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**Bettin' on
Broncos!!!!
September
21st 2007**

Letter From Our Principal.....

Dear PTSA Members,

Thank you all for all of the time and energy you dedicate to Denton High School and the 1500 students we interact with daily. The faculty and staff, as always, are appreciative of the numerous lunches and goodies you provide us throughout the year and most recently the lunch on August 23, 2007. Food is a great motivator.

The '07-'08 school year is off to a great start and we could not have done it without your help. The entire process from fast passes to immunizations went well. It appears that all of our kids are well rested and if their energy means anything they are eager to learn.

There are a few events coming up and I want to encourage everyone to participate in the fun, the festivities and the excitement. On Monday, September 17, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. is *Bronco Night*. Bronco Night is an informal gathering allowing you the opportunity to meet your child's teachers. It is the perfect opportunity for you to know the challenges and expectations your kid meets on a daily basis. Also, you can see the various clubs, organizations and activities on campus, each begging for your kid's participation. Don't forget to bring plenty of spending money for food items, spirit gear and your favorite Bronco attire. It is a great event.

The same week of September 17, 2007 is homecoming – "Betting on the Broncos!" is this year's theme with our annual lunchtime carnival on Friday, September 21, 2007. The homecoming carnival is sponsored by Student Council/Renaissance and proves to be bigger and better than ever. The pep rally begins at 3:00 and at 7:30 p.m. the Broncos take on the Crowley Eagles at C.H. Collins Athletic Complex. For added excitement the Lady Bronco Volleyball team plays at the Purple Pit against Rider. Check the web site for specific game times.
<http://www.dentonisd.org/51240825113540/site/default.asp>

On Saturday, September 22, 2007 the annual homecoming dance sponsored by the P.T.S.A. will be held at the U.N.T. Silver Eagle Suite in the U.N.T. Student Union from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The dance is \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. This is always a huge fund raiser for the P.T.S.A. The kids come out in droves and the dance is always an event to remember.

Finally, if you would like to have breakfast with the administrators and simply talk about things going on at DHS, on Tuesday, October 2, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. in room 106 is just that venue. Please join us for our Breakfast Taco Tuesday. Please feel free to come and go as you please. The setting will be casual and provides us a vehicle for informational chatter about what's going on at DHS.

As always, I appreciate the P.T.S.A. and everything they do. Come see us soon.

Darrell Muncy

Great Start...Denton High Student Council

The Denton High Student Council is off to a great start in 2007. After hosting Fish Camp on August 17th for over 250 incoming 9th graders, StuCo quickly changed its focus to Homecoming. On September 21st, DHS will host Crowley H.S., and we will be "Bettin' on the Broncos" in 2007. Bringing in glamour, glitz, and Vegas excitement, StuCo has big plans for transforming our hallways into spirited walkways.

Homecoming activities begin with court nominations on Sept. 13th and 14th. Coronation voting will take place on Friday, the 21st, during all lunches at the carnival.

Everyone gets a one hour lunch on Homecoming (A and B lunches go the 1st hour; C and D lunches go the 2nd hour). Bring extra cash for food, fun, and games. The coronation ceremony will be during half-time.

Spirit Week Dress-Up days are: (Please remember that students must be in dress code compliance on all days)

Monday: Caesar's Palace Toga Party

Tuesday: A Tribute to the King...Elvis

Wednesday: Ocean's 11 Beach Party at the Palm's

Thursday: Color War

9th: White

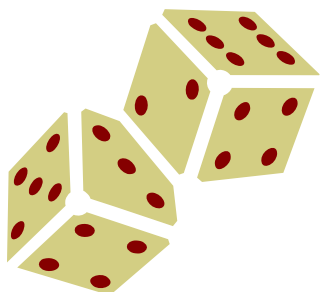
10th: Red

11th: Blue

12th: Black

Friday: Bronco Pride Day: Wear Homecoming T-shirts or any Bronco t-shirt

Any questions about Homecoming coronation, carnival, or spirit week can be directed to Beth Hughes at 369-2062 or Kimberly Thaggard at 369-2181.



"Bettin' on the Broncos"

DHS HOMECOMING DANCE 2007

Sat. Sept. 21st

UNT Silver Eagle Suite

8pm-midnight

Tickets on sale in cafeteria!!!

Cost- \$10.00 per person...\$12.00 at the door

106.1 Kiss FM DJ

*Students need to dress in their Tasteful "High Rollin" Sunday Best!

*Picture will be taken at dance...BRING \$\$\$ with you to purchase your package!

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Homecoming Carnival Friday Sept. 21st during school!

Game @ CH Collins against Crowley 7:30pm kick-off

Homecoming Festivities @ Half time show



Bronco Theater Department

Project Scotland

A cast and crew of thirteen students, two teachers and two chaperones represented DHS at the summer's International Fringe Festival in Scotland. Four performances of Iron, an original play by instructor Alison Trapp, were well received by the local (which is to say Scottish!) critics who pointed out the students acting ability and the costuming. Thanks to everyone who supported the Project.

Fall Children's Show

This year, Denton High will produce and host the annual performance conceptualized by the District's Fine Arts Department to entertain and educate DISD first graders. The show will be The Rabbit That Wanted Red Wings. Try outs were September 4 and 5. Rehearsals have begun and the production is looking forward late October.

The Musical

Pirates of Penzance will be a joint effort of the Theater and Choir Departments. Casting was successfully finalized the week of September 3. Be looking for more information on this exciting show.

Performance Dates and Times (DHS Auditorium)

The Rabbit That Wanted Red Wings
October 26 6:30pm

October 27 10:00am

October 27 2:00pm

October 29 6:30pm

Pirates of Penzance

Opens November 30th at 7 pm and runs December 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7 pm, with a matinee performance at 1 pm on December 8th.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Back to School Luncheon

On August 23, the Denton High School PTSA held a back-to-school luncheon in honor of our wonderful faculty and staff. The parents of students graduating in 2008 contributed luscious cookies and desserts to finish up a great lunch of sandwiches, salad, chips, fresh peaches, and tea. Parents who volunteered include Phoebe Christiansen, Susan Cooksey, Katie Crowder, Linda Glass, Sandy Kristoferson, Donna McClendon, Helene Ramey, Joan Slavens, Julieanne Spoor, Leslie Stewart, Holly Stratton, Tammy Valadez, and Sandy Williams. Linda Glass provided extra support in planning, delivery, and beverage service, for which we offer a grand Hurrah!

We'd also like to extend a special thank-you to Mike Pritchard of New York Sub-Way and to Paul Ishee and Mike Tol of Albertson's grocery store.

Ivy Doak and Heidi Klein
PTSA Teacher and Staff Appreciation



CoolHealth.Nurse

What can you as a parent do to help your child succeed at school?

It doesn't take a government study to show that good attendance is extremely important to your child's success at school.

You child must be in school and in class to learn.

Those pesky problems of headaches, cramps, sore throats, cough and/or thick mucous, mosquito bites, chigger bites, sunburns, body piercing discomfort, tattoo discomfort, chapped lips, dry skin, forgetting to wear deodorant, bad breath, hunger due to not eating breakfast, don't require students to be out of school, but do make them uncomfortable during school. Please talk to with your child about providing over-the-counter (OTC) products for these problems. If the OTC's are ineffective, discuss the possible need for prescription medications with your doctor.

Remember you must follow the district requirements for giving medicine at school (see page on Parent Permission form for Medicine at DHS). The district does not supply any OTC or prescription medication and therefore I do not stock or dispense any in my office. In high school, students may carry OTC meds (small travel size is the best) with them at school as long as it is

in the bottle or tear off package it was bought in. If more than one type of medication is needed, it must be in the individual containers, not all mixed together in one bottle. Under no circumstances are students allowed to borrow or share any medications: doing so will result in disciplinary action. (See 2007-2008 Student Code of Conduct book pg. 21 & 22).

Studies do show the importance of teens eating a nutritious breakfast and getting adequate sleep to help them do their best at school.

A nutritionally balanced breakfast should include carbohydrates, protein, fiber and be low in fat. Handouts are available for pick up in my clinic waiting area with lots of suggestions, NSF's 2006 Sleep in America poll finds that only 20 percent of adolescents get the recommended nine hours of sleep on school nights, and nearly one-half (45 percent) sleep less than eight hours on school nights.

Based on my experience and knowledge as a registered nurse, I will do my best to promote the health and safety of your child, now during their time at DHS and in preparation for their years beyond high school.

I share common goals with you- the health, safety, and school success of your child.

Please feel free to call me at 369-2021.

Cindy Yousko, RN
DHS School Nurse

DHS..... an International Baccalaureate Applicant School



The implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programs at Denton High School is moving forward. At the end of the 2006-2007 school year, the Diploma Programme Application was submitted to the International Baccalaureate North America office in New York, NY. The DP Application contained an implementation plan, course outlines and documentation of teachers that had attended IB sanctioned staff development. The DP Application was accepted, which allows DHS to be identified as an International Baccalaureate Applicant School.

