Teaching in a Multicultural Environment
By Annie Scheffe, Communications & Marketing Assistant

The Family Resource Center is home to many residents from all over the world. Our mission is to provide information and resources to individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those living in FGSH.

Part of the resources and activities we provide include the Youth and Family Programs. Currently, YFP serves almost 50 children between the ages of 2 and 11. These students represent 16 different countries.

When mixing together various cultures and languages, there can often be cultural barriers for the FRC Staff.

Mumbe Kithakye is the YFP educational programs administrator. She trains her staff with these multicultural differences in mind.

“Language is probably the biggest challenge,” she said. “We frequently discuss ways the staff can handle the challenges and invite individuals from different cultural backgrounds to provide the staff with training and insight regarding their culture.”

Although language might slow down, Mumbe never stops encouraging her staff.

“The staff are encouraged to seek activities and develop lessons that are enjoyable for all children and provide a supportive environment for children to learn about cultural differences,” she said. “For example we had a number of lessons around the time of Chinese New Year to celebrate the occasion. In addition, when the staff plan an event or lesson they always have to consider the cultural appropriateness of the lessons and activities. They are encouraged to look for art and history examples that represent multiple cultures and countries.”

Emily Williams works with the YFP students each week.

“There is a communication barrier that is noticeable when trying to explain directions to the students,” Williams said. “But we use hand signals to help lessen the gap in communication. The kids have really picked up on those.”

When explaining how YFP works to encourage the multicultural atmosphere, Williams gave a few suggestions for how families can encourage it at home.

“Just explain to your children to be watching for hand motions and other signs,” Williams said. “Encourage them to look around and see how the other students are responding and not just listen.”

It is important for students to see how the rest of the group is acting, especially if they are confused about the directions.

If you have suggestions or comments for YFP, please send them to Mumbe at Mumbe.Kithakye@okstate.edu.
Greetings! As we progress further into the Spring semester, I want to take time to remind everyone of contract renewals.

Please remember that whether you are continuing your education or leaving OSU at the end of May, you must inform the FGSH Office of your future plans for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Don’t forget that secondaries (non-family member roommates) must also complete the renewal process; this allows secondaries the opportunity to ensure that their information is correct in our system.

Renewals for all neighborhoods occur at the same time and are completed online. The online contract renewal form will be open to everyone from April 1-11, 2014. We will be sending more information out to you regarding how to complete your online contract renewal as we get closer to the end of March.

For those of you who will not be continuing your education at OSU after May 2014, you must give the FGSH office at least one month notice and plan to vacate by no later than May 31, 2014. If you are planning on placing your apartment in summer storage for the summer, you must to sign a storage agreement contract and renewal.

Thank you for choosing to live in Family & Graduate Student Housing. We look forward to having you here next year!

Sarah Gordon, Ph.D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director
Sauyer Lay is currently a student at Oklahoma State University. She is pursuing a degree in Physiology. Sauyer is from Flowermound, Texas and now serves as the Williams Apartment Assistant here in Stillwater.

Her birthday is on May 13. One of her favorite meals is Mexican food. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball or reading a good book.

After graduation, Sauyer plans to go to nursing school. Her favorite book is *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers.

Sauyer’s favorite thing about the FRC is the family unit that the staff represents. Her favorite holiday is Christmas. If she could go anywhere on vacation, she would be found someplace warm. Her role model is Jesus Christ.

An interesting fact about Sauyer is that she went on a surgical mission trip in the Amazon. Her favorite quote is, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love” Ephesians 4:2.

If you see Sauyer around the FRC, be sure to say “Hello!”

Our resident of the month is Li Liu. She lives with her husband and son as a resident in the Stevens neighborhood. Li’s hometown is Lishui, Zhejiang, China. Her birthday is October 23. Her favorite food is sea food, especially fish.

Her hobbies include dancing and swimming. Li’s future plans include traveling at least once a year with her family and working hard to get a high achievement as a college teacher. Her favorite book is *Gone with the Wind*. She likes that the FRC provides the soccer activity in the after school program for kids because her son loves it.

