

Governor's Honor Club Has a New Name and Expanded Offerings through New Programs

Beginning with the 2006/2007 school year, the Governor's Honor Club will become the Chickasaw Honor Club. The program will continue to offer incentives in the form of Wal-Mart gift cards, field trips, and t-shirts to qualifying Native American students attending a participating JOM school or qualifying Chickasaw Citizens who participate through the instate/out-of-state program. Over the years, the program has grown to include 56 JOM schools within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, as well as over 275 Chickasaw students who participate through the instate/out-of-state program. This number continues to rise as word of the program spreads. Chickasaw students attending private school/home school are also eligible for the Chickasaw Honor Club through the instate/out-of-state program.

Along with a new name, the program will begin serving 2nd grade students for the first time since it's inception in 1997. Native American students in grades 2-12 earning A's or A's and B's/B's each grade period earn a Wal-Mart gift card. For A's, students receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card and for A's and B's/ B's, students receive a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card. These incentives are the same for the instate/out-of-state Chickasaw students.

There is great excitement over the two new programs being offered this school year through the Chickasaw Honor Club. These programs are available only to Chickasaw students.

The first program being offered is Chickasaw Honor Club Perfect Attendance. To qualify for this program, students must have a certificate or card showing proof of Chickasaw citizenship and must have proof of perfect attendance each grade period. Students within a participating JOM school will be submitted by the school coordinator, while students not attending a participating school

will submit proof of perfect attendance directly to the Chickasaw Honor Club office. Students achieving perfect attendance will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card and one t-shirt per school year.

The second new program is Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement. This program recognizes special achievement in a specific area. Students wishing to apply for this award must be nominated by someone at their school and must include a one-page biography for consideration. This program is open to Chickasaw Citizens in grades 2-12, and students will be recognized for this award one time per school year. Students who have an IEP are also eligible to participate in this program by showing proof at the end of each school year that gains and or objectives were met. Students selected each month for Outstanding Achievement receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card, along with special recognition in the Chickasaw Times.

For more information regarding these programs, visit www.chickasaw.net, www.chickasaweducationservices.com, or call 580-421-7712 and speak with Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck.