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Hello, Broncos!

I hope that everyone had a restful winter break with plenty of time for family and friends. We are back in the saddle and gearing up for our Fall Final Exams. We ask that you please encourage your students to keep up on their work and not to lose sight of the final exams (20% of semester average.)

The Spring Semester is always an incredibly busy time for us all. When you look at the DHS activities calendar, combined with the DISD testing calendar you notice there is very little down time. Our kids appear to go from one event to another, and as always, we appreciate their commitment and tenacity.

DHS will resume our Saturday TAKS Tutorials on February 2, 2008 and continue until May. TAKS testing has been completed. Our Saturday tutorials have proven to be very beneficial for all those attending. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday, teachers are here to help all students master the objectives in each of the four core subject areas: English, Math, Science and Social Studies. We provide lunch and knowledge – nourishment on multiple levels.

This year the DISD has adopted a "TAKS Exemption Initiative" to help motivate students to do their best on all state assessments. If a student passes their ELA, Math, Science and/or Social Studies TAKS test, he/she will be exempt from their corresponding Spring Final Exam. It is our hope that this reward will give each student a little extra push for success.

Coach Patz and I have been meeting with the architects every other week to discuss and finalize our campus needs as outlined in the Bond Package 2007. It is really exciting to see our thoughts and ideas grow into something that will be honored and cherished for many years to come. Our campus will be changing in a variety of ways from added classroom space, athletic facilities, a Guidance and Counseling center as well as the basic paint, patch and repair. Although certain aspects of our facility will change our commitment to history, tradition and academic success will not be compromised.

We look forward to the spring semester and the many opportunities it may present. You are always welcome at DHS and we appreciate your loyalty and support. Please find below a few dates through Spring Break that may come in handy.

See you soon,
Darrell

January 14 – 17, 2008
January 18, 2008
January 21, 2008
January 28, 2008
February 01, 2008
February 02, 2008
February 11, 2008
March 04, 2008
March 17 – 21, 2008

Final Exams (1/16 and 1/17 are early release days)
Student Holiday/Teacher Staff Development
M.L. King Birthday – Holiday
Eighth Grade Parent Night
Senior Favorites Assembly
Saturday TAKS Tutorials Resume
Fine Arts Gala at the UNT Murchison Center
TAKS (9th grade reading, 10th and 11th grade E.L.A.
Spring Break

Don't forget February 18, 2008 is the new staff development date replacing February 11, 2008

International Baccalaureate Update



IB Authorization Site Visit

December 3rd and 4th marked the visit of the IB Authorization Site Visit Team to Denton High School. Over the course of the two day visit, the IB Team toured Denton High School and interviewed administration, teachers, students, parents, DISD School Board members, our superintendent, Dr. Braswell, as well as other Central Service Staff. The IB Authorization Site Visit Team was very impressed with Denton High School and the many resources available to students and teachers. They noted that all stakeholders had an understanding of the IB educational philosophy as well the expectations of the Diploma Programme for incoming juniors. The support and enthusiasm for IB was also noted. The IB Team applauded the newly renovated Renaissance International Garden, the Curriculum on the Wall (started by the teachers involved) project, along with fine arts facilities at DHS.

DHS will find out in April 2008, as to the status of our 'IB Authorization.' Until then a few fine tuning tasks will be undertaken. We are cautiously optimistic with regards to our IB Authorization status. A big THANKS to everyone that has been involved with the IB DP program and all others that participated in the IB visit. DHS is very proud to have such wonderful supporters!
Dr. Lynn Singletary

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Parents of DHS sophomores and current sophomore students interested in learning more about the **IB Diploma Programme** plan to attend an **informational meeting** to be held at **DHS, January 28, 2008**. The presentation will be held in the **DHS Lecture Hall, beginning at 6 pm**. Current sophomore students have heard a brief IB presentation during course registration and those interested completed and turned in IB Interest Forms. The January 28, IB presentation will include information about IB, DP courses available to incoming junior students, expectations of the DP candidates, opportunities of DP graduates and a question and answer session. Come and learn more about the opportunities of IB DP!

