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# Muncy's Message

Greetings Broncos..

After perusing our last edition of the DHS PTSA Newsletter, you will see that our students have experienced great success on many levels.

The Broncos have once again demonstrated that we strive for straight A's - Academics, Activities, Arts and Athletics. It is the desire to do well, be competitive, and set oneself apart that provides many opportunities for Denton High success. I am frequently amazed at the caliber of talent our kids have...in math, music, ROTC, ASL, technology, science, writing...ad nauseam. We are blessed with great kids!

What is a great school without a great faculty and staff? We are fortunate to have very dedicated, hard working professionals who proudly call themselves "teachers." Ever Garrison once wrote, "A teacher is a compass that activates the magnets of curiosity, knowledge, and wisdom in the pupils." What a great occupation, to lead an eager mind down the long and winding road of life. We are lucky to interact with the future and hopefully we will make a lasting impression.

Thanks to the many great parents and community members that proudly support DHS and the various events we have going on. It is always nice to see the parent pride from moms and dads whose child has done something spectacular. What a great feeling we all share when a Bronco stands above the rest. We are proud of our kids and we appreciate the opportunity to teach them on a daily basis.

Thanks moms and dads for sending us your best.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter along with the long days of summer. With any degree of luck, the summer months



will pass by slowly for you to enjoy time with your family and friends. DHS is here if you need us and we look forward to seeing you soon. Have a great summer!

Darrell

Important Dates!

Fast Pass dates and times:
August 4<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 4:00
August 5<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 to 11:00 and 1:00 to 4:00
August 6<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 to 6:30

Schedule Pickup (Tentative)

August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 13<sup>th</sup>

watch the website for changes!

The following students have been invited to participate in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

These scholars are committed to academic excellence. This is also a reflection of an outstanding faculty and staff that is dedicated to the success of our students.

~Darrell Muncy



Jonathan Berg



-Patrick Burke



Trevor Davila



~Timothy

**DeReuse** 



Julia Difiore



∼Sylvia Li



~Julia Moen



Clarissa Root



-Christine Ryu

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#### **National Honor Society**

The Principal and Faculty of DHS are pleased to announce the selection of the

2009 National Honor Society members. NHS 2009 Inductees: Kayla Bender, Sara

Kangas,



2009 National Honor Society Members

Clarissa Root,
Jonathan Berg, Heewon Kim, Christine Ryu, Patrick Burke,
Libby Knight, Charles Shelton, Gabriela Ceja, Sylvia Li,
Conley Satterfield, Justin Chalon, Jennifer Lioy, Dylan Stiles,
Devaki Dave, Jami McQueen, Regina Suwuh, Julia DiFiore,
Julia Moen, Alyssa Thompson, Austin Featherstone,
Stephen Place, Kelsie Vogds, Dylan Graham, Cameron
Ratcliff, and Eric Willis.

~Carol Hyatt, NHS Sponsor



#### **American Legion Award**

Congratulations to **Trent Erwin and Pricilla Jasso** on their selection for the American Legion Award. This is the highest honor awarded American Youth by the American Legion. It is based on *Courage, Honor, Leadership, Patriotism, Scholarship and Service.* 



#### **UIL Academics!**

We had students who placed at District, Regional, and State this year. Students who participate in UIL Academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician. They



devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competition, and for many, these hours of practice will lead them to UIL regional and state competition.

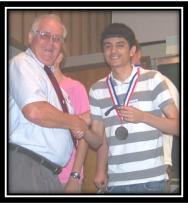
Congratulations to Trevor Davila who is the State Champion in Computer Science. He also won 2nd place at state in number sense. Hats off to Tim DeReuse, Lee Chin, Eric Willis, and Vivi Tamprateep who competed at the state level. A special thank you to Barry Wagner and Fred Mueller for all their hard work coaching these students.

Through participation at the Academic State Meet, students qualify for the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has awarded \$22 million to over 16,000 Texas high school students.

