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The Comet's Tale

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ASTEC Art & Chocolate: a mouthwatering community event is Friday!



Scholar artists are brushing the finishing strokes onto their masterpieces, while other students are swirling up decadent chocolate delicacies, preparing for ASTEC Charter Schools' Art & Chocolate Festival.

The event, which will benefit ASTEC's art and social studies departments, is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 3 at the ASTEC Charter Schools campus in Shepherd Mall, 2401 NW 23 in Oklahoma City. Parking is on the south side of the complex. Guests enter through Entrance "C."

The festival will feature an original art sale, a silent auction featuring dozens of tantalizing gift baskets, and of course all sorts of homemade, artisan chocolates. Tickets to this family-friendly event are \$5 each, four for \$15 and six for \$20.

With each ticket, guests can choose ten pieces of chocolate to

sample from the various offerings. Last year's festival featured about 20 groups of chocolatiers.

Bedré Fine Chocolate will be one of those choices at the festival, as a featured donor.

"Our scholars are so talented in so many ways," said Dr. Freda Deskin, Superintendent and CEO of ASTEC. "This festival is just one of the many ways ASTEC likes to give our kids the limelight."

The Art & Chocolate Festival gives students the experience and responsibility of creating a product and following through with event-planning and even the marketing process to make the event a success, Deskin said.

"Our scholars are so excited for this festival, and they've really worked hard," Deskin said. "It's hard work for the scholars involved, but it's also just a really fun time for everyone."



Art students work on the pieces they'll donate to the ASTEC Art & Chocolate Festival. Above: Pablo Soto. Below left: Alan De Loera, right: Cynthia Uribe.

Comet musicians perform with El Sistema



Several ASTEC musicians performed recently with El Sistema Oklahoma, an after-school program catering to underserved students, third through ninth grade. The program is a unique nonprofit after-school program serving more than 200 inner-city central Oklahoma students.

From the El Sistema website: "The mission of El Sistema Oklahoma is to serve the community by engaging children within an ensemble-based music program so they can share the joy of music making and grow as responsible citizens."

ASTEC members of El Sistema are:

6th Grade:
Silverio Hernandez
Eduardo Barrios
Abigail Alvarado
Ashley Alvarado
Hilmer Barrios

7th Grade:
Henry Oryema
Jose Patterson-Tellez
Diego Martinez
Emily Zapata
Brian Zapata

9th Grade:
George Patterson-Tellez

Enrollment is closed for the current school year but you can sign up for a wait list or get more information about enrolling for next year at elstistemaok.org.

Don't forget to enroll now!



Just a friendly reminder: It's time to look ahead to the next school year at ASTEC Charter Schools! Part of that is making sure you complete and turn in your enrollment application for the 2017/18 school year.

Current students will re-enroll through their English classes. New students and transfer students should go online and [fill out an application](#). You can submit it online or print it and submit it to your school secretary.

The 2017/18 will likely have fewer spots for ASTEC scholars, and enrollment is first come, first served. If more scholars apply than the school has spots for, a lottery for enrollment will be held.

Comet talent on show

ASTEC's got talent, that's for sure. Some of our most outgoing and talented Comets will perform their unique skills at the 2017 ASTEC Talent Show.

The show is planned for Friday, March 10 from 8:45 to 11 a.m. in the ASTEC Auditorium. Be there to support today's Comets - tomorrow's super stars!

Student performers

Lillieonce Javanpour
Manuela Cezar
Tommy Vu feat. Perkins
Johanna Martinez
Johnny Pham
Jameson McConnell

The Band (Ronaldo Deleon, Jose Gallepos, Salvador Reyes)

Karina Frias

Fatima & Santiago Vargas

Melissa Prado

Sanjuanita Silva

George Patterson-Tellez

Teacher performers

Mr. Justin Perkins

Dean Lisa Seay

Mr. Keith Blackston

Mr. Chris Pratt and Mr. Jeff Hames

Ms. Bailey Lowe

ASTEC a leader in tech education



ASTEC has always been a leader in educational technology integration and a recent delivery of 90 new Chrome Books solidifies ASTEC's reputation as a high-tech school.

