



## Union district offers all-day camp on Jan. 15

► Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will learn about Martin Luther King Jr.

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Union Public Schools has planned an all-day camp on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to commemorate the life of the slain civil rights leader and to help parents needing child care during the holiday. The event, called Martin Luther King Jr. January Camp, will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 15 at Briarglen Elementary School, 3303 S. 121st East Ave., said Lorie Field, assistant coordinator of the extended day program. It is available to

Union students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The district's extended day program provides many of the before- and after-school activities at Union elementary schools.

The camp serves two purposes: it teaches children who King was, and it offers parents a safe place to send their children during the holiday.

"We're trying to avoid those latchkey kids, and it gives them an alternative," Field said.

Pam Glenn, co-supervisor of the camp, said many of the day's activities are designed to promote racial equality and to respect diversity.

Educating students about the harmful effects of prejudice is also one of the camp's goals.

"I grew up in Atlanta, so this is some-

thing that is very dear to my heart, and I think it needs to be addressed at this age," said Glenn, who is also the supervisor of the extended day program at Briarglen.

"Children don't play in color. They look at another child and smile. It doesn't matter if they can't speak the same language — they're still going to find a way to come together and play.

"Prejudice is something they learn from adults."

One of the highlights of the day is attending the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Parade, which starts near Pine Street and Cincinnati Avenue.

Students will board buses at Briarglen that will take them to the parade, Glenn said.

Other activities include a video of King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech,

considered to be his most famous speech about racial equality.

Children will then do a lesson asking them to share their dreams about how they can make the world a better place, Glenn said. Other activities to promote equality include an arts and crafts project. Children will design a banner from red, white and blue construction paper that will read, "We are more alike than different."

"You peel back the skin, and everybody bleeds red blood," Glenn said.

Last year, about 50 students attended the camp, but the district expects more this year, based on the 150 students who attended an all-day camp during parent-teacher conferences in October.

"We are growing by leaps and bounds," Glenn said.

### CAMP

**What:** Martin Luther King Jr. January Camp for Union students, kindergarten through fifth grade

**When:** 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 15

**Where:** Briarglen Elementary School, 3303 S. 121st East Ave.

**Cost:** Enrollment is \$25 per student and must be paid by 5 p.m. Friday at the Education Service Center. Enrollment fee includes lunch, field trips and other activities. The camp is free for students receiving assistance from the Department of Human Services.

**For more:** Call 357-6024

## It's time to dispose of greenery

► Owasso hosts fifth annual Burning of the Greens at the Sports Park on Saturday.

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Owasso's fifth annual Burning of the Greens will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday at Owasso Sports Park, 10320 E. 116th St. North.

People can drop off trees and greenery at the park until the burning begins. The Owasso Parks Department will also pick up trees and greenery if residents living in Owasso city limits call the department at 272-4921 and leave their name, address and phone number.

David Warren, parks director, said last year's Burning of the Greens had to change to a "chipping of the greens" due to the burn ban.

Warren said he expects more trees and greenery this year because Tulsa is not holding a burning of the greens.

"Typically, we have a real good turnout," Warren said.

The burn pile is also growing.

"It's slowly increasing as people realize there's a place to dispose

of it," he said.

Warren said park department staff stacks the trees and greenery in a specific direction.

"We try to make a pile that runs north and south so we get the north and south winds to spread the fire," he said.

Owasso Police and Fire departments are also on hand at the Burning of the Greens.

David Hurst, fire battalion chief, said two crews will be at the event manning an engine and grass fire truck.

"We'll be the ones to start the fire. We use diesel fuel to get it going," Hurst said. "It's different (starting a fire)."

Hurst said the fire could reach 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit.

"It gets pretty warm, especially if you're on the front line," Warren said. "We keep the bystanders back, though."

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The Owasso Burning of the Greens is at 6 p.m. Saturday. Trees and greenery can be left until the burning at the Owasso Sports Park, 10320 E. 116th St. North.

## Proper etiquette

Students enjoy experience of fine dining event

By CORY YOUNG  
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For once at lunchtime, the boys sat next to the girls.

And for once, none of the 22 first-through fifth-graders was icky in the stomach about it.

After all, this was a Fine Dining Experience, an activity sponsored by Sodexo Marriott that treats and trains youngsters about manners and etiquette.

Corey Hemmert, a third-grader at Sandburg Elementary School, 18580 E. Third St., where the activity was held, said he learned how to conduct himself like a grown-up.

"We learned that you're not supposed to put your elbows on the table when you eat, and if you're eating soup, you shouldn't pick your bowl up or make slurpy noises," Corey said.