~Carol Hyatt, UIL Coordinator 🦽

#### **UIL State Champion!**

Congratulations to **Trevor Davila** on his exceptional accomplishments. Trevor earned a UIL State Individual **First Place** finish in the Computer Science contest, and an Individual Second Place finish in the Number Sense contest. UIL Computer Science is coached by **Barry Wagner.** UIL Number Sense is coached by **Fred Mueller.**Coach Mueller said: "Trevor is an exceptionally gifted student.



Trevor receiving his Number Sense Medal from Director Larry White

His leadership propelled the DHS Math Team to victories throughout the 2008-2009 academic year. Seeing his hard work and dedication rewarded by state level wins was an emotional moment filled with Bronco pride."

~Fred Mueller, Sponsor

#### **Storytelling Competition**

Please help me congratulate Allie Tanner! Allie placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National American Sign Language Honor Society Storytelling Competition. The National ASL Honor Society is relatively new, and this is our first year to have a DHS Chapter. Her



Allie Tanner

submission was chosen out of more than 100 other samples in her category. Seventeen other DHS ASL 3 and 4 students submitted in this same category. We are very proud of all of them!

~Jamie Covey 🐔

## **Spelling and Vocabulary Competition**

The **UIL Spelling and Vocabulary** team ended its first year of competition on a good note. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall at the UIL Regional Competition in San Angelo, while Junior Sara Kangas placed 6<sup>th</sup> individually for the event. This young team shows great promise for next year. Members of the team were Sara Kangas, Vivi Tamprateep, Francesca Farris and Iruna Kharel.

~Sandra Dieckman, Sponsor 🦪



### Kathy Ewing Memorial Scholarship Winners

For 2009, the PTSA has determined the winners of the Kathy Ewing Memorial Scholarship. This year four scholarships in the amount of \$750 have been awarded to the following seniors:

Macy Koontz Laurel McDonald Lucero Morin Will Trietsch

The Scholarship Committee received applications for many qualified candidates. The committee receives the application pages separated and assigns numbers so they may be judged anonymously and fairly. The applicants are awarded points for school and community activities, leadership and service, and their plans for the future including their education and career goals. Applicants must be graduating seniors and current student members of the DHS PTSA. Congratulations!

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Class Officers 2009-2010			
Name	Grade	Office	
William Hayes	12	President	
Kate Morales	12	Vice President	
Kelsie Vogds	12	Treasurer	
Tania Vazquez	12	Secretary	
Alyssa Thompson	12	At Large Representative	
Adrienne Noriega	12	At Large Representative	
Amy Dierdorf	11	President	
Amara Bradetich	11	Vice President	
Abby Bradetich	11	Secretary	
Ida Haghighi	11	Treasurer	
Monica Huckabay	11	At Large Representative	
Lauren Featherstone	11	At Large Representative	
Penner Lyke	10	President	
Ian Hunt	10	Vice President	
Hannah Cheek	10	Secretary	
Jill Jordan	10	Treasurer	
Danielle Thomas	10	At Large Representative	
Tori Kennedy	10	At Large Representative	

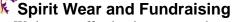
#### **Community Service Awards**

provide an incentive for the school's student body to actively participate in volunteer community work. The program, in addition to recognizing students who do community service, provides a simple way for students to officially document their service hours (for scholarship applications, college entrance applications, resumes, etc.). The effectiveness of the Green Cord Program depends on the extent of the students' involvement. This program allows students to impact the world now, one community service act at a time. For the program's inaugural year, six students will receive the award. Seniors Priscilla Jasso, Megan Turney, Domonique Clayton, Analuisa Aguilar, and Katie Franks will sport green cords at graduation to recognize them for a minimum of 100 hours of service since August and for their outstanding efforts in their community. Junior Katherine Morales will also be recognized with a certificate. Student Council Community Service Chairman Priscilla Jasso says, "I'm really proud of everyone who participated this year, and I hope we get an even bigger turnout next year!" ~Priscilla Jasso,Community Service Chairman

The Denton High School Student Council created the Green

Cord Community Service Award Program in an effort to

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We hope to offer the chance to purchase your Spirit Wear early at Fast Pass and Schedule Pick up in August. Please stop by and look at the great items we are offering this year! I'm coming home to DHS after being away for three years. My name is Loyce Wilson and I am your fundraising chair for the upcoming school year.

