### Looking Back On A Great Year, Goodbye 2016-2017!

By: Lirio Linares

As the school year is rapidly coming to a close, the *Dragon's Lair* would like to use the final newsletter of 2016-2017 to reflect back on all that has happened this year.

Starting with the introduction of our new principal, Mrs. Rabsatt, tons of changes started coming to Fred Moore left and right. She implemented many new policies aimed at improving the quality of student life at our school. Some policies the students did enjoy (like the ever-so-favorite 'Half-Day Fridays') and others not so much (such as the 'No Music' rule).

Other changes, aside from new policies, included a revamp to the **bellringers**! For the most part, they're pretty much the same, but now we celebrate graduates in groups of one or more rather than congratulating them one-by-one the day they finish.

Besides that, the floors of the gymnasium were changed as well, being switched from carpet to a solid rubber floor. New floors, at last! And, for the first time, students got the opportunity to be in a mentoring program during both semesters this year. It was a great learning experience for many, with some students even receiving presents and other nice things from their mentors.

In terms of events, we've had a pretty great year, most of which the *Dragon's Lair* has had the pleasure to cover. Fred Moore is a small school, but we get to have our fair share of fun activities, some of which included:

The Blood Drive

A Bake Sale

The Penny Wars (girls won!)

Veteran's Day

College And Career Day

Red Ribbon Week,

The TWU Mentee trip

By the end of this year, Fred Moore is expected to have around 40 graduates. We congratulate all of them and want to recognize how hard some of them pushed to get to where they finally are. You can find all the Spring graduates from this year on pages 4 through 6.

Once again, we would like to thank our new principal for everything that she has accomplished for this school and the students. With all these new features and changes to our school, it is for sure that Fred Moore is definitely not as it was before. So, that concludes our final cover story of the year. Thank you to everyone from the *Dragon's Lair for a great year. We hope the next year will be just as awesome!* **Go Dragons!** 

Wow! What a year! This year we have faced and overcome challenges and celebrated our successes. We have embraced a new head of school, new faculty and staff and new students. The school year began with each of the staff and many of the students finding our strengths. During one of the trainings, the teachers were reminded that each strength has a high point as well as a low point. We were encouraged to live in the balcony of our strengths and not the basement.

I have learned that each of us is talented in different ways. Although we are all unique, we are also all the same -human. Utilize your strengths; don't focus on your weaknesses. Our beliefs and actions will either build us up or break us down. Purposefully, choose to construct and not destroy. Remember, we are Stronger Together! Enjoy your summer and take time to rest and rejuvenate.

All the best, ©. Ware Jones, Dragon's Lair Advisor

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### Calendar Updates by Christopher Alanis <u>May 2017</u>

- 24 \( \hat{\text{B}} \) Bellringer Ceremony
- 25 Final Credit Recovery
- 26 Graduate Celebration -Main Event, Frisco
- 29 Memorial Day no classes
- 30 Early Release 12:45 p.m. Graduation Rehearsal/ Sr Activities, FMHS 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- 31 Early Release 12:45 p. m.
  - SCommencement, UNT Gateway Center 7 p.m. (doors open 6 p.m.)

#### <u>June 2017</u>

- o1 FMHS Field Day

  Early Release

  Last day of School 12:45 p.m.
- O2 Staff Development -no classes
- o5 \*\*Summer Hours Begin\*\*

#### <u>July 2017</u>

04 DISD Closed for Holiday
 28 \*\*Summer Hours End\*\*
 31 FMHS Registration BEGINS
 Returning Students 9 - 12;
 New Students 1 - 3

#### August 2017

- o1 04 FMHS Registration Returning Students 9 - 12; New Students 1 - 3
- 08 -15 Staff Development -no classes
- 16 First Day of School 8:30 a.m. 3:50 p.m.
  - \*\* Summer Hours \*\*

Mondays - Thursdays 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Fridays - DISD Closed

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The winners of the third 9-weeks Student Recognition Awards:

Student of the 9 Weeks Trevor Durante

High Academic Achievement – Trinity Nichols





Most Positive Influence – Yulissa Flores

Best Attendance – Ethan Bourns





New Leaf -Hayley "Aiden" Sipe

Class Registration

### Registration

Monday, July 31 - Friday, August 4, 2017

Returning Students: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

New Students: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Students in the Art Club have shared their talents with us. Their original artwork is currently on display in the front foyer of the school.



"Uninspired Randomness" by Erika Linares



Robert Smith" by Erika Linares



"2 Sides of the Same Coin" By Lirio Linares

### The Team



Dragon's Lair Journalists and Advisor

I've enjoyed working with the wonderful students of the *Dragon's Lair* team. You are phenomenal! I am inspired by your work ethic and humbled by your kindness toward me and to one another. Thank you for everything. I look forward to learning and laughing with you again next year. Best of luck to our graduating seniors!

Mrs. Ware Jones

### Teacher Spotlight

The "Teacher Spotlight" for the 4<sup>th</sup> 9 weeks of the 2016-17 school year is Mrs. Countressa Ware Jones.

