



Ops' Team Newsletter

The Operations' team includes (Please note the usage of Departmental acronyms through out the Newsletter): Bond (B), Campus Police (CP), Child Nutrition (CN), Enrollment Center (EC), Facilities (F), Print Shop (PS), Transportation (T), & Risk Management

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Message from Jorge



Dear Team,

The start of a new school year is around the corner! As you probably know by now, our Board of Education approved our superintendent's recommendation to start our school year in a distance learning mode for 9 weeks. All of us in Team Tulsa would prefer to bring our students, teachers, and team members back together in-person. However, given our current rates of COVID-19 infection, to do so would risk the health and safety of our students, their families, our team, and our city. As we prepare to support our students, teachers and school leaders, your work in the operations team is more important than ever, to ensure that keep safety as a priority.

This pandemic has made our work more challenging, and is impacting all of us professionally, and personally. As we approach a new school year, I want to remind us of our core values of character and joy through a short story:

There was once a traveler who was walking from a village in the mountains to a village in the valley.

As he walked along, he saw a monk working in a field, so he stopped and said to the monk, "I'm on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

The monk looked up from his work and asked the man where he had come from.

The man responded, "I have come from the village in the mountains."

"What was that like?" the monk asked.

"Terrible!" the man exclaimed, "no-one spoke my language, I had to sleep on a dirt floor in one of their houses, they fed me some sort of stew that had yak or dog or both in it and the weather was atrocious."

"Then I think that you will find that the village in the valley is much the same," the monk noted.

A few hours later another traveler passed by and he said to the monk, "I am on my way to the village in the valley, can you tell me what it's like?"

"Where have you come from?" enquired the monk.

"I have come from the village in the mountains."

"And what was that like?"

"It was awesome!" the man replied, "No-one spoke my language so we had to communicate using our hands and facial expressions. I had to sleep on the dirt floor which was really cool as I've never done that before. They fed me some sort of weird stew and I have no idea what was in it but just to experience how the locals lived was great and the weather was freezing cold, which meant that I really got a taste of the local conditions. It was one of the best experiences of my life."

"Then I think that you'll find that the village in the valley is much the same," responded the monk.

Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we respond. Don't allow the challenges we are facing with this pandemic to take away your joy. Thank you for everything you do every day!!

Sincerely,

Jorge Rebiles

Chief Operations Officer
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Transportation team member recognition by Lemorris Walton of the following individuals for their service in providing food deliveries during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Drivers:
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Janelle Green
Brenda Hardman
Eleana Huggins
Lisa McConnell
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Rose Morgan
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Terry Payne
Taneka Perry
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Mechanic
William Baker

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Gerald Seals

Director Of Transportation
Steve Blakley

Celebrate

- July 4th Independence Day
- August 18th 100 Anniversary of the 19th Amendment giving Women the right to vote. Click [Here](#) for details about the struggle.

Resources

- Call 800-635-8611 for COVID19 testing
- Complete the 2020 Census at, <https://www.2020Census.gov>. Your participation is important to the City of Tulsa and vital to Tulsa Public Schools.
- [2020-2021 School Year Overview: www.tulsaschools.org/2021overview](http://www.tulsaschools.org/2021overview)
- [Distance learning: www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning](http://www.tulsaschools.org/distancelearning)
- [Health and safety: www.tulsaschools.org/safety](http://www.tulsaschools.org/safety)
- [Planning for 2020-2021: www.tulsaschools.org/back2school](http://www.tulsaschools.org/back2school)
- [Student and Family Support Services: www.tulsaschools.org/SFSS](http://www.tulsaschools.org/SFSS)
- [Mental Health, Employee Assistance Program, & Crisis Support](http://www.tulsaschools.org/MH_EAP)
- [The Opportunity Project's COVID-19 Resource Page](http://www.tulsaschools.org/OP_COVID)
- [TPS Meal Sites](http://www.tulsaschools.org/TPS_Meal_Sites)
- [Hunger Free COVID-19 Food Resources](http://www.tulsaschools.org/Hunger_Free_COVID-19_Food_Resources)
- [Tulsa Area United Way COVID-19 Resource Directory](http://www.tulsaschools.org/Tulsa_Area_United_Way_COVID-19_Resource_Directory)
- [Disaster Distress Helpline](http://www.tulsaschools.org/Disaster_Distress_Helpline)
- [Creating Healthy, Inclusive Virtual Environments](http://www.tulsaschools.org/Creating_Healthy_Inclusive_Virtual_Environments)
- [OK Department of Mental Health and Substance](http://www.tulsaschools.org/OK_Department_of_Mental_Health_and_Substance)
- [Abuse Services COVID-19 Resource Directory](http://www.tulsaschools.org/Abuse_Services_COVID-19_Resource_Directory)
- [Turnaround For Children COVID](http://www.tulsaschools.org/TFCC_COVID)

In Memoriam



**Curtis Price, Jr.
Plant Operations**

We are always working to make this newsletter more useful and valuable to you. If you have feedback and/or suggestions please contact Dr. Pauline Harris at harripa2@tulsaschools.org or 918-202-4064.

