

# MESTA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## GET INVOLVED!

### OU BIG EVENT RETURNS

by JB Schuelein

Each Spring for more than a decade, OU students and staff participating in the University's Big Event have converged on Perle Mesta Park to give it a thorough Spring cleaning. The Big Event is a day of community service when OU students volunteer at local non-profit organizations across the entire Oklahoma City metro area. Nearly 6,000 students representing more than 100 campus organizations participated last year and we look forward to their help again on **Saturday morning, April 18.**

Our projects are similar to those required on our own yard at the beginning of the growing season: raking leaves (and thousands of sweet gum balls) and pulling weeds from all the flower beds, curbs and storm drains. We also try to mulch all the trees. These tasks would take our neighborhood Parks Committee weeks to accomplish but, it will happen in a few hours with the assistance of nearly 40 students from OU.

Please consider joining us for a few hours Saturday morning, April 18. We need volunteers to coordinate and supervise the students with each of our projects. We also need wheelbarrows, shovels and other gardening tools.

If you are unable to help, please consider donating snacks, bottled water or other supplies. There's nothing that says 'thanks' better than a plate of homemade cookies or brownies to share with these students who will give up their Saturday morning to make our neighborhood a better place! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact JB Schuelein at 525-2059!

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## Dates to Remember

April 11 -- Easter Egg Hunt  
Watch NextDoor for details!

April 17 -- Taste of Wilson

April 18 -- OU Big Event  
Perle Mesta Park



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# GET PROUD!

## TASTE OF WILSON RETURNS APRIL 17

by Wilson Arts Inc

Friends of Wilson Elementary,

We are so excited to announce Wilson Arts Inc.'s fifth annual Taste of Wilson event. Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 17th.

As you know, the success of this event is crucial. With your help, we need to raise at least \$45,000 at this event. The money generated by your support ensures that Wilson Elementary students receive full-time drama instruction, are able to participate in after school clubs, and have the tools, resources, and supplies they need for success. Further, this fundraiser allows Wilson Arts Inc. to send at least 10 teachers to Washington, D.C. for a week-long training program at the Kennedy Center, and to bring arts integration trainers to Wilson throughout the year.

Wilson Elementary is a thriving, diverse, 100-year-old elementary school serving the heart of the urban core in Oklahoma City. We have been partnering with the Kennedy Center and the Black Liberated Arts Center for 23 years to cultivate Oklahoma City's only arts integration curriculum. Students at Wilson "nurture their quest for knowledge through the arts" each day through a rotation of drama, strings, ballroom dance, music, visual art, and creative movement. Our arts integration curriculum continues to produce measurable results, including Oklahoma City Public Schools' highest state testing scores, Oklahoma City Public Schools' highest state report card, Oklahoma's first National PTA School of Excellence award, and more.

We need your support to ensure continued success at Wilson Elementary! Please consider sponsoring this worthy event again this year. We hope to see you there as we toast to another 100 years of success! Details on the event and sponsorship can be found at [www.WilsonArtsInc.org](http://www.WilsonArtsInc.org).

Sincerely,  
Wilson Arts Inc.

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