We will be looking for new and fresh ideas for fundraising. If you have any suggestions at all, I would welcome them. Please contact me with any suggestions or questions----Loyce Wilson, lkwilson@charter.net, 940-382-2937.

#### Summer Hype – to July 10th!

21st century, The Hype, is offering a FREE 5 week summer program here at DHS! This program is open to all DHS students and is absolutely free!

Summer Hype enrichment activities include:
Sports (soccer, basketball, etc.)
Image studio (fashion, etiquette, cosmetology, etc.)
Dance (hip hop, STEP, etc.)
Movies and Water balloon fun!!

Summer Hype will also have a new educational component in which we will be doing hands on TEKS based learning. Summer Hype will run from June 8<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup>. Snacks and bottled water will be provided; however, transportation is not provided. Also, students who need attendance hours or community service hours can get these by attending Summer Hype. If you have any questions about the Summer Hype program please call me at 369-2024 or send me an email. *Amelia Bowler, Communities in Schools, (940) 369-2024* abowler@dentonisd.org

### **Leadership Awards Banquet**

Denton High School Student Council held its first leadership awards banquet on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Complex.

Three new annual superlative awards were given to seniors. The first award, the "Excellence in Service Award" was bestowed upon Parliamentarian **Priscilla Jasso**, who is the founder of the DHS Green Cord Community Recognition program. The Outstanding Senior Leadership Award went to Vice-President **Trent Erwin** and Public Relations Officer **Macy Koontz.** In memory of David Glass, father to class of 2008 student council member Garrett Glass, the "Heart of Glass" Award was awarded to Garrett Glass for 2008 and to Isaiah Laws for 2009. The council presented medals to the seniors who have at least one full year of service to be worn at graduation. All members received certificates from the National Association of Student Councils for their dedication this year.

z Beth Hughes, Advisor

# Journalism Awards

The following students were given Journalism Department awards by their teacher and adviser, Ms. Marilyn Stevens, at the Journalism banquet on May 15, 2009. Photojournalism

Students of the Year: **Brittany Broussard and Gina Sarvis**; KDJN



Mrs. Stevens and Devaki Dave

Student of the Year: Jessica Dash; Best Journalism 1 Student: Devaki Dave; Bronco Student of the Year: Abby Bradetich; Bronco Award of Excellence: Kristina Cowan; Horseshoe Editorial Leadership: Jessica Meyers; Horseshoe Student of the Year: Amy Dierdorf; Horseshoe Student of the Year: Amara Bradetich; Bronco Editorial Leadership: Shantè Clinton; Most Improved Staffer Bronco & Horseshoe:Jordan Cartwright; Photographer of the Year: Larissa Mathews; Journalism Department Student of the Year: Krista Sitton.

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#### **Pegasus**



The Creative Writing Class at Denton High School recently published this year's edition of the *Pegasus*. The *Pegasus* is a selected collection of writing and artwork by DHS students published annually. The 2009 edition features some 95 pages of inspired poetry, short stories, commentary, drawings, paintings and photography by the DHS students, faculty, and staff. This year's editor, Krista Sitton,

dedicated considerable time to the anthology combining her love for the craft of writing with her yearbook publishing talents. The result is a publication the featured artists can take pride in.

The *Pegasus*' impressive arrays of creative endeavors coupled with the myriad successes of the DHS Fine Arts department this year are indications that the arts are thriving at DHS. We are grateful to the DHS administration for their continued support this year, and we look forward to continuing the tradition next year. If you are interested in having your very own copy of the *2009 Pegasus* contact Mr. Puente at <a href="mailto:cpuente@dentonisd.org">cpuente@dentonisd.org</a> or at 940-369-2170.