Her favorite holiday is New Year’s Day. Li’s favorite vacation spots include the Great Wall of China, Balboa Park and San Diego, Calif. She said that her role model is Audrey Hepburn.

Her favorite quote is, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

If you see Li, be sure to say “Hello!”
Resident Training Series

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Resident Training Series. Please remember that in order to receive the $100 rent credit, primary residents must have attended all four of the trainings. The last training will be Thursday, April 3 at 7pm and Saturday, April 5 at 11am.

Recycling Reminder

As a friendly reminder, please do not put plastic bags into the blue recycling receptacles. You can place your plastic bags in the regular dumpsters.

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle’s departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) ............ To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
5:40pm Leave from International Stores ..................................................... To Laundry
6:00pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) .............................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
6:30pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) .............................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
6:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments
7:15pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) .............................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
7:25pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments
7:55pm(Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments
8:25pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) ............................................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) .............................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments
10am (Pick Up @ Laundry) ............................................................. To Walmart & Aldi’s
10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments
11:40am(Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Aldi’s) .............................................. Return to FGSH Apartments

*All times listed above are approximate. Due to varying traffic flow, these times may be delayed.
**The shuttle used to start at 5:30pm, but now it starts at 5pm on Monday and Wednesday.
### Community Development Programs Spring 2014 Schedule

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**Activities for children provided

### Women’s Night: Painting and Sparkling Grape Juice

Are you interested in learning how to paint? Would you like to create an easy art piece that you can have in your house? Join us for a fun night of painting, new friends and sparkling grape juice on March 13 from 6:30 to 8pm in the FRC Great Room. You can enjoy a night filled with art, laughter, and we will provide all of the materials needed.

This event is limited to 10 women and sign up will start on March 1 at the front desk.

### Tour of the Water Plant

Where does the water you use come from? How was it treated? If you want to know more about water and OSU, join us on our Tour to the Water Plant organized by BAEGSA and the FRC. We will learn all about the process from the water being drawn from the lake until it is delivered to you. You will be able to see the plant and ask the questions to all of the professionals. This event is free for FRC resident and BAE students and staff. The event will be on March 8 and we ask participants to be FRC at 10am. Space is limited and Additional Activities for Children will not be provided. Sign up at the FRC starting on February 24.

### Edible Book Festival

Stillwater Public Library will be hosting their annual Edible Book Festival at the end of March. Please watch out for more information as the FRC learns more about this worldwide event.
### Youth & Family News

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#### Youth and Family Programs Fall 2013 Schedule

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#### Program Cancelations & Holidays

There will be no afternoon programs (Kindergarten Kids Club and After School Adventures) on Friday, March 7 due to Family Dinner & Game Night.

There will be no Youth & Family Programs from Saturday, March 15 through Sunday, March 23 in observance of the OSU Spring Break Holiday. Regular programs will resume on Monday, March 24.

#### Family Dinner & Game Night

On Friday, March 7, the YFP staff invites FGSH families to join them in Family Dinner & Game Night from 6 to 7:30pm. Enjoy a free, home-cooked meal and playing games with the whole family. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult in order to attend for this event.

#### Teen Club

On Thursday, March 6, the YFP staff will take the teens bowling at the Frontier Lanes bowling alley. We will leave the FRC at 5pm. Email Mumbe to sign-up your child for the event and receive further information.

On Friday, March 28 there will be a Hobbit movie marathon at the Student Union. The YFP staff would be happy to take the teens to the event. If your teenager is interested in attending please send Mumbe an email.

#### Professional Development at the Family Resource Center

Do you need help with your resume or curriculum vitae? Would you like to learn more about how to handle anxiety and how to manage stress? We will have representatives from OSU Counseling and the OSU Career Service to help any residents on March 18 and 19 from 1 to 2pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae to fully take advantage of having a professional look through them.

#### Men’s Night: Ping Pong Competition

Join us this month on men’s night for a fun night of ping-pong and compete with your friends or other male residents in FGSH. Food and refreshments will be provided. The event will be in the FRC Great Room on March 27 from 6:30 to 8pm.
Finish the maze and color this St. Patrick’s Day-themed page!

