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The DHS PTSA will be publishing a total of five (5) Newsletters throughout the year 2012-13. If you wish to submit information about upcoming school activities, please submit no later than October 31 for the next DHS PTSA Newsletter issue. Submissions may be emailed to: [missy.mccormick@unt.edu](mailto:missy.mccormick@unt.edu).

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### Mr. Ford's Message



Dear Parents:

Merriam Webster defines tradition as "an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior". Traditions are born one of two ways, we either allow them to happen by doing nothing or we create them through our involvement. There are many fantastic traditions surrounding DHS that need to be passed on to our current, and upcoming, students.

Our PTSA board of directors, with me, encourages you to join us as we continue with past traditions, while creating new traditions for our future Broncos! Volunteerism is still the greatest sacrifice and we need you to be involved. You can be involved within your own home. Ask your students to talk with you about their experiences at school for the day, call your child's administrator, or email your student's teacher. Thank you for your support of Denton High School and we look forward to working with you.

***Proud to be a BRONCO!***

Dan Ford  
Principal, DHS



## Bronco Volunteers!

Submit your volunteer hours through the DHS Website. That's right! Don't let your valuable hours go unaccounted for. Submit your volunteer hours by going to the **DHS website** and clicking on the **DHS Volunteer Database 2012-2013** link which is located on the left side of the screen. Include travel time (to and from) any volunteer event, shopping time, sewing time, baking time, and any Booster Club activity with which you may have assisted. Don't forget that each hour submitted benefits our school district. Thank you for making a difference!

*-Sully Saucedo, DHS-PTSA Volunteer Coordinator*

Thanks to **New York Subway and Denton High PTSA Volunteers**, the back to school luncheon for faculty and staff was a real winner! There was plenty of good food and lots of laughter as our teachers, administrators and staff enjoyed a little break from their school year preparations on August 20. They were particularly appreciative of the great salads and desserts that were contributed by DHS parents and students.

**Thanks, also, to the volunteers that helped set up, serve and clean up on the day of the luncheon!**

*-Heidi Klein, DHS-PTSA Staff Appreciation Chair*



## Denton High School PTSA

### ARE YOU CONNECTED?

If you want to be connected to the happenings at Denton High School.... **LIKE DHS PTSA on Facebook**. In this new venture we are trying to keep parents updated on as many events and happenings as possible in one place. Please bear with us through our growing pains as we find the best way to utilize this new tool.

Please be sure to check our page regularly. Feel free to post questions or concerns. However, please note that any inappropriate posts will be deleted immediately. **Do not post photos of students.**

This new tool can help us to build a bigger and better Bronco Nation. Let's support Denton HS in every way that we can!

*-Linda Thompson, Membership Chair*

### MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

We are almost half way to our goal of one (1) PTSA member for every two (2) students, but we still have a ways to go. Your PTSA membership is about more than volunteering. Your membership dues directly help with the activities and scholarships that we provide for the students here at DHS.

The other portion of your dues—the part that goes to State and National PTA—makes you a member of the largest child advocacy group in the United States. PTA lobbies on behalf of children and families in areas that pertain to education, child safety, and other family issues.

**We want to extend a big thanks to the staff and administration for their almost 100% membership participation in PTSA.** We appreciate the staff and administration for their support in our efforts.

You can still submit your membership form and dues to the office at any time. Join the best team around, be part of the DHS PTSA and help us create the best possible experience for the students at Denton High School! [Click here for a DHS PTSA Membership Form](#)

*-Linda Thompson, Membership Chair*

### TEXAS PTA CONNECTION DAY

On September, 20<sup>th</sup>, Texas PTA had schools from all over the state call in their membership numbers. **Denton High was one of the larger numbers called in!** However, there are many others who had exceeded our success. Here are some of the schools we need to overtake to have the largest membership in the state: R.C. Carroll Elementary (514), Parkhill Jr HS (558), Kiker Elementary (602), Pink Elementary (623), Boggess Elementary (699), Churchill HS (846), McKamy MS (863), Colleyville Heritage HS (1,150), and Booker T. Washington School of Performing Arts (1,220).

Several of these schools are right here in the North Texas area. I know that the Bronco Nation has the spirit to rise up and show it's support to make DHS the most successful school in the state!