#### Chris Puente, Creative Writing Club Sponsor

#### From the Senior Class

Our "Night on the Nile" was fantastic! Thank you to all of the teachers and students who worked so hard to make Prom 2009 such a success. A special thanks to Mrs. Koontz and

Mrs. Thaggard who worked diligently to turn TWU's Hubbard Hall into our Egyptian oasis. And congratulations to Taylor Belt and Corwyn Raesz for being crowned our king and queen.

We also want to thank all of the parents who organized our senior breakfast. Though we are not used to arriving at school before 8:15 am,

we cannot thank you enough for the delicious food and festive decorations. We also



Prom King & Queen: Taylor Belt & Corwyn Raesz

must thank Ms. Abrams and the teachers who entertained us with a few tunes, and thank you to Miss Davis and Mrs. Weatherley for an awesome slide show.

This has been a fantastic year and we are so excited to be graduating. Good luck to all of our fellow Broncos and the senior class of 2010!

~The Senior Class of 2009

#### **Theatre News**

# Theatre to perform in EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in August 2009!

The Denton High School Theatre Department under the direction of Alison Trapp has been selected to perform in the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). Each August, Edinburgh, Scotland becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from all over the world come to Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The whole city becomes a stage and visitors can view performances everywhere from playgrounds to conference rooms to city parks to churches. The Fringe Festival includes over 18,000 different performances of music, dance, theatre, and comedy during its three week run. DHS' performance will be showcased at the AHSTF venue in Edinburgh.

DHS, long recognized for its entertaining and innovative productions, was selected by the AHSTF Board of Advisors to represent the United States as part of the 2009 AHSTF program. The Board reviews all completed applications and identifies the top high schools in the USA based on their most recent bodies of work, awards, community involvement, philosophies, and recommendations.

As you can imagine, the DHS drama students, their parents, and teacher are heavily involved in fundraising. If you would like to contribute to the project, donations will be accepted through the end of July. Please send donations to: Alison Trapp, *Director of Theatre*, Denton High School Theatre, 1007 Fulton St., Denton, Texas 76201. Please make all checks payable to DHS THEATRE. For more information e-mail Ms. Trapp at atrapp@dentonisd.org.

~Alison Trapp, Theatre



#### **Orchestra News**

The Orchestra Booster Club held their Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 22, 2009. Caroline Paul and Miracle Cradduck, the Orchestra Historians, assembled a wonderful slide show highlighting the activities for the year. Each orchestra awarded their "Best" awards to the student members, all in good fun. The students nominated Guy Bergel, an outstanding pianist and 1<sup>st</sup> chair violist, an award for his musical contributions. Mandy Elsmore was given the Sharon Veazey (Director's) Award.

The Orchestra Booster Club awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors. The scholarship recipients are: Guy Bergel (\$750 award), Mandy Elsmore (\$750 award), and Andrew Dierdorf (\$500 award). Congratulations to all Orchestra Seniors!

~Grace Chalon



#### Students of the Month

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Jillian Jordan, Nathan Schafer** 10<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Danielle Dubose, Kris Carmona** 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Kristin Cowan, Jon Strait** 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Katie Franks, Ross Deter**  **DHS-PTSA** Newsletter June 2009 Page 5

#### Auto Techs Host Car Show



The Automotive Technology classes at the ATC hosted a car show in May which served as a fundraiser for their program. It was a very successful first attempt at what promises to become the largest car show of its kind in North Texas.

About 50 Auto Tech students were there assisting in running the show as just under 1000 spectators entered the C.H. Collins parking lot to view the 81 cars entered in various competitions. The car pictured was selected by the ATC Auto Tech students as the ATC Best of Show Pick. Our own Hoyt Richter won Best Sound System and Andrew Dierdorf won Best of Show in the Young Guns Category. This made DRC front page news and had an excellent write-up in Hot Rod Happenings' online newsletter. View this article and pictures at HotRodHappenings.com.

