United States Department of Education issues new Q & A
The U. S. Department of Education has issued a new Q&A document clarifying the scope of a free and appropriate public education following the Supreme Court’s decision in Endrew F. v. Douglas County School Board. To view the document, go to https://tinyurl.com/y7npnwg9.

OAMCTE Essay Contest
Do you know a student that could use some extra cash? Oklahoma Association of Minorities in Career and Technology Education is hosting an essay contest with prizes ranging from $100 to $250. If you have students who enjoy writing and would like to participate, encourage them to go to this link for essay criteria, eligibility information and deadlines: https://tinyurl.com/yahdomtk

$42.5 Million Grant Awarded to Benetech
The U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs has awarded Benetech, with a five-year contract renewal. This contract will ensure that Bookshare’s library of accessible digital books will remain free for students. To find out more about Bookshares founder, go to https://tinyurl.com/yap2vjks.

People with disabilities more likely to be arrested
According to the American Journal of Public Health, people with mental or physical disabilities are much more likely to be arrested as juveniles or young adults than people that do not have disabilities. For minorities with disabilities the likelihood was even greater. https://tinyurl.com/y9vvh9pd
Resources:

Career and Academic Connections has updated the “Disability Guide for Career and Technology Teachers: Educating Students with Disabilities.” To view the updated document, go to https://tinyurl.com/ybr3xjhq.

The University of Oklahoma has scholarship opportunities for those interested in a master’s degree in Special Education with an emphasis in secondary transition education and applied behavior analysis. Applications are due February 1. To find out more about these scholarships, go to http://www.ou.edu/content/education/edpy/special-education/masters/transitionaba.html.

Events:

For Counselors Only Conference registration is now open. The 2018 event will be March 5 and will focus on the critical role counselors perform in schools each and every day. To register go to https://forcounselorsonly2018.eventbrite.com.

Events celebrating the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. are scheduled throughout Oklahoma. To find an event near you go to https://tinyurl.com/yaxu5rxv.

Quote:

“Harvest is real, but be wise to sow what you will love to reap in the new year, because your day of harvest is fast approaching.” Bamigboye Olutotimi

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