

PTI NEWS

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Grilled Cheese Challenge

By PTI student Emma Weiss.

On April 30th after PTI's Light it Up Blue 5K and Fun Run, Daybreak Rotary hosted a grilled cheese challenge at Cooper and Mill Brewing Company. Four celebrity chefs, each paired with a PTI student, created delicious and unique sandwiches for a panel of distinguished judges. Below is an account of the event by PTI's contestant on the winning team.

I'm Emma Weiss, and I'm gonna tell you about my grilled cheese contest experience. Half of me knew I'd win, but another half of me knew I'd compete for fun.

I was paired up with Brian, a chef from Bambino's. First, we made a caprese grilled cheese sandwich, which the three judges all liked. We got second place, which led us into the second round!

I was more confident on winning than I ever was! For that round, we made a grilled cheese with extra cheese and some greens. The judges all liked it, so much so that we won the competition! We took pictures with our awards, and took them home! I was so happy!



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Emma's Team Won!!

June at PTI

We're looking forward to meeting the requirements for the Mabee Foundation's \$726,000 challenge grant by the July 13th deadline! Their grant will help us reach our \$5.7 million capital campaign goal, and will allow us to update and improve our building and programs. If you want to help us reach our goal, see page 3 for more information.

Our summer school students are enjoying their fun classes, electives, and field trips! Our capital campaign committee chairman, John J. Kane, was a recent guest on the Moosecast produced by our podcast students. View and share videos on the PTI Moosecast YouTube channel and posts on the PTI Facebook page!

The Fun Run

By PTI student Cameron Dobson

About 175 men, women, kids, dogs, and babies completed either the Light It Up Blue 5K or Fun Run on April 30, raising \$26,000 for PTI! We are grateful for Leadership Bartlesville's generous assistance in helping with the event. PTI student Cameron tells below about his participation.

I ran with my family, my mom, my dad, my grandma, and my dog Lemmy for the Fun Run. I ran a little, and I walked along the way. It feels good to go walking for some great exercise. I felt kind of stronger. And I also had a drink of water.



Cameron Dobson finishing the Fun Run with his grandmother.



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Jacob at water day

More Fun: Water Day

By PTI student Jacob Elkan

Water day was a lot of fun. I played with shaving cream. I played in the puddles. We had water guns to play with. PTI should do water day again next year.

Water Day and Super Soakers

By Jayde Love

Hello, I'm Jayde, and I'm going to tell you about water day. Water day and a Nerf gun fight happened on Friday, May 6th.

We had water day in the courtyard and in the back playground. We played with water balloons, Nerf guns, Super Soakers, and shaving cream. If you didn't want to get wet on water day, you could go have a Nerf gunfight. The people who were there were me, secondary, most of the little kids, and the teachers. We had so much fun.

Now I'm going to tell you about the Super Soaker. Lonnie Johnson created the Super Soaker. He was in the military and once he sprayed his commander with the Super Soaker!

Lonnie wasn't getting paid enough for what he made, so he sued Hasbro (a toy company). And he got paid 73 million dollars.

After all, Super Soakers are the best thing ever and so was water day!



Water day





MUSICAL FUN



New Xylophones

By PTI student Emma Weiss



This month, PTI got a grant for \$2,156 for new xylophones. PTI had one soprano and two alto xylophones, one of which was extremely old. It also had bass bars, which are sort of like xylophones. The kids had to take turns playing with the xylophones, but thanks to the Bartlesville Community Foundation's Rutledge Grant Fund, they can now have their own individual xylophones! We are so thankful for them!

Flute Visitor

By PTI student Curtis Vanderwerf

The name of the flute player is Matt, and he's Native American. His flute was made many, many years ago. Matt started playing the flute when he was 17 years old, and he's been practicing many years. He played several songs with the flute for PTI.



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Excerpts From Graduation Speeches

PTI's 2022 graduates prepared for their big night by writing speeches, posing for photos, and planning their futures. Here are excerpts from some of the speeches they presented at graduation on May 19th.

Eric Casner

My time at PTI I learned many different jobs. I worked at Mary Martha's, SPCA, Elder Care, Sonic, car detailing, City Hall filing paperwork, getting groceries at Agape Mission, and in the summers I worked at Sooner Pool in the snack bar. I will miss going to the donut shop with Virgil and all my teachers. After graduation, I plan on attending the PTI adult program and continuing my work at City Hall, Agape Mission, and car detailing.

Malcolm Majors

My advice to the future grads is to do your best during all of your classes. Even if you don't like something, do your best anyway because it just might get you a better job in the future. And I was told by one of my teachers to learn to adapt to things, even the things you don't want to adapt to, because it's better than the consequences later down the line.

Kaleb Cave

Coming to PTI has changed my life. I was shy and quiet when I first started, but now I am more active and outgoing. I learned more about science and enjoyed it. And all the teachers were the nicest teachers I have ever had. I will miss poking and annoying my teachers and rearranging their desks on purpose. To my teachers, thank you for being you and for putting up with me.

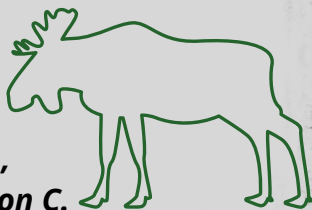
Zachary McCormick

One of my favorite things about this school is that they pushed me to go out and try new things. I'd like to thank Clair Bartley for helping me get a job even though I thought I couldn't handle one, and I'd also like to thank Micah Mitchell for always being someone I could talk to when I needed someone to tell my problems to.

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Sam Wind

My favorite memories are the PTI fun nights where we went bowling. The other is going ice skating during the winter. My advice for all future graduates is that you might not be able to succeed without help, but try to make the best of a situation. I am planning on becoming an artist and making my own works of art. I am also going to be working on some job training in the meantime.