

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! We have held our first meeting in our new Legislative building. The building is really beautiful and there is enough room for all of us. The Legislators each have a nice office and I will be using mine a lot. The building is located at 801 North Mississippi Street in Ada.

The Education Committee had all members in attendance for the February meeting. Lisa John, Administrator of the Division of Education, gave a good report. As you know, we have several programs for area students as well as out of area. To request more information regarding any of these programs, call (580) 421-7711. You can ask for the 2010 Services at Large book if you haven't received one or the Program and Services book if you live within our service area.

The Chickasaw Honors Club Grade Incentive and Perfect Attendance program is for Chickasaw students second through twelve grades. The individual application form is available on the education web site for students attending a school that doesn't participate. Awards are made every grading period up to four times for grade incentive and four times for perfect attendance each school year. Students who make all A's receive a monetary reward of a \$25 Walmart gift card. Students making A's and B's receive a \$10 Walmart gift card and students making perfect attendance per grading period also earn a \$25 Walmart card.

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program recognizes Chickasaw students for above and beyond successes. Students must provide a copy of their Chickasaw Nation citizenship card or certificate, a picture and a short biography along with the form. Students can be nominated for citizenship, athletics, outstanding achievement, academics, music, art and overall performance. Nominations can be made by a teacher, coach or school official. Outstanding Achievement is a one-time per year award of a \$25 Walmart card and plaque. For

Further information you may call (580) 421-7711 or e-mail [callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net](mailto:callie.roebuck@chickasaw.net) or [waylon.cotanny@chickasaw.net](mailto:waylon.cotanny@chickasaw.net).

The Jom conference will be held in Tulsa at the Marriot Hotel on 71<sup>st</sup> street on March 23<sup>rd</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup> this year. The Nation supports the JOM program in many of our area schools. Each year JOM sponsors a student art contest. Three awards are given for the art and the first place art is used as a logo on the tee shirts given to participants at the conference. Individual schools are presented awards at a banquet. Usually the parents who work to make their programs better help the schools win these awards.

In closing, may God's blessings be on each of you Chickasaws where ever you are. I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address [mary.green@chickasaw.net](mailto:mary.green@chickasaw.net) or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Thank you.