To become an Authorized IB World School, Denton High School will host an IB Authorization Team. The Authorization Team is scheduled to visit the DHS campus December 3rd and 4th. During the two day visit, the Authorization Team members will interview those DHS and DISD people involved with the Diploma Programme. Following the visit, the Authorization Team will submit information to the IBNA office in New York, which will then be forwarded to the IB Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. DHS will be notified by the end of April of the authorization status.

During the 2006-2007 school year, 22 teachers and staff members of DHS attended DP Level 1 Staff

Development Workshops, while 13 teachers attended Middle Years Program (MYP) Level 1 Staff Development Workshops. Through the summer of 2007, an additional 11 teachers and staff attended DP Level 1 Staff Development Workshops while seven teachers and staff attended MYP Level 1 Staff Development Workshops. There were four attendees to MYP Level 2 Staff Development Workshops. More teachers and staff will attend IB Staff Development Workshops during the current school year.

Parents and students interested in learning more about the world of IB can check out the IB websites at <http://www.ibo.org> and <http://www.ibo.org/ibna>. The DHS IB website will also be updated to provide more information and resources for students, teachers and parents.

Informational meetings for students and parents interested in IB and the Diploma Programme will be hosted during the fall school term. Continue to check on the DHS IB website for dates and expanding information. Call the IB Coordinator Designate's office (ext. 2238) for more information. Visit the IB information table at the Bronco Night, Sept. 17.

Becoming an Authorized IB World School is very exciting. Stay tuned for more IB information.....as DHS Charts a Course for Success!

Lynn Singletary, Ph.D.
IB Coordinator Designate



Denton High School Latin Club

Denton High School Latin Club is looking forward to another great year. We won several ribbons at the Junior Classical League's Area competition in

Sherman last spring, and we are looking forward to doing the same this year.

We are also giving the National Latin Exam in the spring. In addition, the Latin club hopes to meet at The Dallas Museum of Art one evening this month. The museum has on display until October 7th an exhibit of artifacts from Stabiae, a very posh, elite area near Pompeii. The exhibit, called "From the Ashes of Vesuvius," is a great enrichment activity for all Latin students and those interested in ancient history. We hope to meet there one evening, either on a Thursday from 5-9PM or the first Tuesday, when admission is free.

WG Inc.: An Experiment in Learning

by Kimberly Villarreal Thaggard

At the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, I found myself, a fourth year teacher, fumbling through the pages of the Wong book that so many of us educators hold near and dear. I was trying to figure out a way to increase student involvement in my class while also curbing the discipline problems that had incurred in years past. My hopes came to fruition in the form of a business plan called WG Inc. World Geography Incorporated is a set of corporations, composed of my four World Geography classes, whose success is based on the product of its employees, the students. Similar to a typical business format, each class' success is based on positive and negative input. Positive input comes in the form of high class averages, positive student behavior during class, and outstanding student attendance. Each positive input point is recorded on a success graph posted in my classroom, along with negative input to show each business' standing against the others. So that the students would stay motivated each class was allowed to name their business, to elect a CEO, and to establish, a mutual reward for the entire class to enjoy. What I experienced as a teacher was a complete change in my students' behavior as well as their individual work ethic. Because the entire class risked failure based on just one person's performance, I found that students held one another accountable when a discipline



A2- The Winning Class

problem arose, while also helping one another on particularly hard projects ultimately giving me more time to teach, rather than discipline. I saw students that never worked together getting along under the umbrella of their business and the desire for their group's success. Last year the class that won chose a trip to Six Flags as their reward. With the help of Rick Woolfolk and some other anonymous sponsors I was able to raise enough money to provide the students with a celebration party as well as their selected prize. I know in education we try every way we can to improve our student's performance, for me, WG. Inc. was a fit solution. Here's to my A2 Class for all of their hard work, and many thanks to our sponsors.

The DHS Learner Profile

Consider what the expectations of the following terms and definitions might mean for your child and DHS student...

- **Inquirers**

Have natural curiosity and develop skills necessary to research

- **Knowledgeable**

Gain in-depth knowledge and develop an understanding across a broad range of disciplines

- **Thinkers**

Learn and apply critical thinking skills to recognize and approach complex problems

- **Communicators**

Understand and express information confidently and appropriately in more than one language

- **Principled**

Act with integrity and honesty while developing a strong sense of fairness and justice

- **Caring**

Show empathy, and respect toward others and recognize the importance of personal commitment to service to others

- **Risk-takers**

Ability to explore new ideas

- **Balanced**

Understand the need for intellectual, physical and emotional balance to achieve well-being

- **Reflective**

Able to give thoughtful considerations to learning

These ten terms and their definitions are learner attributes and learner expectations of students at DHS. These learner expectations support education and learning as a lifelong process. Success for all students at DHS is a priority. The DHS Learner Profile sets the stage for learning success for all DHS students.

