THE INTERVIEW ISSUE!

You are holding in your hands the COE student newspaper! In this issue we wanted to interview the people who help our school in other ways every day besides being a PreK – 5th grade teacher. We found out some people are new and some people have worked here a long time. Mrs. Trim and Ms. Tiger have been working at our school for a very long time! Read the interviews to find out who else has been here as long as they have! Look on the para professional page to find out who has been working at our school the longest! (Hint: it’s not anyone who was interviewed for this issue!)

Q & A with Mrs. Trim

Q: How long have you worked at COE?
A: I’ve been in this building... well, this is my 22nd year.
Q: Did you grow up in Tulsa?
A: I grew up in Cache, Oklahoma. The population was 1,500 when I lived there.
Q: Do you have kids? If so, how many?
A: I have one daughter named Toni.
Q: What did you want to be instead of a secretary?
A: I wanted to be an airline flight attendant.
Q: Did you go to college and what did you master in?
A: I didn’t get the chance to go to college.

Ms. Tiger

By Sabrina W. and Kalynn N.

Mrs. Tiger has been working at Council Oak for 18 years. She loves our school and all the teachers. She is a para-professional. Her favorite year in school was her senior year. Mrs. Tiger’s favorite color is teal. Her favorite flower is a tiger lily. Her favorite team is OSU. She likes basketball and the OKC Thunder. She has a pit bull. She works at Wal-Mart at night.
Mrs. Saku
By Wren Frasier

Mrs. Saku is a teacher assistant for the Turquoise PreK class. Mrs. Saku’s favorite part of working with the preK class is working with the students outside and at specials. Mrs. Saku likes the school and the staff a lot, and she is very glad that she gets to work here. She is happy that she gets to prepare the Turquoise class for their future and that she gets to teach them how to interact with each other in the best way they can.

Ms. Nichole
By Wren Frasier

Ms. Nichole is a teacher assistant for the whole Council Oak Elementary School. Ms. Nichole’s favorite part about working with students is being able to get to know the students. She also enjoys helping students understand problems. Ms. Nichole likes Council Oak because at our school you feel like you are part of a community and family. She likes her coworkers because they are very caring and sweet.

Mrs. Doyle
By River and Carter

Mrs. Doyle was not raised in Tulsa, OK, she was raised in Sand Springs, OK. Also, she was born October 10th 1976. Another thing about her is she has two daughters whose names are Sparrow and Starling. Her favorite state/city is New York. Her favorite television channel is PBS. She was inspired to become a teacher by her teacher, Mrs. Freese. Her favorite subjects in school were geography and music. She loves her pre-K class where she helps Mrs. Kim. Her job before COE was at DHS, which stands for Department of Human Services. Her dream job is to be in a Broadway musical. But she is happy with the job she has now!

Ms. Foshee
By Wren Frasier

Ms. Foshee is a teacher assistant for the Rose Rock PreK class. Ms. Foshee enjoys working with her coworkers at Council Oak. She says it is a great environment for the teachers and kids. She also enjoys working with her preK class because the kids make her laugh and are super sweet. She especially likes working with the kids outside and on field trips. Ms. Foshee participates in Laps Running Club and some of the runs as she really enjoys doing them.

Drawing by Maggie H.
Resource Services

Mrs. Jones

Mrs. Jones has multiple pets: one dog named Felix, one cat named Casperina, and 3 fish – Clover, Pepperjack, and she can’t remember the last one! Mrs. Jones’ favorite color is turquoise. Also, her favorite restaurant is Speedy Gonzalez. Her favorite type of clothing is anything soft and comfy. Her favorite plant/flower is peony. Another thing is her favorite soda is Dr. Pepper. Mrs. Jones’ favorite book is Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein. And her lucky number is number 5. Also, her favorite animal is the elephant. Finally, her favorite vacation spot is in the mountains.