*-Linda Thompson, Membership Chair*

### MEET the PTSA Board for 2012-2013

**President**, Grace Chalon  
**1st Vice President**, Cheryl Hassell  
**2nd Vice President**, Dianne Williamson  
**Treasurer**, Linda Thompson  
**Secretary**, Janell Trachta  
**Parliamentarian**, Carisa Armey  
**Arts in Education Chair**, Katie Roche  
**CLT**, Rhonda Duggan  
**CLT**, Loyce Wilson  
**District Council Rep**, Lori Wolfe  
**Fundraising**, Cheryl Hassell  
**Homecoming Chair**, Cheryl Heal  
**Homecoming**, Kelly Dozier  
**Legislative Representative**, Mia Price  
**Membership Chair**, Linda Thompson  
**Newsletter**, Missy McCormick  
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**Staff Appreciation**, Heidi Klein  
**Volunteer Coordinator**, Sully Saucedo

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**Take your chance on winning a car!**

Jim McNatt is once again supporting area schools and non-profit agencies by offering the raffle winner a car or truck valued at \$30,000 or less. The raffle will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 10 am.

McNatt pays tax, title and license! Each raffle ticket is \$2, and that entire amount will be donated to the DHS PTSA. McNatt does not keep a percent of the sales.

**If you are interested in purchasing raffle tickets, please contact Grace Chalon, PTSA President, [gchalon@verizon.net](mailto:gchalon@verizon.net).**

**GOOD LUCK!**



**DHS Counselor's Corner**

The DHS counseling team is hoping your student is off to a great start for the school year!! We would like to introduce ourselves and please feel free to contact us for your student's needs.

Dr. Doretha Hudspeth, Lead Counselor	S-Z 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ext. 2017
Dottie McEuin	L-R 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ext. 2018
Chris Lydia	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Ext. 2012
Vickie Reid	E-K 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ext. 2261
Jari Peltier	A- D 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Ext.2019
Kim Keith	Career Counselor	Ext.2020
Dawn Pryor	Counseling Asst.	Ext.2011
Kelly DeLong	Registrar	Ext.2008

- We would like to remind you that there is **after-school tutoring** every Tuesday and Thursday in the lecture hall. For other tutoring check your student's teacher's website.
- **SENIORS**...upcoming
  - **SAT dates** are October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup>. <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>
  - **ACT dates** are October 27<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Deadline registration dates are weeks before the test dates so sign up NOW!! <http://www.actstudent.org/>
- Check out our website on for any additional information. **GO BRONCOS!!**



**DHS International Baccalaureate**

**Ballet Folklorico visits DHS**

On Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> during 4B, a ballet folklorico from Mexico will visit DHS to perform for Spanish, Dance, and Physical Education classes. The University of North Texas has made this group available to us through a partnership they have in their international studies department. The performance will begin at 1:45 p.m. in Gym 1.

**E IB Environmental Science on Channel 11 News**



Students in **Ms. Greb's IB Environmental Science** class were videotaped by Jeff Jamison, CBS 11 Meteorologist, as part of their Real Science segment on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the lab was to simulate the natural occurrence of negative feedback within a Predator/Prey relationship/interaction. The Real

Science segment is tentatively scheduled to air on **Channel 11 during the noon news on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**. Pictured above is Jeff Jamison interviewing Ms. Greb and seniors Haley Vaughn and Priscilla Sanchez (to the right) engaging in the experiment.



**Congratulations IB DP Social Officers for 2012-2013**

The DHS IB DP group had 37 students run for the Social Officer positions this year. The representatives for the 2012-2013 school year are:

- President:** Elizabeth Sherling
- Senior Co-Vice Presidents:** Madison Morgan and Haley Vaughn
- Junior Co-Vice Presidents:** Vineet Aziz and Isaac Warriner
- Senior Secretary:** Priscilla Sanchez
- Junior Secretary:** Juliana Bershell
- Treasurer:** Maya Nixon
- Co-Historians:** Victoria Amadi and Emma Pattison

**Beth Hughes**

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## DHS Student Support Services

### Student Assistance Counselor- Jennifer Mize, LPC-Intern

Denton ISD has long recognized the relationship between academic success and the emotional well-being of students. When students are experiencing significant life stressors, learning may not be their first priority. In response to the growing social and emotional needs experienced by our students, Denton ISD utilizes Student Assistance Counselors on all secondary campuses. The role of the Student Assistance Counselor is to provide crisis intervention, psycho-educational counseling services and referrals to community counseling agencies when necessary. The goal of the Student Assistance Counselor is to identify and resolve issues significantly impacting a student's success in the classroom. Referrals to the Student Assistance Counselor can be made by teachers, administrators and parents. Most often, students refer themselves. For more information, please contact Miss Mize at (940) 369-2136 or by email [jmize@dentonisd.org](mailto:jmize@dentonisd.org).