DHS Library Hours

The library is open until 6 p.m. on Mondays for students to use computers, do research or homework or check out books. The library opens every day at 7:50 am and closes at 4:30 pm Tuesday through Thursday and at 4 pm on Friday.



Final Exam Schedule

Monday, January 14, 2008 A-Day (Regular Bell Schedule)

A-1	08:50 – 10:20	Final Exam
A-2	10:25 – 11:59	Final Exam
A-3	12:04 – 02:15	Regular Class
A-4	02:20 – 03:50	Regular Class

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 B-Day (Regular Bell Schedule)

B-1	08:50 – 10:20	Final Exam
B-2	10:25 – 11:59	Final Exam
B-3	12:04 – 02:15	Regular Class
B-4	02:20 – 03:50	Regular Class

Wednesday, January 16, 2008 A-Day (Early Release)

A-3	08:50 – 10:20	Final Exam
A-4	10:25 – 11:59	Final Exam
Lunch	12:04 – 12:45	Lunch
Bus	01:30	Early Release

Thursday, January 17, 2008 B-Day (Early Release)

B-3	08:50 – 10:20	Final Exam
B-4	10:25 – 11:59	Final Exam
Lunch	12:04 – 12:45	Lunch
Bus	01:30	Early Release

Friday, January 18, 2008 Teacher Staff Development

ESL (English as a Second Language)

Parent Classes!

ESL Parents' classes will start again on Tuesday, January 8 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in room 105 at Denton High School. Mr. Slade teaches the class and Communities in Schools provides child care and tutoring opportunities to children and teenagers.

La clase de inglés para padres empezará de nuevo el martes, 8 de enero de 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. en el salón 105 en Denton High School. Mr. Slade enseña la clase y "Communities in Schools" cuida a niños y provee oportunidades para apoyo académico para adolescentes.
Mr. Will Slade



Myra Hasty & Dr. Pat McLeod Scholarships

Application Deadline

March 7, 2008

Sponsored by:

Career & Technology Association of Texas

Attention incoming freshmen and parents!
Calhoun, McMath, Navo and Strickland

World Language Fair

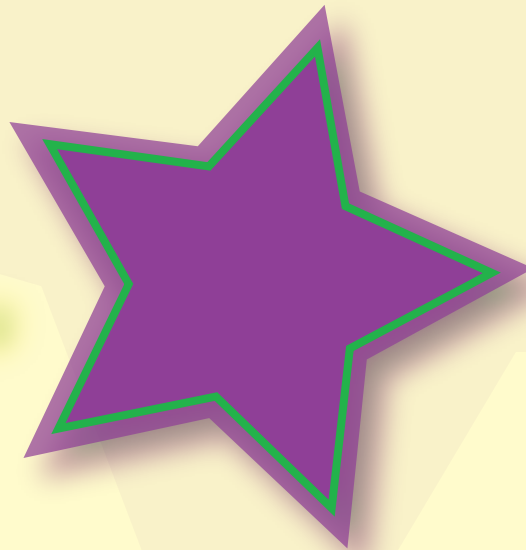
January 31st, 2008

from 6 pm to 8 pm ★ Denton High Gym 2

Music

Food Tasting

Singing

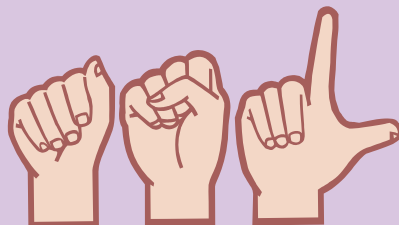
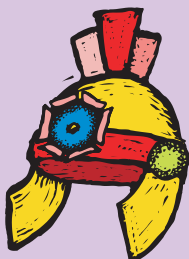
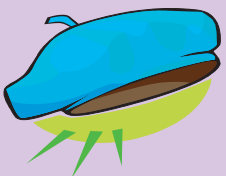