Mr. Haase

Mr. Haase is a special education teacher. Mr. Haase has been teaching for four years. One of his favorite teachers as a kid was his 5th grade teacher. Also, his favorite memory as a kid was when he was in pre-k and he was making gingerbread men in the kitchen connected to his classroom. He also has a cool pet gecko named Leo. His favorite things about school are the activities and field trips. Also, he loves the students’ creativity. Also, his favorite subject is psychology and his best talent is listening. Mr. Haase has a younger sister. His favorite color is dark red, and his favorite book is The Jungle by Upton Sinclair.

Mrs. Rachel

Mrs. Rachel has worked at Council Oak Elementary for 3 years and has been teaching for 14 years. She has 3 dogs named Daisy, Lilian, and Howie. Her favorite color is red and she likes reading. Mrs. Rachel’s favorite subject is literacy, and she helps students who speak with 2 languages at this school. She has a husband named Matt and a brother named Steven. Her favorite thing about school is connecting with the children.

Comic by Malik
Mrs. Naho
By Morgan Jenkins and Janiylah Walters

What is your favorite color? Turquoise
Do you have any kids? Yes, I have 2
What are there names? Koji and Aki
What is your favorite drink? Tea
What is your favorite restaurant? Charleston’s
Pens or pencils? Pencils
When is your birthday? November 16th
Do you like sweets or sours? Sweets
Describe yourself in 3 words: Patient, hardworking, and adventurous
What are your favorite numbers? 7 and 39
What is a way you like to let your anger out? Running and playing music

Mrs. Klein

Mrs. Klein’s favorite color is purple. She was born in Florida and enjoys traveling. She has two adult sons, Matthew and Nicholas. She also has a granddaughter, Kathryn. In 2015, she became certified as a school librarian. She has been the librarian at Council Oak for 5 years. “I love teaching here,” she says. Her favorite food is dark chocolate and her favorite activity is reading. She had lots of pets growing up, but she doesn’t have a favorite animal. She also loves plants and gardening, and enjoys crafting with fabrics.

Ms. Cox
By Grace Moore & Danny Starns

Ms. Cox grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her favorite color is olive green. Her favorite food is mac and cheese. She is 30 years old. Her favorite subject is art. She teaches art at Council Oak Elementary. She loves teaching. She went to Lee Elementary, Carver Middle School, and Edison High School. She enjoys performing in local theatre plays. She works as a teacher, dog sitter, and house sitter. SHE IS AN AWESOME TEACHER!

Mrs. Stanford
By Hadley Tobey and Mary Grace Spears

Mrs. Stanford has worked at Council Oak for sixteen years. Mrs. Stanford really likes the kids here at Council Oak Elementary. She also really enjoys the families at Council Oak Elementary. She once taught second grade at another school. Originally, Mrs. Stanford was offered to teach second grade or S.P.A.R.K., but she wanted to challenge herself so she chose S.P.A.R.K. Mrs. Stanford has a daughter who just finished her first year at college. She also has a dog named Bella who is ten years old. Her favorite color is blue. Her favorite food is Mexican food. Mrs. Stanford would someday like to live at the beach.
FUN STUFF!

By Adella Carter

Maze

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Word Search

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4. Girls just want to have

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2. Council Oak Elementary
3. an acquaintance
Mrs. Pat L.  
By Willow & Moriyah

Mrs. Pat has worked here for 9 years, and her favorite color is green. She has a brother, a sister, a half brother and a half sister. Mrs. Pat has 3 dogs, a parrot, and chickens. Her favorite drink is iced tea, and her favorite thing about this school is seeing all the children. Last but not least her favorite cloth is silk.

Interviewing Trevis  
By Reece & Penelope

We interviewed Trevis, our lunch server, with a few questions. How long have you been working at our school for? Almost 20 years! Trevis has also been very kind for 20 years! Why do you enjoy working here? I just love kids. We love her too! Do you have any children? I have 4 kids that went to this school. Where did you grow up as a kid? I grew up close to Booker T. Washington High School. Why did you choose to work here? First of all, my kids went here so I wanted to be close to my kids.