Kim Keith, Career & Technology Counselor

# Band Boosters

The Band had its spring dinner on June 1st and a good time was had by all. Mr. Kangas turned over the Band Booster



Brian Thurman

presidency to Mr. Thurman and Mrs. Seiple replaced Mrs. Root as the secretary. Contact information for the Booster board is available through the band web page. As you can see by the calendar, the band is looking forward to another short summer! Here is a short overview:

June 8-12 (M-F)--Spring Mini-Marching Band Camp, beginning at 8:30am

July 20-22 (M-W)--Drum Major Camp

July 27 (Mon)--Band Officer Camp (beginning at 1:00pm Mon, 8:00am Tu-Fr)

AUGUST 1 (Sat)--FULL BAND MEETING -

MANDATORY, at 2:00pm... and it starts all over again! On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Marching Band Rehearsals start (for the next 3 months!). Check the calendar for changes, additions and corrections at: Band > Calendar.

# German-American Partnership Program

**DHS Host Families Needed!** 

Would your family like to experience life in your country through a different set of eyes? In November DHS will host approximately 20 students and teachers from our partner school, the Nikolaus-Kopernikus-Gymnasium in Weissenhorn, Germany. The students are all 11<sup>th</sup> graders and have been studying English for at least 7 years. We need additional host families for approximately ten of them.

The NKG students would be members of your families during the three weeks that they are here. The students pay for their own entertainment and various activities related to trips with the GAPP\* group while they are here. Your hosting responsibilities would simply include providing room and board for three weeks and providing transportation to and from school. (They do not have to have their own guest room

and, if your child rides a bus, the German student can ride as well.)

The Germany side of the exchange is designed to provide an opportunity for advanced German students to practice and improve their skills prior to taking the AP exam or college placement tests. Students get to live as the Germans do for the three weeks that we are in their country. The trip costs far less than many other tours--our last exchange trip was four weeks long and cost merely \$2000.

On a case by case basis, advanced students who have taken World History and are enrolled in an advanced level of a World Language may be considered for participation. For further information, please contact Mrs. Dieckman at sdieckman@dentonisd.org with GAPP in the subject line. \*GAPP is the German American Partnership Program, an educational exchange program sponsored by the US Department of State and the German Cultural Ministry



Please congratulate the following students! They competed and placed in our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Chef Challenge. Thank you to all of the judges who took the time to participate.

Master Chef: Zulejha Osmani

1st place APPETIZERS: Catricsha Battle place APPETIZERS:Zulejha Osmani

1<sup>st</sup> place SALADS: Korah Conner

place SALADS:Javier Mendez

1st place POULTRY:Conley Satterfield

place POULTRY: Haley Rodgers

t place COOKIES: Kelsey Cheatham

place COOKIES: Zulejha Osmani

place PASTA/CASSEROLES: Bianca Picazo

place PASTA/CASSEROLES: Sadie Stanley

place MEATS: Kevin Curran

place MEATS: Abel Baker

place VEGETABLES: Cassie Thompson

place VEGETABLES:Zulejha Osmani

place HEART HEALTHY: Evan Pollard

place HEART HEALTHY: Chris Torres

1<sup>st</sup> place CAKES: Teresa Muro

2<sup>nd</sup> place CAKES:Marquise Dennis

~Molly Swindle, Sponsor

## 2009 Homecoming!

The Denton High Student Council announces the 2009 Homecoming Theme "Rock Richardson". We will use a genre musical theme, including rock, rap, country, and music through the decades. Homecoming will be on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and is scheduled to be played at our very own Bronco field.

~Beth Hughes

**SAVE THE DATE!** Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, Sept. 12th from 8-12pm at the Silver Eagle Suite! Look for upcoming info! If you would like to help out on the committee-please email Kelly Dozier at kkelly02@verizon.net. If you want to work that night-you can email that too, or you can wait until we send more info out on it. ~Thanks, Kelly Dozier and Beth Patterson (PTSA Homecoming Chairs)

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#### Interact!