### Bilingual Licensed Social Worker - Martha Puga, LBSW, MSW

Denton ISD utilizes Licensed Social Workers to provide services that improve school attendance, increase graduation rates and encourage students achieve academic success. The role of the social worker is to provide the following services: case management and wrap around services, individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, home visits, provision of child care, transportation to school and daycare, instruction related to child development, parenting skills, assistance in obtaining resources from community and government agencies, prenatal or post partum homebound services to pregnant students. The Social Worker is available to meet with students not pregnant or parenting, students that are pregnant or parenting, homeless and unaccompanied minors, and students that reside at Cumberland Home. The goal of the Licensed Social Worker is to provide information, make referrals, and sustain active involvement in the community to determine what resources are available for all students in need. Referrals can be made through students, parents, campus counselors, nurses, faculty, or staff. For information, please contact Martha Puga at (940) 369-2027 or by email [mpuga@dentonisd.org](mailto:mpuga@dentonisd.org)

### Communities in Schools of North Texas - Jessica Franco and Arius Yaites

CISNT runs two programs at DHS that are designed to give the extra support students need to be successful in school. Ms. Franco runs case management services for students who are designated at-risk for dropping out of school. Case management includes supportive guidance, health and human services, assigning tutors or mentors, enrichment, parental involvement and career and college awareness. Mr. Yaites runs the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center after-school

program. The goal of the 21st Century program is to improve academics, improve attendance, improve behavior, improve promotion (to the next grade level) rates and improve graduation rates. The after-school program operates every day after school and on Saturday mornings. Both of these programs are free of charge. Parents, teachers, administrators, or students can refer themselves to these programs. If you would like more information on either one of these programs, please contact Ms. Franco at (940) 369-2029 or email to [jfranco\\_cis@dentonisd.org](mailto:jfranco_cis@dentonisd.org) or contact Mr. Yaites at [ayaites\\_cis@dentonisd.org](mailto:ayaites_cis@dentonisd.org).



The [DHS AFJROTC program](#) will be holding its fourth annual fajita dinner fundraising event on Saturday, 6 October at DHS. Be sure to pick up your \$8 ticket which includes rice, beans, tortillas and your selection of chicken or beef. Pick up your dinner anytime between 11-2 in the cafeteria parking lot. Buy your ticket from a cadet today.



**Lt. Col. Robert West**

[rwest@dentonisd.org](mailto:rwest@dentonisd.org)



### **Class of 2013 news...**

Denton High School seniors continue to raise class revenue at UNT football concession booths as well as supporting United Way's Dine United campaign. At \$20, a Dine United card features significant discounts at local eateries. Proceeds are split between Denton County UW organizations and senior scholarships.

Pick your card up today at DHS. For more information, contact Lt. Col. Robert West at [rwest@dentonisd.org](mailto:rwest@dentonisd.org)





## 2013 Grad Night

The Grad Night Committee is in the planning stages of **DHS Grad Night 2013**.



Grad Night has been a very successful project for many years at Denton High School thanks to the generous support of people like you. It is sponsored primarily by the parents of graduating DHS seniors.

**What is Grad Night?** The idea of Grad Night is to provide a safe alcohol and drug-free graduation event for only DHS graduating seniors after **the graduation ceremony on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. It supports a positive approach to our teens' "rite of passage" from high school. Grad Night is a lock-in event that will keep the grads busy all night with activities including dancing, sports, games, auctions, drawings, and food. Graduates will have multiple opportunities to win **Bronco Bucks** that can be used to bid on prizes. (Bronco Bucks have no cash value and can only be used during Grad Night.) Prizes in years past have included items that range from flat screen TVs, telephones and mini refrigerators to microwaves, gift cards, cash prizes and much more.

**Tickets are \$20 if purchased by April 1, 2013 and \$25 if purchased after April 1, 2013.** Tickets purchased by April 1, 2013 include a \$500 Broncos Bucks bonus to be used at the event. Tickets will start going on sale during lunch starting 10-22-2013.



**Grad Night 2013 will be held at Dave & Buster's in Frisco**, which is an indoor facility. Because of the distance and liability, all students **must** ride school buses to and from the event.