Mrs. Lorenza  
By Wren Frasier

Mrs. Lorenza works in the cafeteria. Mrs. Lorenza speaks Spanish and has someone translate what she says to English. She enjoys working with kids and enjoys everything about them. Also, she really likes how the kids at Council Oak are very creative. Mrs. Lorenza enjoys communicating with her coworkers and likes how they work together.

Pat  
By Janiylah Walters and Morgan Jenkins

What is your favorite color? Red
What is your favorite snack? Yellow apples
What is your favorite number? 3
Do you have kids? I have 3 kids
If you had to choose a food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza
What is your favorite drink? Pepsi
Where is your favorite place to hang out? Casino
Mrs. Wheatina  
By Adella Carter  
She is the COE OST Site Supervisor.  
Q: How long have you worked here?  
A: I have worked at this school for 1 ½ years.  
Q: What is your favorite color?  
A: My favorite color is purple.  
Q: Are you married?  
A: Yes I am.  
Q: Do you have kids?  
A: Yes, I have 7.  
Q: Where did you go to school?  
A: I went to Rogers High School.  
Q: What do you like about working here?  
A: I like working with kids so I can encourage them to be AWESOME CITIZENS!

Daniella  
By Camari Lowmack  
What’s your favorite thing to do? I like working with the kids.  
What do you like about our school? I love the environment.  
What do you like about Pre-K students? They are so creative!  
What do you like about the teachers? I like the communication.  
What do you like about outside on the playground? I like the outdoor classroom.

Ms. Katlyn  
By Morgan Jenkins  
She is an OST leader.  
What is your favorite color? Orange and pink  
What is your favorite food? Mexican food  
What do you like to do when you are not working? I participate in sports and I go to school.  
Do you have any pets? I have 2 dogs.  
What kind of dogs are they? Border sheep dog and Jack Russell terrier.  
What are their names> Precious Marie, Target Main  
How long have you been working here? 3 years

Ms. Connie’s List  
By Sydni and Kaydence  
• She loves working with her Pre-K students after school.  
• She also likes the principal. All of the teachers are kind. She likes working with her team.  
• She likes doing projects with the kids, and she likes to read to the kids.  
• She likes to dance.  
• She loves to cook fish. Her favorite food is fish.  
• She loves to play basketball.  
• She loves Nikes as tennis shoes.  
• She likes to order off of QVC.  
• She loves to sleep.  
• She loves to sew.
Mrs. Dee
By Morgan Jenkins
& Janiylah Walters
What is your favorite color? Brown, green, and blue
What is your favorite type of clothing? Jeans
Pens or pencils? Pencils
What is your favorite type of food? Shrimp
Ham & cheese or PB&J? I like both
Do you like planting? No, I am afraid of bugs.
If you had to pick a food that you had to eat for the rest of your life, what would you pick? Bacon and eggs
What are your favorite numbers? 19 and 13

Mr. Brandon
By Morgan Jenkins and Janiylah Walters
What is your favorite color? Yellow
What is your favorite number? 3
Do you like Kool-Aid? No, I like pop.
Do you have kids? No
What sport do you like? Football
What is your favorite hobby? Cooking
How big is your family? I have 8 brothers & sisters
Have you ever wanted to change your name? No
How tall are you? I am 6ft. 2in.
How much do you weigh? I am 175 pounds
How old are you? I am 28 years old.
What is your favorite breakfast food? Bacon

Mr. Jeff
By Grace and Kennedy
Mr. Jeff is the crossing guard at 21st Street. He is 23 years old and he likes his job and he likes Council Oak. He went to kindergarten at four years old and he went to Memorial High School. He has a cat named Kobe and his favorite color is blue. He likes computers. His favorite sport is basketball and his dream job would be to be a professional basketball player. His favorite team is the OKC Thunder.

Ms. Sandy
By Adella Carter
How long have you worked here? I have worked 9 years at our school, and 31 years in TPS.
What is your favorite color? Purple
What school did you go to? I went to Central High School. My favorite subjects were science and history.
What is your favorite part of working here? It’s gotta be you kids. It keeps me younger.
Do you have kids? I have one son.
Are you married? I’m a widow.