On April 17, 2009 Interact members worked together to hold a luncheon for the life skills students. The luncheon was held in room 106. Lunch was served to honor the life skills



Interact members serve lunch to life skills students.

students and teachers. Students were served chicken, rice, muffins, and even a bit of

pineapple. When we saw the joy that radiated from their faces in the form of a smile, we knew that it was worth the effort.

Interact holds these luncheons every six weeks to honor a different group of teachers selected by Interact members. Previously they have hosted new teachers to DHS, the math department, the English department, and most recently the life-skills and adaptive life-skills departments.

~Scott Spaulding

# **Pep Club News**

Star Bronx is a hit! Pep Club's last meeting was May 27. New officers were inducted and seniors were told goodbye. Awards were passed out and we made



Pep Club Members

plans for the coming year. We will be serving Star Bronx goodies everyday along with the famous and popular Donut Fridays! We will be attending FishCamp and passing out flyers for freshmen to join as well as having a sign up at Bronco Night! We are excited about the coming year and how we can continue to encourage school spirit and support!

### PTSA Luncheon

A great time was had by all who attended the PTSA sponsored



faculty and staff luncheon on May 27. A festive taco bar was set up for the attendees. It featured delicious food from Fuzzy's Taco's (located at 115 Industrial St. off the Square). Thanks to the PTSA volunteers who helped with this event by helping out at the luncheon and by providing desserts. Thanks, also, to Mel, Shawn and the crew at Fuzzy's for the great

service and fantastic food! ~Heidi Klein, PTSA Hospitality Chairperson



### Denton High Service Awards 🐔





#### Staff of the Month - Carolyn Bason

Carolyn is such an important fixture here on our campus. In addition to wrangling in, and quieting her frequent library visitors, Carolyn provides an invaluable resource to each and every one of us. As a member of our IB team, Carolyn has worked very diligently to provide her peers with the information and literature they need for their courses, without complaint. Carolyn, simply put- we don't know what we would do without you!

#### Teacher of the Month - Matthew Navlor

There were several members of the Math Department that praised Mr. Naylor's name this month. From Naylor's enthusiasm, to his unique teaching style, many of his peers spoke highly of this quasi-new teacher. One of his most outstanding qualities---his creativity and patience with several of our special needs students. Way to go Naylor!

Libby Schleinat, Senior Lieutenant Bianca Lopez, Junior Lieutenant Kayla Tunnel, President Kylie Lumpkins, Vice President Maddison Carleton, Secretary Kristina Cowan, Historian Karen Nguyen, Treasurer Jessica Simmel, and Chaplain Ashley Wawro. We are all excited to get the New Year started and see what it has in store. We have also been blessed with a new director, our very own Mrs. Kerri Burgess.. As the New Year approaches we would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported the Denton High Fillies, you

are very much appreciated, and we would like to wish Mrs. Ashley Ness our best wishes in opening her own dance studio and thank her for all the hard work she has put into our team.

~Lisa Mathis, 2009-2010 Fillies Booster Club President





In the upcoming year the ladies will be switching from the new Captain

Marilyn Stevens

Michael Minter

Marilyn

Haggard

Reginald

Seastrunk



#### 2009 Laureate Awards

The Laureate Awards is an annual award ceremony given by the English department in order to honor top students in all English classes. Each teacher selects two outstanding students (generally one male and one female) from each course he/she teaches and also gives out one additional award of his/her choosing (such as "Best Attitude" or "Hardest Worker"). Student honorees are presented a certificate and more importantly, a medal, which can be worn at graduation. Students have their names printed in a program to keep as a memento and are even given a picture to commemorate the evening. This award has brought much pride to many students who ordinarily are overlooked, and much happiness to their proud parents.