Mr. Dan Ford has committed to provide the buses. It costs a lot to provide the facility, food, games and prizes for Grad Night. Ticket sales cover only a fraction of the cost. We hope to provide our graduates with an event as successful as those held in previous years. *The Grad Night Committee must raise all funds used to pay for this event.*

May we count on your support for this year's DHS senior class? You can help by volunteering on one of the committees as well as by donating either money or items that the kids can use in college, vocational training, or on their first jobs. Your time, contribution and pledge will help us immensely with the planning and success of Grad Night 2013. Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile project. If you would like to know more, please contact Michelle Curran at: [michelleannettecurran@yahoo.com](mailto:michelleannettecurran@yahoo.com)

## 2013 Grad Night Committee:

Michelle Curran - Chairman  
[michelleannettecurran@yahoo.com](mailto:michelleannettecurran@yahoo.com)

Monya Satterfield - CoChairman  
[monyasatter@charter.net](mailto:monyasatter@charter.net)

Kala Marsh- Secretary/Treasurer  
[kcmarsh@verizon.net](mailto:kcmarsh@verizon.net)

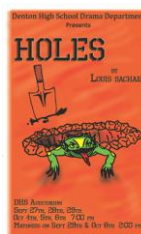
Cheryl Heal - Volunteer Coordinator  
[caheal@peoplepc.com](mailto:caheal@peoplepc.com)

Pam Richter - auction/raffle  
[prichter@juno.com](mailto:prichter@juno.com)



## DHS THEATRE NEWS

The DHS Theatre Booster Club is dedicated to charitable, educational, and artistic purposes. This organization allows a working relationship with the theatre teachers to benefit theatre students and members of main-stage productions. Booster Club members help to generate enthusiasm for theatre groups and their activities, as well as assist in approved fundraising projects. Everyone who has a love for Theatre is encouraged to get involved! For more information on joining us, please visit <http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/3634>.



"Holes" will be our first show of the season, yes from the book and the movie!! Performance dates are September 27-29 and October 4-6 Matinee's at 2 PM on the 29th and the 6th. Evening shows start at 7 PM. Ticket price is Adults \$8 Students \$5

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please mark your calendars for "A Christmas Carol"!

Performance dates are December 6-8, 13-15, 21-22 Matinee's at 2 PM on the 8th, 15th and 22nd. Evening shows start at 7 PM. Ticket price is Adults \$10 Students \$5



## DHS Baseball Fundraiser

Our fundraising event will be the Super Bowl Brisket/ Chicken/maybe Ribs event in **Jan/Feb 2013**  
Scott Collins is the President. More information will be forthcoming.



For more Information contact, Harrison, Glen  
A [gharrison@dentonisd.org](mailto:gharrison@dentonisd.org)

[Denton Broncos Baseball Website](#)



## DHS ORCHESTRA



Orchestra Director, Tanya E. Schwoch  
[tschwoch@dentonisd.org](mailto:tschwoch@dentonisd.org)

### Upcoming Events:

- **October 30** – Fall Orchestra Concert  
7:00 – 9:00 pm DHS Auditorium
- **October – November Red Wheel Fundraiser**  
Delivery Date November 15  
4:00 – 6:00 pm DHS Orchestra Room
- **November 8** - Booster Club Meeting  
7:00 – 8:00 pm DHS Orchestra Room
- **December 17** – Winter Orchestra Concert  
7:00 – 9:00 pm DHS Auditorium

**President,** Karen McCormick  
**1st Vice President,** Kathleen Carmona  
**2nd Vice President,** Alicia Creamer  
**Treasurer,** Vicki Morrison  
**Secretary,** Joyce Renteria  
**Scholarships,** Missy McCormick  
**Red Wheel Fundraiser,** Maya Jayakumar  
**UNT Fundraiser,** Kathleen Carmona



## DHS USEFUL LINKS FOR PARENTS!

[ParentConnection and GradeSpeed](#) (View your student's grades and attendance)

[Parent OnLine](#) (View your student's cafeteria account balance and purchases)

[DHS E-Alerts](#)



## BRONCO NATION

### Denton High School Mission Statement

*Denton High School, in partnership with the home and community, is dedicated to the development of knowledgeable, compassionate individuals who actively and ethically contribute to the betterment of our world.*

*By providing challenging and educational experiences that encourage cooperation, creativity and intercultural understanding, DHS aims to create life-long learners who embrace the diversity of others.*

*Adopted 2007*

