

SOEA to Help OKC Elementary School

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The Student Oklahoma Education Association at Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be involved in "Outreach to Teach" March 5-6 in Oklahoma City.

All SOEA members throughout the state will meet to give an inner city school a facelift. This year's project will be at Pleasant Hill Elementary School in Oklahoma City.

College students will spend Friday doing various cleaning, painting and minor repairs projects on the school's playground and building. Then on Saturday, students will attend sessions on professional development.

"This is a great opportunity for future educators to network and build relationships with other SOEA members," said Adria Smith, teaching and learning specialist for the Oklahoma Education Association and a SWOSU graduate.

Smith said the Pleasant Hill Elementary School students will be so excited after the project.

"I, personally, want to see the joy of the students' faces when they realize that all the work was done solely for them," Smith said. "I also hope that the SOEA members take with them a sense of what their career will bring them, the ability to make a difference, even if it's a small one."

The SOEA at SWOSU will have its next meeting on Monday, February 23, at 12 noon in Room 213 of the Education Building. A signup sheet is located outside Room 110 of the Education Building. All education majors are invited and should bring their own beverage and \$2 for pizza.

Sponsors of SOEA are Evette Meliza, Dr. Les Price and Vicky Gilliland. The SOEA stays busy with fundraisers and community involvement. The group holds monthly meetings to discuss topics pertinent to the education profession.

Any education major is welcome to join the SOEA. There is a \$35 fee with \$10 going to the local chapter and \$25 going to the OEA. This money is refunded once a student becomes a teacher.