

# THE RIVERHAWK CENTER FOR TEACHER EXCELLENCE

*Holiday Edition!*



Monthly Newsletter

## COMING UP:

Fall classes end | Dec. 8

Fall Commencement | Dec. 9

Winter Break | Dec. 22-Jan. 2

Classes begin | Jan. 16

## LOOKING BACK



The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence hosted its "Yappy Hour" event on both campuses on November 20th and 28th. We partnered with HawkReach and the Alliance of Therapy Dogs to provide a relaxing environment where students could come snack on some puppy chow while mingling with their peers and some adorable dogs. We would like to thank the two participating organizations as well as the students for attending this event!



The grand opening for both centers was a HUGE success! On November 13th, President Hanley, Provost Swearingen, and Dean Anton kicked off the event by explaining the overarching goals of the RCTE. We are so grateful to everyone who came to show their support!



## WHO ARE WE?

The RiverHawk Center for Teacher Excellence is a new, grant-funded organization whose aim is to recruit and retain P-12 teachers of diverse backgrounds in an effort to address Oklahoma's teacher shortage and put educators in classrooms whose unique identities reflect that of their students. At our centers on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses, we offer a multitude of services such as tutoring, coaching, workshops, scholarships, as well as just a place to hang out and study. We have coffee, tea, snacks, and various school supplies donated especially for Education majors like you!



**“ It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge. ”**

**-Albert Einstein**



# MEET OUR NEW

# ACADEMIC COACHES

**Dr. Reubin McIntosh**  
Broken Arrow



[MEET REUBIN](#) >

**Niki Kottre**  
Broken Arrow



[MEET NIKI](#) >

**Beth Peevyhouse**  
Tahlequah



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**Stephanie Harsha**  
Tahlequah



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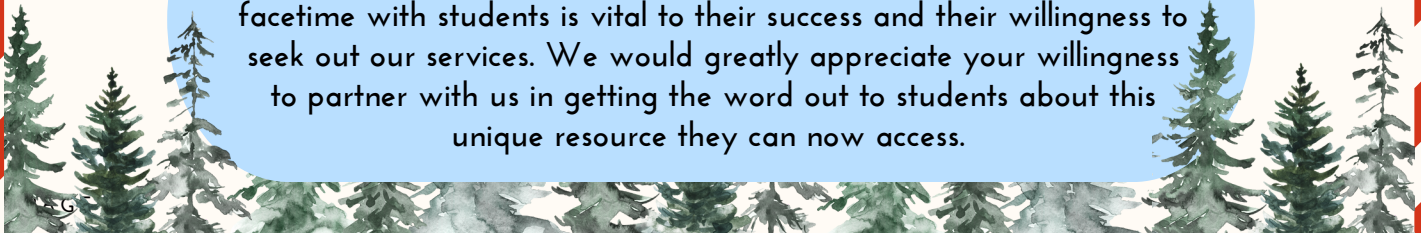


On November 28th, Broken Arrow-based Academic Coaches, Niki Kottre and Dr. Reubin McIntosh, spoke with Dr. Hobson's Pre-1 class. The coaches provided information about the services they provide and even got the opportunity to do some impromptu coaching during the class. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Hobson for welcoming our coaches to her class.



## A special message for COE faculty:

Before we go on Winter break, please be on the lookout for an email from the RCTE regarding our Academic Coaches visiting your classes that first week of class in the Spring semester. We think getting facetime with students is vital to their success and their willingness to seek out our services. We would greatly appreciate your willingness to partner with us in getting the word out to students about this unique resource they can now access.





# A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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## Individuals:

Sandy Ross, Dee McAffrey, Lauren Ross, Lori Fogerty, April Bardell, Kelly Callaway, Tobi Thomson, Nichole Sumpter, Kristy Eubanks, Emily Blakley

IMPORTANT LINKS:

 [RCTE Video](#)

 [bit.ly.com/teacher\\_excellence](https://bit.ly.com/teacher_excellence)

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## Self-care tips for the holiday season

Make time for hobbies

Stay physically active

Take a break from social media

Connect with those around you

Set boundaries for yourself & others



REMINDER



Please remember to check in every time you visit your respective center using the QR code that applies to you.

Thank you! 😊

## **HOLIDAY MOVIE RECOMMENDATIONS** & where to watch them

*A Christmas Story (PG) - MAX, Hulu Premium, Prime Premium*

*Christmas with the Kranks (PG) - Amazon Prime*

*It's a Wonderful Life - Amazon Prime, Hulu Premium*

*The Christmas Chronicles (PG) - Netflix*

*Last Christmas (PG-13) - Prime Premium, Hulu Premium*

*The Polar Express (G) - Hulu, MAX*

*Last Holiday (PG-13) - Prime Premium, Paramount +*

*Angela's Christmas (Short) (G) - Netflix*

*Home Alone (PG) - Disney +, Prime Premium, Hulu Premium*

*Klaus (PG) - Netflix*

*The Family Stone (PG-13) - Hulu*

*A Christmas Carol (PG) - Disney +*

*Elf (PG) - MAX, Prime Premium*

*Let it Snow (PG-13) - Netflix*

*Jingle Jangle (PG) - Netflix*

*Family Switch (PG) - Amazon Prime*

*The Santa Clause (PG) - Disney +*

*White Christmas - Netflix*

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