



# Program Profile

Dewar Public School *BRIDGE* in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

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## Dewar Public School *BRIDGE*

21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center

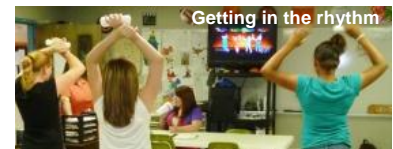
Students are jumping over *BRIDGE* in Dewar Public School! A connecting point between school and community, *BRIDGE* is bringing community into the school and education to the community. Dewar *BRIDGE* is building a safer, happier, healthier Dewar for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

### Who?

Certified teachers, parents, and high school and college students are keeping these students safe, healthy and learning afterschool. School principals and the school counselor provide a bullying prevention program and a slew of community partners bring presentations that build college and career readiness and a sense of community. The Muscogee Creek Nation provided the foundation for a jump rope program to combat diabetes!



## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning!



### Quote of the Day:

*"I like the activities and jump rope; it's real fun to perform..."*

*I can get done with my homework; I get all the help with that I need.*

*I get a lot of help!"*

Dewar *BRIDGE* Student

### What?

Dewar Public School *BRIDGE* is a recipient of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (21<sup>st</sup> CCLC) grant. 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC is a 5-year federal grant program for creating afterschool *community learning centers* which focus on:

- Academic enrichment opportunities for students in high-poverty and/or low-performing schools
- Meeting State and local student standards in core academic subjects
- Offering students an array of enrichment activities that complement regular academic programs
- Offering literacy and other educational services to the families of the students

# How?

Student achievement has increased due to homework help and tutoring in core subjects paired with fun enrichment activities. Afterschool art has led to Dewar students winning the Wildlife Refuge Art Contest and displays at the Conservation Office in Okmulgee. Technology, music and a variety of physical education activities add to student enrichment. Drug and violence prevention programs are also a mainstay for afterschool students. Community service activities strengthen student connectedness with the community. *BRIDGE* students have even produced their very own bully-prevention video to combat bullying in school!

Hop to Stop Diabetes jump rope program originally began as part of a Diabetes prevention program brought to Dewar *BRIDGE* by the Muscogee Creek Nation. The program has evolved into a self-sustaining source of health and pride for these students, gaining broad local attention. Students present their routines to surrounding schools and were even asked by the Tulsa 66ers to perform at their halftime show in March!

## Partners

Partnerships are an integral part of continuing afterschool programming after 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC funding comes to an end. Dewar *BRIDGE* has worked with Green Country Technology Center, Creek Nation Diabetes and Exercise Program, Oklahoma Wildlife Program, OSU IT, Midway Grocery, Cheezie's Pizza, Henryetta Library, Dewar Police and Fire Departments, and Okmulgee County Sheriff's Office.

## Win!

Dewar *BRIDGE* has created an incredible bond with the community. Students, teachers, parents and community leaders feel like family and go above and beyond to see to everyone's success! The Dewar afterschool program has crossed the *BRIDGE* into education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!



Dewar *BRIDGE* students perform at the Tulsa 66ers halftime show!



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### City and Afterschool Information

Approx. Population	900
Approx. median household income	\$37,000
Crime rate*	204.5
District low-income level	64.92%
Students currently enrolled in Dewar Public Schools	440
Students currently enrolled in Dewar <i>BRIDGE</i>	71
Number of students who qualify for free & reduced lunch	440
21 <sup>st</sup> CCLC Year Dewar <i>BRIDGE</i> is in	5 out of 5

\*Crime rate as compared to the 2010 US average 319.1/100,000

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