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Muncy's Message!

Dear Bronco Family,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, our winter break will be a thing of the past. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. 2008 is out and 2009 has arrived with plenty of entertaining venues for you to enjoy. From UIL events to spring sports, the DHS calendar is full of Bronco events. Of course my favorite...**TAKS Testing**.

Once again the DISD high schools will be exempting all students from their core exams if they pass the correlating TAKS test. This policy offers students the incentive to do well on the state assessment and excuses them from class on the day of the final exam. In 2008 DHS saw a significant increase in students' scores when offered this exemption and we are looking for even greater success this year. For more information, please check out the TAKS link on the DHS web page.

This spring, DHS will be implementing a "zero tolerance policy" on zeroes. ZAP, Zeroes Aren't Permitted, will begin January 12, 2009 for all students who fail to turn in an assignment. In order to combat the overwhelming epidemic of apathy, students who fail to turn in their work will be given a 90 minute detention on Tuesday or Thursday in order to complete the grade. If the student makes good on the assignment prior to the detention, he/she will be dismissed from the d-hall by the assigning teacher only. It is our goal to hold our kids accountable for the content and not allow them to passively fail. We think ZAP will work.

As always, we thank you for your support. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your kids and we look forward to a strong relationship with you as we educate your child. I hope 2009 is kind to you, your family and I wish you the best. I invite you to come and see the great things happening at DHS.

Sincerely,
Darrell

**8th Grade
Parent Night!
January 26th
6:30 p.m.**





DHS Host Families Needed

Would your family like to experience life in America through a different set of eyes? From March 28th-April 17th DHS will host students and teachers from our partner school in Germany. The students are all 11th graders and have been studying English for at least 7 years. There are 20 students from the *Nikolaus-Kopernikus-Gymnasium* who would like to come to Denton. We need host families for approximately 10 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. The focus is on language use and cultural interaction. Students get to live as the Germans do for the three weeks that we are in their country. 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; however, they must interview with the selection committee and attend the GAPP class after school during the second semester.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Dieckman at sdieckman@dentonisd.org



Academic Decathlon

Academic Decathlon Regional meet is coming up Jan 30-31 in Keller. This year's team is: Lee Chen, Christopher Burke, Francisco Taboada, Brittany Hamilton, Dinora Padilla, Natalia Palomino, Philip King, Spencer Eagleton, Taylar Belt, Garret Haupt, Danielle Dubose, Colleen O'Donnell, Mardi Haag, and Bonnie Phillips. Ms. Phillips and Ms. Windle are coaches and the topic this year is Central America. Wish the kids luck!! They've been working very hard and will continue to study throughout the month of January.

~Jennifer Phillips, Academic Decathlon Coach



Bronco Idol Competition



Bronco Idol is back! Denton High School will be holding this year's **Bronco Idol Competition. on January 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.**

Students participating are chosen through a tryout system that took place before the winter holiday. Once chosen, participants will perform in the show. The winner of the competition will not only hold the title of Denton High School's next Bronco Idol, but will also receive a **cash prize.**

Band

This past November, the DHS Percussion competed in the Lonestar Classic Drumline Contest. Of the 26 drumlines that competed in their class, Denton High placed 5th and won the Best Snare Line.



Saturday, December 6, 2008, 16 band members made the All Region Band. In January, those members will take part in the Region 2 All Region Clinic/Concert. Two of the band world's finest clinicians will travel to Guyer High School where they will give a two day clinic to the most talented musicians in the region. **The concert will be on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at 7pm.**

Monday, December 8, 2008 six band students advanced on to the TMEA All Area Band. They will compete at Abilene Christian University in January with the hopes to make the TMEA 4A All State Band. Please congratulate these fine musicians when you see them:

Will Trietsch-Trombone Sarah Andrews -French Horn
Dylan Stiles-Trumpet Joanna Ceja-Percussion
Andrew Chadwell -Euphonium Ryan Klinck-Percussion
 ~Brian Wilson, Director of Bands



Careful 4 Year Planning-- You Can Do It Too!

Registration for grades 9-11 is scheduled in January and yes, you can fit everything you want in your schedule—**IF YOU PLAN WELL!** Emily Thygesen is a perfect example of a student who has planned well. She has met with her counselors and teachers on an individual basis to discuss the requirements of all of the programs she wants to be involved in during high school.



Emily Thygesen

Through careful planning, which began in 8th grade, Emily scheduled 4 years of Marching Band, 4 years of Theater Arts, 3 years of after school Theater Production, 4 years of ASL, as well as 2 years of Architectural Design at the ATC! WOW—how did she do it, you ask? Well, she is taking keyboarding and World History through correspondence at Texas Tech High School, plans to take Health and Speech in Summer School and Government and Economics at college for dual credit outside the school day.

Emily intends to become an Architect in New York and play her oboe in the New York Philharmonic. Congratulations on a well-thought out plan, Emily! Your 4 year plan will help you pursue your high school interests and your college and career goals.