Mr. Pascual
By Adella Carter
How long have you worked here? About 3 years.
What is your favorite color? My favorite color is red.
Are you married? No.
Do you have any kids? I have one son.
Where did you go to school? I went to school at Kendall-Whittier Elementary here in Tulsa.
What do you like about working here? I like working with different people.

Custodians

Health Assistant

Crossing Guard

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Tutors

Mrs. Testa
By Avery Thomas & Avery Wakeman
Fave color: Warm colors
Fave book: Where the Croads Sing

Her job at school: “I support the regular classroom teacher with small group reading help.”

Her sons: Pete is the oldest and is a dentist, and Eric works for Stricker Medical. They were both born in Tulsa and went to our school.

Her husband: Is married to Marty for 33 years - they were married in 1986.

Where she was born: New Jersey

Before she was a teacher: “Before I taught, I worked in the business world.”

Mrs. Fain
By Morgan Jenkins and Janiylah Walters

What is your favorite color? Green
Fave drink? Diet Coke
Fave people to hang with? Family
Fave food? Mexican

Fave numbers? 8 and 44
Do you have any kids? 3 boys
If you had to choose one food to eat for the rest of your life, what would it be? Salad
What is your favorite kind of math problem? Multiplication

Mrs. Bomer
Mrs. Bomer’s favorite color is red and her favorite hobby is running. She loves running because it gives her energy and also she can meet people. And she has been a running coach for 34 seasons, which is 17 years. Her very last race was the Marine Corps race which is in DC. Also she has won three races for her age group. And her favorite thing about Council Oak is the teachers and the principal. She has been teaching for 40 years.

Special Services

Mrs. Johnston
Mrs. Johnston is married and has 2 kids. Her son, Liam, graduated from out school last year and is a 6th grader. She knew she wanted to be a teacher and liked the speech classes. She started teaching 9 years ago at our school right after she graduated from college. She likes to spend time with family and friends. Her husband is Greg and he is a storm chaser for the news. Her favorite color is yellow, her favorite food is enchiladas, and her favorite dessert is brownies. She was born on May 24th, 1983, and is 36 years old. She has lived in Tulsa all her life, and has a brother named Stephen.

Ms. Gallegos
Mrs. Gallegos has been teaching at our school for one year. Mrs. Gallegos’ favorite color is teal, and her favorite food is sushi. Also she has 2 dogs. Her favorite restaurant is Amelia’s. And her favorite pizza is mushroom pizza. She also has 1 brother and 1 sister and she is the youngest out of all of them. Also her favorite hobby is reading and her favorite part about teaching kids is to help them understand what she is teaching and this is the end of the interview of the speech teacher.

Mrs. Amanda
By Mary Grace Spears & Hadley Tobey
Mrs. Amanda works at Council Oak Elementary. She is a therapist with Daybreak Family Services. This is her first year here at Council Oak. She has been married for two years. She loves working with all of the age groups here at Council Oak. She works at her church as well. In the meantime, she likes going hunting and shopping. Her favorite colors are pink and blue. She wishes to stay at Council Oak for the rest of her career. She also has a cat.
Meet Ms. Mary
by Noa Verduzco

It is Ms. Mary’s first year at Council Oak Elementary (COE). Last year Ms. Mary worked at McKinley Elementary. She worked there for one year. Before that she worked at Eugene Field Elementary for 17 years. Ms. Mary is a para, which is a person who helps kids with stuff they need help with. One thing Ms. Mary likes about COE is the teachers and students. Ms. Mary’s favorite color is blue. Ms. Mary sings in choir at her church when she’s not working. Her hobbies are reading and singing. Ms. Mary’s husband’s name is Joseph. Ms. Mary has a son and a daughter. Her daughter’s name is Corrina, and her son is Daryl. She has nine grandchildren. Her favorite dessert is cheesecake. Her favorite candy is candy corn. Her favorite movie is “Color Purple.” Her favorite book is the Holy Bible. She was born in Little Rock, Arkansas. Ms. Mary is an important part of the school and we are lucky to have her.