Lynn Singletary, Ph.D.

IB Coordinator Designate

Calendar Dates & Fees

PSAT Test Dates and Fees

Dates

In 2007, high schools will offer the PSAT/NMSQT [Sherry Weatherley] at DHS on Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

Fees

There is no fee for the PSAT for all eligible 10th and 11th grade students. Students will automatically take the PSAT exam on October 17, 2007 and do not register for the test.

SAT 2007-08 Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Correction

A previous version of this Web page had incorrect deadlines for regular international registration deadlines. The corrected deadlines are indicated below by a †.

2007-08 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*		International Registration Deadlines**	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)	Early (International only)	Regular
October 6, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	September 10, 2007	September 14, 2007	N/A	September 10, 2007†
November 3, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 2, 2007	October 11, 2007	September 12, 2007	October 2, 2007†
December 1, 2007	SAT & Subject Tests	October 30, 2007	November 8, 2007	October 10, 2007	October 30, 2007†
January 26, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	December 26, 2007	January 4, 2008	December 5, 2007	December 26, 2007†
March 1, 2008	SAT only	January 29, 2008	February 7, 2008	N/A	N/A†
May 3, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008	March 12, 2008	April 1, 2008†
June 7, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008	April 16, 2008	May 6, 2008†

ACT 2007–2008 Test Dates

For the United States, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 15, 2007*	August 16, 2007	August 17–24, 2007
October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007	September 22–October 5, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007	November 3–15, 2007
February 9, 2008**	January 4, 2008	January 5–18, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008	March 8–21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10–23, 2008

PTA Membership....



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The Parent Teacher Student Association of Denton High School is off to a good start. On September one we boasted a roster of 315 members. A whopping 135 faculty and staff members enrolled on August 23rd during the Welcome Back luncheon. That faculty luncheon is an annual event sponsored by the PTSA and this year the Class of 2008.

"PTA is a grassroots organization made up of parents, teachers and others around the state who have a special interest in children, families and schools. PTA membership is as diverse as Texas is in cultures, education levels and parenting skills. By joining a PTA, a member automatically becomes part of the largest child-advocacy organization in the state — over 630,000 strong across Texas." (www.txpta.org)

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed September, 2007 as PTA Membership Enrollment Month. Our DHS PTSA is looking to enroll three parents for each faculty member this year. If you are interested in joining, please send your \$5 along with the form below to the office. A reminder that students in ninth grade and above are also invited to be members. One of the criteria for the annual PTSA Scholarship competition is student membership in the current year. Students may join at the reduced rate of \$4.

This year a member benefit Card accompanies the membership card to highlight the many advantages to being a part of the Association. Locally, we believe the greatest benefit is participating in our students' high school experience and staying informed of the many daily activities that comprise the life a Bronco student.

A big grateful welcome to everyone and best of luck in the new school year.

Membership form / *planilla de membresía*

NAME / *NOMBRE*: _____

ADDRESS / *DOMICILIO*: _____

PHONE NUMBER / *TELÉFONO*: _____

EMAIL: _____

New Student Assistance Counselor!!

Denton High School has a new Student Assistance Counselor! Kati Willis comes to us from Newport Middle High School in Newport, New Hampshire, where she counseled students in grades 6 -12.

Miss Willis received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Texas. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (L.P.C.) and specializes in adolescent issues. She brings years of private practice experience to DHS and we welcome her to our campus. For more information on Miss Willis and services provided, please see her webpage on the DHS site.

DHS Yearbooks Can Be Purchased Online...



DHS yearbooks can be purchased online at www.jostensyearbook.com or parents may mail a check for \$60 to M. Stevens – DHS Yearbook, 1007 Fulton, Denton TX 76201. Checks made out to DHS yearbook. Parents can make a \$20 down payment to hold their book.

Student recognition ad flyers will be available at the yearbook table on Bronco night. Recognition ad deadline is Oct. 5. Or, parents can mail their check and a completed flyer to the address above.

The yearbook senior portrait retake day is Sept 20. It is the last day to have a picture made for the 2008 yearbook. Seniors must sign up for an appointment. The appointment binder is in the receptionist's office. There is no sitting fee for a yearbook pose.

Earn Your Prom Ticket!

Seniors and Juniors can earn the price of their ticket by volunteering to work at the Texas Motor Speedway Races on November 3 -4. A credit of \$10.00 per hour makes this a fun way to be with friends for the day and raise money for Prom. Please call Kyle Kristoferson for info. 940-390-8292.



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