Crafts

Storytelling

Games

French ★ Latin ★ ASL ★ German ★ Spanish



The Denton Area Alliance of Black School Educators hosts

The 9th Annual Martin Luther King Essay Contest



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Mason Temple, Memphis, TN 4/3/68

- Who:** Denton county middle school and high school students in grades 6 – 12. Public, private, or home school
- What:** Dr. King’s “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop” speech in support of the striking sanitation workers, April 3, 1968, the eve of his assassination.
- When:** Saturday, January 26, 2008, 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
- Where:** Fred Moore High School, 815 Crosstimbers, Denton 76205
- Why:** Use knowledge and inspiration gained to write essay according to TAKS criteria in the afternoon session.

Each participant receives certificate and book of student essays at the March 1 awards reception. Winners also receive savings bonds: 1st place - \$200, 2nd place - \$100, 3rd place - \$75.

- How:** On-line registration at **www.dentonisd.org/mlk**
Speech and contest guidelines with registration link at:

www.dentonisd.org/mlkessaycontest

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Sharon Cox, Denton I.S.D. Communications Office, 369-0006

College Planning Kit

My College QuickStart is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT. The information and answers your child provided when they took the test are incorporated into this useful tool, and it presents their data back to them in four main parts:

- My Online Score Report- an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, the student's answer, and the correct answer with answer explanations.
- My SAT Study Plan- a customized SAT study plan based on student PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.
- My College Matches- A starter list of colleges based on the student's state and indicated choice of major.
- My Major and Career Matches- Major and career matches that are compatible with the student's general interests and personality type.

Access is available using the access code printed on the student's paper score report and this tool can be utilized throughout high school. Using My College QuickStart together with your child is a great way to introduce and guide your child through important aspects of the college-going process. Visit

www.collegeboard.com/quickstart

Mrs. Koontz

Good Luck!

Jennifer Phillips has students participating in the Academic Decathlon Regional Meet on January 18-19 in Lancaster, Texas. Nine students are slated to compete for DHS.

Bronco Yearbooks!

We have a limited number of 2008 Bronco yearbooks left to sell. The yearbook staff's goal is to put each student in the book at least three times. Currently they are on sale for \$60 in Room 207. Information is on the DHS website under clubs and organizations: Yearbook. You may order on-line or fill out the form and bring \$60 to the yearbook room. Checks should be made out to DHS Yearbook. You may also mail your payment to: DHS Yearbook: M. Stevens, 1007 Fulton, Denton, TX 76201. After the end of the semester, the price of the volume will go up. Get your student a 2008 Bronco Yearbook - especially seniors - and remember the school year up close and personal.

Ms. Marilyn Stevens

DHS DECA Update

By Samantha Gutierrez, Reporter



Mrs. Goolsby's Business/Marketing students did a terrific job of sponsoring two Ann Windle children for the annual DHS Christmas Party this year. The class, Guadalupe and Anthony enjoyed great Mexican Food (donated by Papi's Restaurant in Argyle) and tons of toys the students brought and paid for with their own money. Everyone had a great time and the feelings of giving were abundant.

The annual DECA Club Christmas field trip/party was held in Frisco this year with the students drawing names and spending \$5.00 to buy their secret Santa a wonderful gift from Stonebriar Mall. Everyone voted on who was the "best shopper" that got the most "bang for the buck"...Brittany Zube won that honor for Chris Albin. Everyone met in the food court for lunch then back on the bus for DHS by 2:30 pm. It was a great field trip and marketing experience for everyone.

The Denton High School Business/Marketing students have been very busy upgrading products in the school store. We now have Muecas Lucas, peanuts, fun dip, dill pickles, sun chips, and other varieties of food products for the students and staff to choose from. We appreciate the positive response to our Ramen soup and hope the students continue their wonderful patronage during the spring semester! Thanks for your support!



Earn Exam Exemption!

TAKS Motivation - Don't forget! If you are a 9th, 10th, or 11th grade student you have the opportunity to earn exam exemption(s) by passing your TAKS exams this upcoming April. What students are learning in classes now will be seen on the exams this April, so take advantage of teachers' tutorials, as well as our Saturday TAKS tutorials. Dates and times are posted outside the library for additional information.