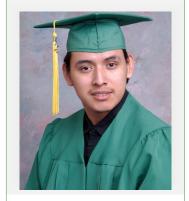
Because she wears many hats on our campus and pursues excellence in her work, Fred Moore High School is honored to spotlight our 2016-17 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Countressa Ware Jones. Mrs. Ware Jones was selected by her colleagues to represent our campus and vie for the district's top teaching award this school year.

Countressa joined the Fred Moore family during the 2014-15 school year. Currently she serves as the science teacher, District of Innovation representative, and *Dragon's Lair* newsletter editor and sponsor. Prior to coming to Fred Moore, she taught science at Denton High School for over 12 years.

She shares her love of education with her husband, Dairin, a Denton ISD elementary school teacher, and they are the proud parents of two lovely children, Donovan and Cassandra. Countressa is most proud of the Christian home life and values she provides for her family. Her life is also fulfilled by the hard work she dedicates to the pre-school at her church and as a member of the Denton County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Countressa's best attributes are her compassionate heart, nurturing demeanor, and her voice of reason. Fred Moore High School is very fortunate to have such a strong and energetic advocate for our students and campus. Mrs. Countressa Ware Jones, we salute you!

## Fred Moore Graduates Spring Class 2016 - 2017



Daniel Alejos



Alexis Michelle Allen



Kelly Austin Beutnagel



Anthony Marquez Cancino



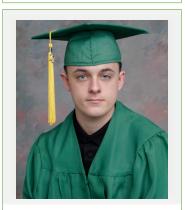
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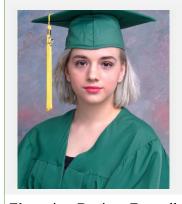
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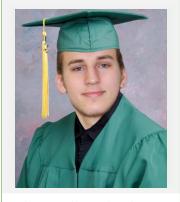
Dalton Chandler Dooley



Trevor Duncan Durante



Ekaterina Desiree Farwell



Johnny Allen Fletcher, Jr



Yulissa Flores Zarate



Bryan Fuentes

We're delighted to share in the excitement of your graduation day and so very proud of each of you!

## Fred Moore Graduates Spring Class 2016 - 2017



Brianna Renae Gutierrez



Garrett Reid Helmlinger



Zachary Taylor Kehoe



Christ-ian D'Taylor Savone Lee



Kerwin Patrelle Madkins II



Omar Ali Martinez



Kelcie Breanna McDonald



Warren Keith Moore, Jr.



Aylin Vanessa Morales



Trinity Diann Nichols



Max Elam Osborne III



Victor Trujillo Roman

Graduates continued on next page

All of your hard work has paid off. Congratulations Graduates!

# Fred Moore Graduates Spring Class 2016 - 2017



Dalton Delray Smith



Alexis Tyler Tappe



Ricardo Josue Umanzor



Brittany Anna Ward



Brenden Jae Williams

### **Spring Commencement**

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

University of North Texas Gateway Center
801 N Texas Blvd.
Denton, TX 76201
7:00 p.m.

(doors open to public at 6:00 p.m.)



# Dragon's Field Day

On June 1st we will culminate the year with a field day.

The schedule for the day is below.

James Wood Catering will provide grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Everything is free of charge for Fred Moore students and staff.

Time	Indoor Event	Outdoor Event
9:00 am - 9:40 am	3 on 3 Basketball	3-Legged Races
9:45 am - 10:25 am	Dodge Ball	Egg Races
10:30 am - 11:10 am	Volleyball	Ultimate Frisbee
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> James Wood Catering & Snow Cones	
12:20 pm - 12:50 pm	Board Games	Tug-O-War
12:50 pm	Clean Up	
1:00 pm	Dismissal	

Special Thanks to Ethan Bourns Great job organizing these activities!





### **Sun Safety Tips**

It's natural to enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities! The Sun Safety Alliance (SSA) encourages you to be safe by following these sun-safety tips year-round to help

- •Keep in mind the sun is strongest between 10 am and 4 pm.
- •Wear clothing that's dark and tightly woven.
- •Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- •Remember that UV rays bounce off sand, snow, concrete, and water.
- •Do not use sun tanning beds.
- •Keep very young children (6 months or less) out of the sun.
- •Sunscreens need to be applied liberally and evenly over all exposed areas.
- •Apply a sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher whenever you're outdoors.
- •Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply often.
- •Reapply sunscreen after swimming, perspiring, and toweling off.

Provide complete sunscreen coverage for your skin (including neck, ears and lips!).

And remember, stay in the shade whenever possible!





### It's That Time of the Year... No, Not Quitting Time.

### Email me for an appointment if you are INTERESTED in:

- ⇒Attending the ATC (Advanced Technology Center).
- ⇒Taking the ACT or SAT or TSI.
- ⇒Taking classes through Project Achieve.
- ⇒Need help to find what you want to do for a career.
- ⇒Or just email me to say "Hi!"



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