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## Muncy's Message

*"Annnd we're off..."*

Hello Broncos. It is hard to believe that we are one-sixth of the way finished with the 2011/2012 school year!

At record breaking speed the time has flown past and giving us all very little down time to settle in. Settling in with a new bell schedule has taken some getting used to. We have ironed out the wrinkles and we are looking rather sharp for the remainder of the year. I think the biggest change was the extension on to instruction time. You never realize how long twenty minutes can be until you post it on to the end of the day...then it really drags on.

The new school year brought us all some new ways of doing business. Fewer teachers and more students have increased the class size in almost every department. Our enrollment has exceeded 1800 and we have not been that big since I came here eight years ago. Although lunches are more crowded and the halls are slightly more difficult to manipulate, the student body has been great in accepting the way things are. We are lucky to have great students at DHS.

If your child has any extra-curricular interests, you have probably noticed that they are staying very busy during this time of year. From athletics to fine arts our students show dedication on a daily basis putting in an incredible amount of time. I am always amazed at the caliber of talent that is displayed on campus.

It is hard work combined with dedication that fosters the student talent at every level, and it cannot go without saying behind our students are some very talented teachers making their mark and nurturing that talent. What a winning combination.

Remember, there are only thirty weeks left until graduation and I look forward to them all!

See ya' soon,

Darrell





## Back-to-School Luncheon

Thank you DHS volunteers! Your contributions to the PTSA-sponsored back to school luncheon were greatly appreciated! The salads, desserts and fruit were enjoyed by the faculty and staff and we received many compliments and words of thanks from those in attendance. An extra special thanks to those who helped set up, serve and clean up!

If you would like to help with future staff appreciation events, please send your e-mail address to [heidiklein@verizon.net](mailto:heidiklein@verizon.net).

## PTA Reflections: Diversity



The PTA Reflections Program theme for 2011-2012 is "Diversity Means..."

Students may submit original artwork inspired by this theme. Works may be submitted in any of the following areas: Dance and Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts.

There is no limit to the number of entries per student. Each entry must be the original work of one student, although filmed productions may include other students performing. All works must have a title. Entry forms should be filled out completely, including an artist statement describing how the piece relates to the theme. Consent forms must accompany the submission.

Guidelines, entry forms, and consent forms are available at the Texas PTA web site:

<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/>

Entries may be turned in to Ms. Linda Beckmann (DHS reception office), or to Mr. Rosin.

Deadline for entries is Thursday, 10/13/11, at 4 p.m.

## DHS Orchestra Events

The DHS Orchestra would like to invite the all members of the DHS family to their Fall Concert on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm at the DHS Auditorium.

This is a free event, and will feature performances by the Philharmonic, Symphonia, and Chamber Orchestras.

Other important dates on the 2011 fall schedule include:

**Oct. 22:** All-Region auditions at Ryan High School

**Nov. 11, 11:00 a.m.:** Chamber Orchestra Veterans Day Concert

**Dec. 6, 7:00 p.m.:** Orchestra Winter Holiday Special

**December 9 and 10:** All-Region Clinic

**Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m.:** All Region Concert





## Bronco Volunteers

Thank you for the time and the support you contribute to our DHS students and staff! Whether you kicked the year off baking for staff appreciation or fundraising or if you chaperoned at Homecoming, you helped make a difference. Those are only a few events at which volunteers have given of their valuable time so far this year.

So, if you are one who has found yourself baking, traveling, sewing, painting, cleaning or working concession for a DHS event, don't forget to report your valuable volunteer hours. Submitting hours online is very simple. You can find the link on the DHS homepage labeled "DHS Volunteer Database".

Perhaps you volunteered for a certain Booster Club activity? If so; you'll want to submit those hours as well.

If you are not part of the DHS group of volunteers and are interesting in joining, please complete the 'Volunteer Application' and the 'Background Check' forms. These forms are located in the DHS PTSA page which is in the "For Parents" tab. You may submit the completed forms to the front office.

Thank you for making a difference!

*Sully Saucedo, DHS-PTSA Volunteer Coordinator*



## Save Texas Schools

Teachers and Staff:



This is a busy time of year for you, but as you are aware we are facing a crisis in education. As I'm sure you know, Texas' budget shortfall translates into a statewide funding decline of roughly \$1,000 per student.

You are likely feeling the impact of this funding deficit as you begin this new year, and of course, this serious situation has consequences well beyond the current school year. Save Texas Schools (SaveTXSchools.org) is a nonpartisan statewide volunteer coalition. We are working to inform voters, parents, educators, and elected officials about the importance of maintaining funding for Texas public education.

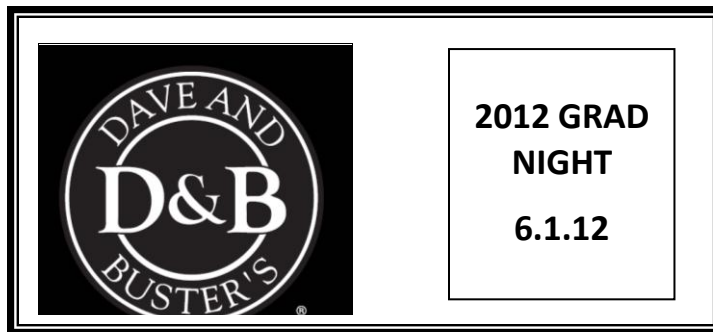
Save Texas Schools has recently launched a DFW chapter that hosted an area conference September 23-24 to disseminate information about this crisis and let participants know what they can do to effect change.

We want to help you be informed and involved, and we know your time is precious. Here is a list of a few things you can do, all of which will take just a few minutes.

- If you are on Facebook, join the group for **Save Texas Schools – DFW**. There you will find articles about the education crisis and updates about activities.
- Read about the education crisis and share what you know with others.
- Help others understand the impacts of education cuts by sharing your experiences with your neighbors as well as on our Facebook page.
- Go to [SaveTXSchools.org](http://SaveTXSchools.org) and sign up for our upcoming events. You can also sign the Save Texas Schools pledge on the web site.

Thanks again for your time, and best wishes for a successful school year.

*The Volunteers at Save Texas Schools DFW*



## Grad Night Committee & Sub-Committees

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## 2012 Grad Night

The Grad Night Committee is in the planning stages of DHS Grad Night 2012. 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 June 1, 2012. 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, 2012 and \$25 if purchased after April 1, 2012. Tickets purchased by April 1, 2012 include a \$500 Broncos Bucks bonus to be used at the event.

Grad Night 2012 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. Darrell Muncy 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.

We have received some donations from previous Grad Nights and the Denton Public School Foundation. Hopefully, we will receive additional support from businesses, families and individuals in our community.

The DHS Grad Night Committee will recognize each contributor in the Denton Record-Chronicle and in a letter to the graduate's family. Recognition is based on the level of giving: Bronco - \$500 & above; Purple - \$250 - \$499; Gold \$100 - \$249; White - less than \$100.

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 2012.

Tickets will be on sale during lunch starting 10.06.11!

Thank you for your consideration of this worthwhile project. If you would like to know more, please contact Debby Kennedy, [debby@jacksonconstruction.net](mailto:debby@jacksonconstruction.net) or 940.391.9102



## Count on me as a supporter of DHS Grad Night 2012

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2012 DHS Grad Night  
Debby Kennedy  
917 Abbots Lane  
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