FRC mission is to “provide information and resources to families, with a particular emphasis on families living in FGSH.” The FRC assists individuals, couples, and families in their adjustment to academic life and promote their success and personal fulfillment.

“I am excited to start the new year with the FRC and be involved with all of the community development activities and events that will be offered,” said Kadie Brown, a Community Development Assistant. She will be teaching Everyday English and hosting the Community Development Book Club.

The staff members of the FRC are here to assist you in any way possible - to answer questions, give advice, or just listen. Family Resource Center staff members are ready to tackle a new year, and make the residents of FGSH here at OSU feel comfortable, welcome, and most importantly, a part of the Cowboy family.

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Family and Graduate Student Housing Office

A note from the FGSH Assistant Director

Greetings! I hope that your semester is off to a great start! The hustle and bustle of working toward your degree can be a rewarding yet challenging experience. I encourage you and your family to take advantage of the unique resources at your fingertips in FGSH. Did you know that OSU is one of only a few universities in the United States that has a Family Resource Center (FRC)? The mission of the FRC is to help create a “Family Friendly Environment” by providing information and resources to families, with particular emphasis on families living in FGSH. We assist individuals, couples, and families in their adjustment to academic life and promote our resident’s success and personal fulfillment. The FRC is not just for families, but for ALL residents in FGSH. I hope that you will take a moment to come to the FRC and check out the many programs and resources we have to offer:

- Programs for Children and Adults
- Lending Programs
- 24-hour Computer Lab
- Pool, Ping Pong, Foosball Tables
- Resource Referral
- Community Outreach



Sarah Wilkey
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



Family & Graduate Student Housing

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Apartment Maintenance

The Facilities Management Office is the office that handles maintenance issues. If your apartment requires maintenance you should contact the FMO at 744-8510. The FMO is open 8am-5pm. In case of a maintenance emergency after 8pm or on weekends, contact the Physical Plant Action Desk at 744-7154.

Newsline Online

Interested in receiving your newsletter electronically? Send an email to sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu with your name and email address.

You will still receive a paper version.



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!

Staff Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight staff members from the Family Resource Center.

Name: Austin O’Berry

Hometown: Wright City, OK

Education: Associate degree in Pre-Elementary Education from Carl Albert State College

Role at the FRC: Children’s Programming Assistant and English Basics Community Development Instructor

Favorite Food: Ketchup

Favorite Activities: Fishing, photography, and painting

Future Plans: Become an administrator in Oklahoma Public Schools

Favorite movie: “Sweet Home Alabama”

Favorite thing about the FRC: The staff and residents

Interesting Fact: “I married my best friend this June.”

Favorite Quote: “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” - Theodore Roosevelt

Name: Jed Gibson

Hometown: Miami, Oklahoma

Education: Political Science

Role at the FRC: Stevens Apartment Assistant

Favorite Food: “Anything my wife, Hannah, makes.”

Favorite Activities: “Cooking with Hannah, reading, checking the mail, and watching old seasons of The West Wing.”

Future Plans: “To attend law school and start a family.”

Favorite book: *The Kite Runner*

Favorite thing about the FRC: “I really enjoy meeting new people from different places and learning about their culture.”

Interesting Fact: “I married my high school sweetheart.”

Favorite Quote: “The best antidote I know for worry is work. The best cure for weariness is the challenge of helping someone who is even more tired. One of the great ironies of life is this: He or she who serves almost always benefits more than he or she who is served.” - Gordon B. Hinckley

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If you enjoy learning more about current FGSH staff members, be on the lookout for more spotlights and interesting facts in the upcoming *Newline* editions!

Apartment Assistant News

Neighborhood Gatherings

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Demaree Neighborhood

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S36, S37, S38, S39, S40, S41,
S42

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245, 246, 247, 248

Prosser Neighborhood

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N16, N17, N18, N19, N20,
N21, N22, N23, N24, N25,
N26, N27, N28

Stevens Neighborhood

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S70, S71, S72, S73, S74, S75,
S76, S90, S91, S92

West Neighborhood

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S80, S81, S82, S83, S84, S85,
S86, S87, S88, S89

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N12, N13, N14, N15, N101,
N102, N103, N104, N105

BRUMLEY

Saturday, September 8 • 5:30-7pm at the playground area
Pot luck dinner / Coffee, tea, cookies & drinks.