Source: www.coloring.ws and worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/

Shamrock bead craft (source: http://www.naturallyeducational.com/)

Materials needed:
- pony beads (green)
- 2 chenille stems (silver for the body and a green one for the stem)

Directions:
1. Thread one chenille stem halfway down with green beads.
2. Make a loop of the beaded part.
3. Continue beading the second half of the chenille stem with beads. And then loop the other half to the center.
4. Take the second stem and bead halfway down. If you are making a three-leaf shamrock, you can join the third leaf to the other two and leave the other half of the chenille stem as the clover’s stem.
5. Shape the leaves into hearts if you haven’t already done so.
Upcoming events
Use this page as a quick guide to FRC, campus and Stillwater events going on this month!
March 2014

**Saturday, March 1 – 8:30am to 2:30pm**
*Life Net CPR Training*
Stillwater Community Center, Room 121

**Monday, March 3 – 12 to 6pm**
*Grad Fair*
The University Store • For May 2014 graduates • Buy graduation supplies

**Tuesday, March 4 – 10am to 4pm**
*Grad Fair*
The University Store • For May 2014 graduates • Buy graduation supplies

**Thursday, March 6 – 5pm**
*Teen Club: Frontier Lanes bowling alley*
Email Mumbe to sign your teen up

**Thursday, March 6 – 7 to 9pm**
*Outdoor Adventure: Women and Climbing*
Colvin Recreation Center Climbing Wall • Free for women only

**Friday, March 7 – 6 to 7:30pm**
*Family Dinner and Game Night*
Free • Meal and games provided

**Saturday, March 8 – 10am**
*Superhero Fun Run 5K*
Colvin Lawn • $10 • Costume contest!

**Saturday, March 8 – 10am**
*Tour of the Water Plant*
Free • sign-up at the FRC Front Desk

**Monday, March 10 – 6pm**
*Free Computer Classes: Beginning Facebook*
Stillwater Public Library

**Thursday, March 13 – 6:30 to 8pm**
*Women's Night: Painting and Sparkling Grape Juice*
FRC Great Room • sign-up at the FRC Front Desk

**Saturday, March 14 – 5:30pm**
*Morrison neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Meet the new AA

**Saturday, March 15 – 4pm**
*Steves neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Meet the new AA

**Saturday, March 15 – 5pm**
*West neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Meet the new AA

**Saturday, March 15 – 6pm**
*Praiser neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Meet the new AA

**Sunday, March 16 – 6pm**
*Williams neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Food and activity

**Monday, March 17 to March 21**
*Spring Break*

**March 18 and March 19 – 1 to 2pm**
*Professional Development*
FRC • Refreshments provided

**Tuesday, March 25 – 6:30pm**
*Brumley neighborhood gathering*
Brumley Center • Food and activity

**Thursday, March 27 – 6:30 to 8pm**
*Men's Night: Ping Pong Competition*
FRC Great Room • Food and activity

**Friday, March 28 –**
*Teen Club: Hobbit Movie Marathon*
Email Mumbe to sign your teen up

**Friday, March 28 – 2:30 to 3:30pm**
*Free Popcorn Friday*
South Lobby of Edmon Low • Free

**Saturday, March 29 – 5pm**
*Demaree neighborhood gathering*
FRC Great Room • Food and activity

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**Weekly events at the Stillwater Public Library:**

- **Preschool Story Time 1st session** – 10 to 11am March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- **Preschool Story Time 2nd session** – 11am to 12pm March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- **Evening Family Storytime** – 7 to 8 pm March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.
- **Toddler Time 9:30am** – 9:30 to 10:30am March 6, 13, 20 and 27.
- **Toddler Time 10:30am** – 10:30 to 11:30am March 6, 13, 20 and 27.

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The FGSH Resident’s Council is a group of FGSH residents who serve as representatives of the individuals, families, students, staff, faculty & other residents who live in FGSH at OSU. The Council helps give suggestions and input to FGSH & ResLife staff. Please contact a council member if you have a question, concern or feedback.