Aaron Ramirez Abigail Wright Alejandra Barrera Alysia Huff Amy Wilson Andrea Dennis Billy Pope Caitlyn Vann Bianca Mack Chris Burke Christopher Murillo Cameron Montgomery Cierra Falkner Conley Satterfield Danica Bergeron David Ross Denvce Alvarez Diana Lehboub Franky Gonzalez **Eunjeong Jeong** Francesca Farris Francisco Avelino Gina Sarvis Gwendŵr Meredith Gyeonggu Kang Harrison Hawkins Henry Davis Jacob Favalora Jazmine Britton Jessica Leyva Jesus Rodriguez Ji Tianxi Jin "Jeff" Su Juan Escamilla-Limone Jonathan Kigigha Julian Moreno Karely Becerra Julian Chalon Karen Nguyen Kathryn Webb Kayla Tunnell Keyvin Moss Lawrence Brown Lewis Copeland Mandy Elsmore Maria Hernandez Mary Elsmore Michael Cherry Michelle Williams Miguel Raygoza Monica Espinoza Morgan Edwards Natalie Attaya Nidia Nunez Patrick Burke Philip King Pratichhya Baruwa Raul Soberan Ravyn Logston Ricardo Raz Rosario Carmona Ryan Klinck Shelby Bergeron Sylvia Li Taryn Schuessler Taylor (Bill) Atkinson Tennessa S. Goodwin Travis Kelly Trent Erwin Victoria Pappan Virginia Sanchez



#### **Local ATPE Scholarships Awarded**

Denton High School teachers Janét McDaniel and Glen Harrison recently received scholarships of \$500 each from the local Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE). Janet and Glen were two of 13 selected from 32 applicants from within Denton ISD.

Janét is an Adapted Life Skills teacher and DHS Special Education Department chair, and Glen is currently teaching BCIS I and II, and coaching football and baseball.

Coach Harrison's scholarship monies will further his pursuit of his master's degree in educational technology leadership, and Janét plans to use her scholarship to attend the Galveston Island Institute this summer.

Denton ATPE awarded \$5,150 in 2009 scholarships, which may be used for tuition/fees for continuing professional development. Lesle Lehman from DHS collects and refines the scoring rubric and removes names from the applications, so they can be blindly scored by ATPE Scholarship Committee members.

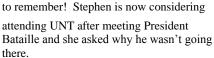
~Janét McDaniel & Lesle Lehman



**Dropping Out of School** 

A Process, Not an Event

Communities in Schools annual Gala was held on April 25th at the Great Wolf Lodge. It was a huge success and we were able to raise over \$30,000. Our own DHS student, Stephen Donaldson was recognized as CISNT Student of the Year and received a DHS class ring, courtesy of Josten's. Senator Jane Nelson was on hand to give out awards and it was a night to remember! Stephen is now considering





Stephanie Sutton & Stephen Donaldson

On April 23rd, we had our first ever CIS College Night. I invited all the 11th and 12th grade students in CIS at DHS and their parents to learn about going to college and get all of their paperwork in order. The dinner was donated by McAllister's Deli and representatives from NCTC and the G Force members from UNT came to offer assistance. The 11th graders were helped with signing up for the SAT or ACT and talked about what they need to be doing now for next year. The 12th graders met with college reps and got their FAFSA, applications, etc. completed and their parents were able to ask questions and meet the college reps. The event was held in English and Spanish which was a great success!

~Stephanie Sutton, CISNT Program Manager, 940-369-2080



# August Yard Sale Fundraiser-Class of '10

Senior yard sale August 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 am – 2:00 pm; setup will be on August  $14^{th}$  from 1:00 pm -7:00 pm. Donations can be dropped off at DHS starting next week; email Michelle DeAngelo at mdeangelo@dentonisd.org to arrange a time.

# Broncos to attend 2009 Air Force **Summer Leadership Schools**



The following Denton High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) cadets will attend SLS venues over the summer in Texas and Louisiana.

James Anderson Alvis Glidewell Jacob Long Monika Minter Astin Reeder Jeff Robinson Luis Texta Caitlin Wells Charles Wimberly James Witt Victor Delarosa Alexa Williamson Alex Johnson Anthony Mach Dorothy Silverio Leidy Silva Nathan Epperhart Ryan Miller Jessica Sanchez Eric Thompson

The objectives of JROTC are to educate and train high school cadets in citizenship, promote community service, instill responsibility, character, and self-discipline, and provide instruction in air and space fundamentals. SLS takes the AFJROTC program one step higher by immersing cadets into challenging week-long summer leadership training environments. Cadets are exposed to military discipline and the necessity of effective leadership which they then apply to their leadership roles within the Corps.