PROSSER

Saturday, September 15 • 5:30-7pm at the playground area
Asian games / Pizza and soft drinks.

WILLIAMS

Saturday, September 15 • 6:30-7:30pm at the playground area
Basketball / Cakes, fruits & drinks.

MORRISON

Sunday, September 16 • 5-7pm at the gazebo
Kite making / Meatball subs.

STEVENS

Friday, September 21 • 6-7:30pm at the playground area
Ladder ball / Pizza & soda.

WEST

Saturday, September 22 • 7-8:30pm at the playground area
OSU Q&A / Hamburgers & bananas.

DEMAREE

Sunday, September 23 • 5-6pm at the picnic tables
Get-to-know FGSH / Buffalo wings, veggies, dessert & drinks.

**Please help us in welcoming the new
Stevens Apartment Assistants to the
FRC:**

Jed and Hannah Gibson - Stevens A.A.

Please help us make them feel welcome to
the FGSH community!

FGSH News

Apartment Maintenance

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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 6am 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 Staff Free with ID
General Public 75 cents (\$0.75)
Child Under 5 Free when accompanied by paying passenger
Child/Young Adult age 5-18; Seniors age 60+ 35 cents (\$0.35)
Persons with ADA Disability Card & Persons with Medicare Card 35 cents (\$0.35)
Exact fare required; fares are for one-way trips. Return trips require additional payment.
For route information, visit www.transit.okstate.edu.

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

5:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
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
10am (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 2012

Family Story Hour (ages 0-4).....	Friday, 10am-11am
Toddler Time (ages 2-3).....	Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am-11:30am
Kindergarten Kids Club (ages 4-5).....	Monday-Friday, 4:00pm-6:00pm
After School Adventures (ages 6-11).....	Monday-Friday, 4:00pm-6:00pm
Cowboys & Cowgirls 4-H Club (ages 9-17)*	Wednesday, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Teen Club (ages 12-17).....	Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30pm-8:00pm
Book Club (ages 9-12).....	Monday, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Drawing and Painting Basics (ages 9-17).....	Wednesday, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Practical Parenting.....	Thursday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

*At this time, the 4-H Club is accepting no new enrollees. Only those children enrolled in 4-H during the Spring 2012 semester are currently enrolled in the 4-H Club. If your child is interested in 4-H, please send Amie an e-mail and she will place your child's name on the waiting list.

Family Dinner & Game Night

The Youth & Family Programs staff is hosting a Family Dinner & Game Night at the FRC from 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, September 11th. Enjoy a free home-cooked meal by the Youth & Family Staff and an evening of board games. Teen Club will be cancelled due to this event.

Sugar Art Show Trip to Tulsa State Fair

The FRC will be taking residents to see the Oklahoma State Sugar Arts Show at the Tulsa State Fair on Sunday, September 30 from 1-8pm in Tulsa. The Sugar Arts Show features the Grand National Wedding Cake Competition where sugar artists around the United States compete to win the prestigious competition. In addition to visiting the Sugar Arts Show, residents will have time to view other fair exhibits. The FRC is covering the transportation fee and half of the general admission fee. Residents will be required to bring \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 8-12 on the day of the trip. Only children 8 years old and older accompanied by a parent or guardian will be allowed to attend. Residents must bring their own snacks or money to purchase food at the concession stands. The sign-up sheet along with additional information will be available at the FRC Front Desk on Tuesday, September 4. Space is limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Will Rogers Elementary Parent Night

On Thursday, September 6 at 6:30pm, Will Rogers Elementary will be at the FRC to discuss school issues and answer any questions that parents may have. This will be a great opportunity to meet Principal Ukpaka, the ELL teachers, and the new Parent Teacher Association President. Childcare will be provided.

Youth & Family Programs Holiday & Cancellations for September 2012

There will be no Youth & Family Programs on Monday, September 3, 2012, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Regular programs will resume on Tuesday, September 4, 2012. There will be no Book Club on Monday, September 17 due to a FRC staff meeting, and Monday, September 24 due to the Facilities Community meeting.

