

"Each and every one of you has the power, the will, and the capacity to make a difference in the world in which you live."

- Harry Belafonte

And for those of you who don't know who Harry Belafonte is.....[click here](#).

1. **Northwest Tech offers Hybrid Certified Nurse Aide Course:** Northwest Technology Center has launched a hybrid certified nurse aide-long term care program the first of it's kind in Oklahoma. The program is designed to allow students to earn certification while also taking care of other responsibilities, like child care. It will prepare students for careers as certified nurse aides specializing in long-term care and includes 24 hours of in-person skills training, 16 of hands-on clinical experience and at least 35 hours of online instruction. Read more about the new program on [NWTC's Facebook page](#)
2. **Addressing Work Refusal in the Classroom**—As educators grapple with the silent protest of the student work refusal, research illuminates the underlying causes—[and possible solutions](#)
3. How times have changed! This is **2024**:
 - Total music audio streams passed *4 trillion* at the end of 2023.
 - Facebook ad revenue total over *\$130 billion* in 2023.
 - Almost *two thirds of adults* report getting their news from search engines such as Google.
 - *92% of job listings* require at least one digital skill.
4. Did you know that **non-citizens cannot vote** in federal elections in the United States, even if they are authorized to work in the U.S. and have obtained a Social Security number? I didn't until my friend Gilda shared some of the many misconceptions regarding citizenship in our country—very interesting!! Don't let your social media "tell you" untruths!
5. A new survey finds that **a large percentage of students don't feel that they have an adult to turn to at school when they're troubled**. If you don't have time to [read this article, watch the video](#)—it makes great points!!
6. RRTC students train in live simulation--Red River Technology Center students got the chance to test their skills recently in a simulated emergency. **Emergency medical services and nursing students rescued and treated victims in a mock accident** last week with the help of emergency workers from Duncan, Stephens County and the Chickasaw Nation, according to an article in *The Duncan Banner*. "Everybody plays an integral part and the kids look forward to it. It's very beneficial to them, because they get to see some hands-on experience," EMS instructor Jeff Prater told the newspaper. Read more about the simulation on [The Duncan Banner's website](#)
7. For those of you alive in the 80s, do you remember **"having your 'colors' done"**?? Well it's back on tik tok and you can save money by checking out the sites in [this article](#).
8. Maybe your personal children have pets and want to learn how to better care for them? This would be a great thing for summer break!! Pet Emergency Academy now offers teaching resources for Students ages 8-11: We are thrilled to introduce **Pet First Aid Adventures, a comprehensive teaching package tailored specifically for children ages 8-11**. This innovative program combines education with fun, ensuring that the vital topic of pet safety and first aid is delivered in an engaging and memorable manner. [Pet First Aid Adventures Bundle](#) is priced at just \$39.95 plus FREE shipping. **This company also has online training and testing for multiple Pet CPR and First Aid, Equine Emergency First Aid and others!**
9. Consider downloading **Drive Oklahoma, an app that will show you all of the traffic situations** to avoid on your way home. It has real-time cameras that show the traffic on the roadways you choose.
10. The final NCHSE Wednesday Webinar will be held on May 8 from 3-4pm. It's titled **"Hands-On Activities to Supplement Sports Medicine or any Health Science class** by Courtney Peart and Stefanie Brophy. [Register here!](#)

11. **ACTE Health Science Education Scholarship** (formerly Catherine B. Junge Memorial Scholarship). Encourage **your students** to seize this opportunity by applying [here](#). The deadline for submissions has been extended to **May 15th**.

12. It might seem at odds with the need to meet a long list of learning standards, but research shows that brief breaks are crucial for our brains. **Breaks as short as 3 to 5 minutes cause neural activity to spike, helping students commit lessons to memory while refreshing their minds for more learning!**

13. Blake Brewer is the founder of Legacy Letter and is on a mission **to help one million parents write at least one well-written, meaningful, lasting legacy letter to their children**. Hours after the tragic loss of his father, Blake discovered what would become a guiding light during his grief journey. A life-changing letter from his late father filled with wisdom, love and hope. Consider writing your family a letter as a keepsake should anything ever happen to you! Lasting Legacy information can be found at: [Legacy Letters | Preserve and Share Your Life Story](#)

14. When the concept of **learning styles** first became popular in the 1970s, educators saw it as a simple way to differentiate their teaching. By the 2000s, though, the idea had come under fierce attack: Experimental researchers were **unable to find a shred of credible evidence** that students perform better when instruction is tailored to their “preferred mode” of learning. A **2023 study** opens another line of criticism, concluding that learning styles may also lead educators to a species of academic profiling. Teachers and parents rated “visual learners” as more intelligent and “hands-on learners” more athletic by wide margins—and the researchers found that similar misconceptions, like “chemists and engineers are often kinesthetic learners,” are sometimes perpetuated in teaching colleges. Learning styles remain one of the more pernicious myths in education. **They offer no measurable short-term benefits and, according to the latest research, exact a long-term toll by warping how teachers, parents, and even peers view students’ potential.** For all the new teachers we’ve taught this to over the years, we are sorry!!!

15. **HOSA Reminders---**

Camp Details:

- **Dates:** May 21-23
- **Location:** Cross Point Camp, Kingston, OK
- **Registration Deadline:** May 10, 2024
- **Registration Form:** : [Camp Ignite Registration Form](#)

HOSA ILC Registration: [OKHOSA Advisor Guide to ILC 2024 - Google Docs](#)

- **ILC Date/Location:** June 26-29, Houston, TX

16. Many **officer open positions and a link to the bylaws revision** was shared in a recent email from Amy Warner, President of OHCETA. PLEASE consider running for one of our open positions (must share intent on the nomination form) and when it’s time to vote—don’t forget!!!

17. May 1 is the deadline for the discount in the **2024 Simulation Conference** registration. After May 1, the number will change to \$200/person. [Register here](#).

18. **New Teacher training for Health will be on July 9, 10, and 11th in Stillwater at ODCTE.** Registration will open later this week—watch for link next week!

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