.~Lt Col Robert C. West Jr., (Ret)



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#### **IB** Update

#### **IB Middle Years Programme**

The IB Middle Years Programme Authorization Team visited Calhoun Middle School and Denton High School May 14 and 15. While at each campus, the team interviewed the administrations, teachers, parents and students along with coordinators. The team offered comments on what they viewed. Each campus was commended on how well their mission statement aligned with IB's Mission Statement. Each campus was noted for the foundations built for expanding student opportunities for International mindedness learning. The IB team was impressed by DISD's commitment to support CMS and DHS becoming IB World Schools offering IB MYP. Math and World Languages were commended on their efforts to align their content from grades 6-10 and provide a template for other content areas to align their programs. The IB MYP Authorization Team offered suggestions for each campus to help support the continued growth of IB MYP. The IB MYP Authorization Team will send its report to the IB

New York office, which in turn will review and send on to the Geneva, Switzerland IB Headquarters. Results of the IB Authorization visit will be sent to schools prior to the 2009-2010 school year. Thanks to all who participated in the IB MYP Authorization visit. The hard work of administrations, teachers and staff at CMS and DHS and interviews were much appreciated. Now, we will wait for the results!

#### **IB Diploma Programme**

The first annual IB Retreat was held May 19, 2009, at Central Services. Current and future IB students were in attendance. The morning of teambuilding activities, guided by Gwen Perkins, was enjoyed by all the students. Thank you Mr. Muncy, Marco Rodriguez, Leslie Kregel, Kim Thaggard, Dena Puente, Sharon Kremer, Stephanie Nicewarner and Fred Mueller for coming over to CS and sharing course information with the students. The schedule didn't work for all teachers to come over, hopefully that can be improved upon in the future. Trinity High School graduating senior IB students, Kim and Julie, shared their IB insights and encouraged our IB students. Taylor, a L.D. Bell High School IB graduate shared how IB had helped her while at UNT by being better prepared for the college workload. Mrs. Swindle provided a CAS overview (Thank you!) and now the students may begin officially working to earn CAS hours.

The day ended with Technology distributing HP Tablet Laptops (and purchased computer backpacks) to IB students...Students were pretty excited about the laptops! The laptops have been checked out to the students for use while in IB, and be turned back upon exit from the IB Diploma Programme. The laptops will be recognized as one of the district's computers so students will be able to utilize them while in classes at DHS. The students will be able to have the laptops at home throughout the summer. Yes, to say the least, IB students were excited!

A Special Thank You to the technology division for their ideas and willingness to provide technology tools to our IB students! An additional Thank You to Kim Stevenson, your help with the Board Room set up was much appreciated! ~ Lynn Singletary, Ph.D., IB Coordinator

#### **Nurse Notes**

S- Swim lessons –even for adults

U-"U" can learn CPR- Gohlke Pools offers free CPR for Friends & Family evening classes. Call 591-9181.

**M**- Make a plan to do at least one fun activity together with your teenager.

**M**- Motivate your family to get off the couch and exercise. Try something new.

**E**- Explore activities offered in our community - many are free.

**R**- Rejuvenate- Most teens report high level of stress. Make the most of the break in school routine. If they don't have a summer job, encourage them to look in volunteering.

FYI: If your student was given a summer Immunization Notice, they must bring the official record of required shots with them to

registration in August. They will not be able to register without it. In order to prevent the record from possibly becoming misplaced, please do not drop it off during the summer. After the summer break, I will be back in my office on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

~Cindy Yousko, RN



# **English as a Second Language Class**

ESL Parents' Class will not continue during the summer. We hope to continue in the fall! We will share that information as soon as it is available.

La clase de inglés para padres no va a continuar durante el verano. Esperamos continuar en otoño! Vamos a informarles tan pronto como sea posible.

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