Fourth-grader Sara Mota also was intrigued by the soup.

"You're not supposed to pick the soup up and bring it toward you," she said. "You're supposed to hold it away from you, so it doesn't splash all over you."

The two-day activity began Nov. 8 with an hour-long manner and etiquette training session. It ended Nov. 11 at lunchtime, when students demonstrated what they had learned.

At this manner-filled event, students used silverware and fine linens and ate a four-course meal properly.

The menu included tomato soup de jour garnished with parsley, Caesar salad and Italian-marinated chicken breast, potatoes, green beans and hot dinner rolls. Brownie ala' mode completed the luncheon.

Hossein Akhtarkhavari, resident district manager for Sodexo, which is contracted by Tulsa Public Schools for the school district's Child Nutrition Program, said his group provides more than 50,000 meals per day for TPS students.

The fine dining is special.

"The goal is to give the kids a reward for a job well done in school," he said.

While taking in the ambience of the school's main lobby, the students were to engage in appropriate table conversation, but the atmosphere was quiet.

The children concentrated on getting their etiquette right.



Above, fifth-grader Randell Spencer tastes part of a four-course meal during lunch on Nov. 8 at Sandburg Elementary School. He is one of 22 students selected by Principal Deborah Taylor to be treated and trained in the fine dining experience at the school. Left, Sara Mota, a fourth-grader at Sandburg Elementary School in east Tulsa, puts spread on her cracker on Nov. 8, when students were treated and trained in the fine dining experience at the school.

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Mota said it was good to learn about eating "because you don't want to be a slob."

Participants were elected by Principal Deborah Taylor based on their essays about the fine dining experience. Taylor said table etiquette is important.

"It's a skill that they can carry on into adulthood, to help them to function in society," Taylor said.

She said more schools should participate.

"We want to teach them food etiquette now, so that when they grow, they'll be able to conduct

their business dinners with style," said Kit Hines, director of operations for the TPS Child Nutrition program.

She said the fine-dining curriculum is designed to reward, but most of all educate.

Corey said it is a good thing to have good manners.

"You don't want to end up spilling your milk," he said.

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## Owners have place to clean their 'sloppy' dogs

By SARA PLUMMER  
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Sean Boles first heard of a self-serve dog wash when he was visiting his sister in Denver.

"I thought it was interesting," Boles said. "In Tulsa there weren't any."

Boles and Eric Brown now manage Sloppy Dog Wash, 4316 S. Peoria Ave.

Boles said the business, which opened in November, got its name from his dog Milo, an English bulldog.

"Milo is my sloppy dog. He farts and burps and his food goes everywhere. It's so hard to give him a bath," he said.

The dog wash has four rooms, each with a washing tub, shampoos, cleaning products, towels, hair dryer, and even a blueberry facial for the pets.

"They're semi-private work stations. The dogs cannot see each other. That minimizes barking and fighting," Boles

said. "It includes everything you need to give your dog a bath. We clean up the mess."

Boles said the tubs are specially designed to wash dogs of all sizes.

"You're not having to bend over or get on your knees or get in the shower with the dog," he said.

That is one reason Patricia Toussaint went to Sloppy Dog Wash.

"It's too cold to give him a bath outside, and I didn't want to deal with him in the house," Toussaint said. "My shower has doors, and I didn't want to deal with bending over and cleaning up the mess."

The business offers self- and full-service. Pet owners can use the facility to wash their dogs, or staff members can wash the dogs.

Grooming is done by appointment. No appointment is required for the dog wash. Grooming cost is determined by a dog's size and degree of grooming.

"If someone doesn't want to wash their dog, they can just drop off their dog; we can do that," Boles said.

Sloppy Dog Wash also sells dog treats, leashes, collars, dog toys and hygiene items, Boles said.

"We've been really busy since we opened. We're still learning the trends," he said. "Some people haven't heard of what a dog wash is. A lot of people just come in and check it out."

Boles said he attributes some of the success to the business' location.

"We decided on Brookside because of the income level, and there's a ton of residential (homes) around here and a large concentration of dogs," he said. "We're a small business and that's what Brookside has a lot of here. It's worked out real well for us."

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### DOG WASH

**What:** Sloppy Dog Wash

**When:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** 4316 S. Peoria Ave.

**Cost:** \$15 for self-service; \$25 for full-service; grooming starts at \$25

**For more:** Call 742-9274 or go online to the Web site at [www.sloppydogwash.com](http://www.sloppydogwash.com).