Amie Allen, Youth & Family Programs Coordinator, may be reached by phone at 405-744-6539 or by e-mail at amie.allen@okstate.edu

Community Development

Community Development Programs Schedule for Fall 2012

Reading Skills with Soha	Monday, 9:30 – 10:30am
Writing Skills with Soha**	Monday, 10:30 – 11:30am
Arabic Language with Mona**	Monday, 11:45am – 12:45pm
Basic English with Austin**	Monday, 2 – 3pm
Intermediate English with Megan**	Tuesday, 9:30 – 10:45am
Basic Spanish with Alejandro and Cinthya**	Tuesday, 11 – 12pm
Professional Development with Alejandro**	Tuesday, 1 – 2pm
Advanced English with Megan	Tuesday, 2 – 3pm
Sustainability Awareness with Bhavna.....	Wednesday, 9:30 – 10:45am
Craft Class with Bhavna and Megan.....	Wednesday, 11am – 12pm
Health, Wellness & Nutrition with Megan & Leslie**	Wednesday, 1 – 2pm
Pronunciation Skills with Leslie**	Wednesday, 2 – 3pm
English Conversation with Leslie.....	Wednesday, 3 – 4pm
Listening & Speaking Skills with Maria**	Thursday, 9:30 – 10:45am
English Grammar with Maria**	Thursday, 11am – 12pm
Everyday English with Kadie	Thursday, 1 – 2pm
Book Club with Kadie.....	Thursday, 2 – 3pm
Current Events with Adran**	Friday, 9:30 – 10:45am
Customs and Courtesies with Adran**	Friday, 11am – 12pm
Cooking Demo with Morgan, Leslie, Megan, Alejandro & Adran**	Friday, 12:30 – 2pm
English in the Media & Situational English with Alejandro & Leslie.....	Friday, 2 – 3pm
Survival English with Ron Avants.....	Saturday, 6 – 7:30pm
Intermediate English with Ron Avants	Saturday, 7:30 – 9pm

**Child care is provided

Recycled Crafts Competition

Combine your recycling and craft skills at our Recycled Crafts Competition on Wednesday, September 5th from 6-7:30pm at the FRC. Please e-mail bhavna.sharma@okstate.edu or Catherine at the FRC for more details about the competition and how to enter. Winning crafts will be the subject of a recycled craft class at the FRC. Join in the competition for a chance to win some of our awesome prizes!

Movie Night

Want to take a break from classes even for just a night? Join the BAEGBA for their movie night at the FRC Great Room on Wednesday, September 19th from 6:30-9pm.

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Student Housing, OSU
Student Activity Board
Fee, the Stillwater
Literacy Council, and
the Biosystems and
Agricultural Engineering
Graduate Student
Association.

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Inter. English
2	3 Classes Cancelled University Holiday	4 9:30am TT, Inter. English 11am Basic Spanish 1pm Prof. Development 2pm Advanced English 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm TC	5 9:30am Sustainability 11am Craft Class 1pm Health & Wellness 2pm Pronoun. Skills 3pm Eng. Conversation 4pm KKC, ASA 4:30pm 4-H Club 6:30pm BC, DP 6pm Craft Contest	6 9:30am TT, Listening 11am English Grammar 1pm Everyday English 2pm PP, Book Club 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm TC 6:30pm Parent Night	7 9:30am Current Events 10am FSH 11am Customs 12:30pm Cooking Demo 2pm Media & Sit. Eng. 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm BC	8 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Inter. English 5:30pm Brumley
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16 5pm Morrison	17 9:30am Reading Skills 10:30am Writing Skills 11:30am Arabic Lang. 2pm Basic English 4pm KKC, ASA	18 9:30am TT, Inter. English 11am Basic Spanish 1pm Prof. Development 2pm Advanced English 9:30am TT 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm TC	19 9:30am Sustainability 11am Craft Class 1pm Health & Wellness 2pm Pronoun. Skills 3pm Eng. Conversation 4pm KKC, ASA 4:30pm 4-H Club 6:30pm BC, DP 6:30pm Movie Night	20 9:30am TT, Listening 11am English Grammar 1pm Everyday English 2pm PP, Book Club 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm TC	21 9:30am Current Events 10am FSH 11am Customs 12:30pm Cooking Demo 2pm Media & Sit. Eng. 4pm KKC, ASA 6:30pm BC 6pm Stevens	22 6pm Survival English 7:30pm Inter. English 7pm West
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FSH-Family Story Hour

SS-Shopping Shuttle

4-H Club

KKC-Kindergarten Kids Club

TC-Teen Club

DP- Drawing and Painting

TT-Toddler Time

PP-Practical Parenting

ASA-After School Adventure

BC- Book Club