Parent Meeting for Incoming Freshman

January 28th is 8th grade parent meeting for incoming freshman! Contacts: Dottie McEuin or Buddy Dunworth.

Don't forget!
YOUR yearbook!



Student Council and Renaissance



Student Council has been preparing for this year since before school was in session. With hard working, motivated members and two very dedicated sponsors, we successfully planned Freshman Fish Camp and Homecoming. After those two activities were completed, we reorganized our council and broke off into committees.

Recently, Student Council collaborated with Project Graduation to put on our first annual Bronco Idol on December 19th and 20th. Bronco Idol provides an opportunity for students to showcase their talents while raising money for both organizations. Student Council's own Vice President Lucy Croft, and Sophomore Class President Will Hayes, were the hosts during the contest.

The Ann Windle Adopt-A-Child was held on December 13th during 2B, and was, as usual, one of our most successful projects. The 68 children we hosted are not the only ones who benefit from this project, as the students and teachers look forward to the experience and joy of witnessing their giving each year. Student Council President Garnett Ford coordinated this project, and junior Priscilla Harper starred as our elf during the event.

The Teacher Appreciation Committee hosted a lunch for the teachers on December 17th featuring delicious sandwiches provided by New York Subway and homemade goodies baked by Student Council members. Junior class Vice-President Macy Koontz coordinated this project.

The Renaissance committee, led by Parliamentarian Trent Erwin, has developed a terrific teacher, staff and student of the month program this year. Students are awarded a \$15 gift card from Wells Fargo, during a luncheon sponsored by Denton Independent Hamburger and Beth Marie's on the square. Highlighting the event is a limo ride, courtesy of Metropolitan Limo, Hickory Creek, with one DHS administrator to the luncheon. Teachers and staff members of the month are awarded a meal from Applebee's, a trophy sponsored by Denton Trophy House, and their photo featured in the main DHS office.

As well as these projects, our members have been diligently working on the Renaissance International Garden. We hope that the garden will promote a sense of unity and newfound pride on our campus. It will create a place for all members of Denton High School to call their own, with an edifying ambience conducive to learning and furthering our academic prowess. Seniors Marlee Ross and Ryan Davidson are the students leading the Energy and Environment committee responsible for the work done in the garden.

Dates to watch for in the spring:

Friday, February 1st: Fun Favorites Assembly, sponsored by the Senior Class

Tuesday, April 15th: Prom Style Show, sponsored by the Senior Class and Senior Parents, Mrs. Riley, chair.

Saturday, May 10th: Junior/Senior Prom at the Texas Motor Speedway

Get into the ZONE!

Beginning the second semester, all students have been assigned to a ZONE. Each student's ZONE will be much like a 'homeroom' class. Students will meet in the ZONE to learn about important information taking place on campus and to take care of important tasks such as picking up their next semester schedule and receiving their report cards. ZONES have also been established as TAKS testing centers in an effort to familiarize students with the setting and the teacher who will be assisting them on those TAKS testing dates. Students will have their ZONE information prior to the end of this semester and will report to their ZONE when they return to school on the first day of the next semester to receive a copy of their second semester schedule.

Get into the ZONE!

From the DHS Nurse!

New research on teens in North America shows that a diet poor in essential vitamins and minerals and other antioxidant compounds is linked to increased risk for developing respiratory conditions including asthma, reduced lung function, and chronic bronchitis. These risks were highest among study subjects with the poorest diets who also smoked.

The results suggest that higher dietary intake of Vitamin A, C, E, and omega-3 fatty acids is linked to lower reports of cough, respiratory infections, and less-severe asthma symptoms.

Snacks of fresh fruit, simple nutritious family meals and adding a daily multi-vitamin are easy ways to help teens consume the proper amounts of essential nutrients. Improving nutrition along with good hand washing can keep you child well and in school!

Cindy Yousko, RN, DHS School Nurse