With more than 1,000 Chrome Books, iMacs, Mac Minis and MacBooks and just under 1,000 students, ASTEC has more than a one-to-one computer-to-scholar ratio most schools can't boast.

"We are committed to ensuring that ASTEC is preparing our students for college and the workplace," says Dr. Freda Deskin, CEO and Founder of ASTEC Charter Schools. "We pride ourselves on our advanced technology and how we incorporate that technology into every single ASTEC classroom for every single scholar."

**March for Science to demonstrate
integral role of science**

Oklahoma will join in the national March for Science from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Earth Day, April 22, 2017 at the State Capitol.

Millions of Americans will peaceably assemble to make their voices heard to defend the vital public service role science plays in our communities and our world.



MARCH FOR SCIENCE

EARTH DAY

APRIL 22, 2017

#marchforscience



Follow details on Oklahoma's March for Science at www.facebook.com/ScienceMarchOKC/.

From the national March for Science website:

Science serves all of us.

It protects our air and water, preserves our planet, saves lives with medical treatments, creates new industries, puts food on our tables, educates the next generation, and safeguards our future.

Science isn't Democratic or Republican, liberal or conservative. Indeed, threats to science are pervasive throughout governments around the world.

Using the teach-in concept deployed for the very first Earth Day in 1970, the rally and teach-in on the National Mall will focus on the need to hold our leaders – both in science and in politics – accountable to the highest standards of honesty, fairness, and integrity. The vital role science plays in our democracy must be preserved.

ABOUT EARTH DAY NETWORK:

The first Earth Day on April 22, 1970 activated 20 million Americans from all walks of life and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement. Growing out of the first Earth Day, Earth Day Network works year-round with tens of thousands of partners in 192 countries to broaden, diversify and mobilize the environmental movement. More than 1 billion people now participate in Earth Day activities each year, making it the largest civic observance in the world.

Student Council urges Comets to take Heart

ASTECS's Student Council President, Vice President, and those running for these positions for next year recently attended the American Heart Association's Heart Walk Kick-Off.

They had the opportunity to meet those



running the event, watch a presentation on fundraising and heart health and to engage in a series of activities to promote heart health.

The theme of the Heart Walk this year is "Kiss Heart Disease Goodbye!"

StuCo would like to get every ASTEC sport, club and organization involved! We'd like you to not only participate in the Heart Walk on Saturday, April 8th in downtown Oklahoma City, but also to find ways to get donations so we can show how much our school cares about heart

health and healthy living. Contact [Mr. Perkins](#) for more information.



From left: Jose Gallegos (StuCo President nominee), Giovanni Morales (StuCo Vice President nominee), Mimi Nguyen (Current StuCo Vice President), Abraham Mendieta (Current StuCo President), Miguel Payan (StuCo Vice President nominee), & Brandon Lopez (StuCo President nominee).

Edibles and Events



MENUS

March 1 to 10, 2017



UPCOMING EVENTS

All meals include fresh fruit. All breakfast meals include milk or juice and cereal as a choice. All lunch meals include milk or water and salad bar.

Wednesday

Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy

Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner roll

Thursday

Breakfast: Toast, breakfast scramble

Lunch: Mexican pizza, cilantro rice, beans, chips and salsa

Friday

Breakfast: Donut

Lunch: Hot dog with chili, BBQ beans, french fries

Monday

Breakfast: Chocolate muffin, Trix Yogurt

Lunch: Rigatoni, green beans, breadstick

Tuesday

Breakfast: French Toast Sticks

Lunch: Southwest chicken sandwich, tater tots

Wednesday

Breakfast: Waffle, scrambled egg

Lunch: crispy beef taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, chips and salsa

Thursday

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito

Lunch: Chicken and noodles, roasted carrots, dinner roll

Friday

Breakfast: Toast, scrambled egg

Lunch: Flatbread pizza, Italian salad

Friday, March 3

Art & Chocolate Festival

6 to 8 p.m.

2401 NW 23rd, Entrance C

Saturday, March 4

Bowling State Tournament

See Mr. Tremain for details

Monday, March 6

Sports & Organization photos

Friday, March 10

8:45 to 11 a.m.

High School Talent Show

ASTEC Auditorium



Spring break is March 11 through 19. Return to school on March 20!

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