Mrs. Tasha

Fave Color: Turquoise
Fave Grade: kindergarten
Favorite school memory: on her first day of school she met her best friend
How many kids she has: 2
Fave number: 9
Fave letter: M
Fave word: egg
Married? Yes
Fave food: soup
Fave book - movie: A Prayer for Owen Meanie
Fave book: The Brothers K
Fave plant: Gardenia
Lived in: Florida
Born: April 9, 1999
Moved to Tulsa: 14 years ago

Ms. Gracie

Her mom asked her if she wanted to apply for a job opening here at school. She said, “Yes!” She is a para and works with a kindergartener. She lives with her mom and also went to this school. Her mom was a teacher and she wanted to be a teacher too when her little cousin was born because she decided she loves kids. Ms. Gracie was born on April 9, 1999, and she is 20 years. Her favorite food is pasta, her favorite dessert is CCC, and her favorite color is blue. She has 2 pets- an 8 month old puppy and a 15 year old dog.

Mrs. Emerson

By Elias G. & Willow W.

Mrs. Emerson has been working at Council Oak Elementary for 5 years. She enjoys camping and hiking. She has a pet turkey named Vulture. She loves microbiology and science. She went to college at OSU, and she loves the color green. She likes nature, especially trees! Her favorite sport is soccer, her favorite book is Mortal Engines, and she also has 2 kids. If she could have any other job than a para for Mrs. Webb’s class, she would be a neurologist, which is a person that studies the brain.

Mr. Carter

Who’s worked at our school the longest? Mr. Carter started working here 23 years ago!
Ms. Eaton
By: Willow & Moriyah

Mrs. Eaton has been working here for 13 years and used to be a teacher. Now she is someone who works with everybody in the school. Her favorite color is green and she likes pelicans and her favorite hobby is camping. She loves the subjects science and art. Her favorite thing about this school is the community, like the families, the students and the staff. She has 2 dogs and a cat and 3 children.

Mrs. Miller
By Xander Sexton

Mrs. Miller has worked at this school for five years. She’s also been married for 23 years and has 2 kids. She first came to the school when her oldest son went to PreK and wanted to get more involved. So she started doing pictures for the yearbook and in the process got to know a lot of students and teachers. Then she became a para for the resource teachers. Then she was a teacher aid for PreK (her students know her as ‘Miss Kris’). Now she is the principal’s secretary and she does things like... maintain schedules, help the Principal, help with teacher needs, works with Mrs. Trim, and writes monthly reminders and bulletins for parents. “Nothing is ever boring,” she says. Lastly, she thinks that the teachers are dedicated and the students are very vibrant and she likes her job.

Mrs. Flowers Interview
By James D. and Kash K.

What is it like to be principal of this school? It is one of the hardest, amazing, and joyful jobs anyone could have.

How long have you been principal? For 3 years.
Do you have any children? What are their names? Yes I do. They do not go here, and their names are Charly, Jake, Ford, Mason, and Wyatt.
Is it fun to be principal? It is so much fun.
Name 3 things about what it’s like to be principal. I get to help kids, I get to work where everyone loves what they do, and I get to decide when we have free dress.
What degree did you get in college? I have a Bachelor’s degree and went back and earned a Masters degree.
Why did you want to be a principal? When I was a kid, I did not want to be a principal. But when I got older, I decided if I wanted to help kids change the world I would have to change what it looked like to be principal.
Do you like Council Oak? I love Council Oak!

Ms. Brie
By Morgan Jenkins and Janiylah Walters

Do you have any kids? Yes, I have 2, Kendon and Eliza.
What are your favorite colors? Red and black
What is your favorite food? Seafood
Have you ever wanted to make more money? Yes, everyone does, but I like where I am.
Do you like animals? Yes.
What is your favorite animal? Little dogs.
If you had to pick one food that you had to eat for the rest of your life, what would you pick? I can’t pick!
How old are your kids? 17 and 22
Do you like office chairs or school chairs? Office chairs
What is your favorite hobby? Basketball
A night of savage revenge

Pokemon Comic by Rock Spears

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