If you want to fit everything you want to take in your 4 year plan, follow these steps: Begin planning early—by 8th grade at least. Contact teachers of the programs that you want to participate. Meet with academic and career counselors to work out a four year plan. Research options for acceleration so you can fit the electives wanted into a four year plan. BE FLEXIBLE—a 4 year plan is not set in stone; change it as necessary to meet your goals.

~Kimberly Keith, DHS Career Counselor

Reminders from the Counselors' Offices!

The DHS counselors will begin meeting with students on Monday, January 12th to discuss what classes you would like to take for next year. We will be talking with social studies classes and going over graduation requirements, who must graduate with 4 x 4 requirements, what courses are offered at the ATC, here at DHS, and at NCTC. Mrs. Keith, DHS Career Counselor, will be available as well to answer specific questions about courses available at the ATC, the application process, grade requirements, and to discuss prerequisites needed in these courses. We will be providing students with a copy of their transcripts to review courses taken. If a student has failed any courses they may want to think about options for credit recovery such as Texas Tech Correspondence courses, summer school, or credit by exam tests. **Students need to choose their classes wisely** as we base teacher hires for the upcoming school year on what they are proposing to take during the 2009-2010 school year. Students please take the time to review your Denton ISD course catalogs, this provides valuable information regarding courses, rank, GPA, etc.



Scholarship Deadlines Approaching University Days

The University of Alabama will be holding university days this spring on February 6 & 16 and March 27, 2009. This is a great opportunity to tour the campus, meet with professors and find out more about majors offered. Register online:

www.universitydays.ua.edu.

Preview Day

University of Texas at Arlington will be hosting two preview days this spring, February 7, 2009 and March 28, 2009.

Come to UTA campus for a tour, information sessions, and housing tours. Go online for more information at:

www.uta.edu.

Tarleton State University

Spring Texas tour is scheduled for *March 21, 2009*. New at Tarleton is the Texas Tuition Guarantee Program. Students who have an adjusted gross income of \$30,000 or less and are entering freshmen 2009 can apply by *April 15, 2009* to have tuition and fees waived. The student must qualify for the Pell grant and take at least 15 credit hours.

Mustang Rally

Come visit Midwestern State University this February 14, 2009. Tour the campus, talk with faculty, coaches, and students, meet with financial aid representatives.

Call-1 800.842.1922.

FAFSA

Beginning January 1, 2009 the FAFSA application should be available online. If you are a senior and planning on going to college, ask your parents to complete their taxes ASAP. Then apply to FAFSA at the following website: www.fafsa.ed.gov

New Deadlines -Texas and Texas A&M

New deadline to apply for admission to University of Texas & Texas A & M for the Summer/Fall 2009. The new deadline is January 15, 2009.

Junior Visit Day at Hendrix College

Explore Hendrix College on April 17, 2009. Tour the campus, discuss study abroad opportunities and the Odyssey program.

FOCUS Scholarship

FOCUS is a need based scholarship for UNT freshmen majoring in chemistry, biology, or biochemistry.

Application deadline is March 1, 2009. Additional information at 940-565-3627 or www.focus.unt.edu.

Gerald Kendrick Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by Collin County TAAO. Scholarship based on GPA, personal statement and career goals. Three \$750.00 scholarships will be awarded. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2009. Applications are available in the DHS counseling office.

KFC Colonel's Scholarship Program

To be eligible students must have a 2.75 GPA and work part time at least 15 hours or more a week, and attend a public university in Texas. Application must be completed online at: www.kfcscholars.org. Deadline is February 10, 2009.

McKelvey Entrepreneurial Scholarship

This scholarship is open to senior students who have started, run and operate their own business and have at least one paid employee. Complete the application by the deadline of January 25, 2009 at: www.mckelveyfoundation.org.

Texas Tech University, Engineering Scholarship

Minimum ACT of 32 or SAT = 1400

Based on character, and extracurricular activities. Apply by January 15, 2009 at: www.coe.ttu.edu/koh.

Saturday TAKS

Tutorials

10:00am—2:00pm

January 24, 31

February 7, 21, 28

March 7, 28

April 4, 18, 25

Senior Lunches

The last senior luncheon will be held January 23rd, 2009 in the library during all lunches. The focus will be on filling out the FAFSA correctly. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Seniors please make plans to attend this informational session to learn more about financial options and college.



PTSA Book Sale

DHS PTSA will be collecting books for *Book Cents*, the Denton Council PTA Used Book Sale. Each campus will be collecting books and, as always, competing for bragging rights for the largest haul! Check school monitors for drop-off sites. The used book sale will help fund start-up libraries in new Denton ISD schools. Please plan to clean out old children's books, twice-read novels or even a few do-it-yourself books you may no longer need. Then, attend the book sale to support library growth and pick up a new (used) book to read.

January 12 – 26, 2009

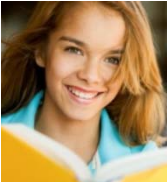
DHS Bronco Used Book Drive

March 26 – 28, 2009

District Used Book Sale:

Book Cents

Denton Civic Center



One More Chance! Reserve Your Yearbook!

If you would like to buy or reserve a yearbook you must do so this month. Because of rising costs, we are not ordering any extra books.

Forms are on the DHS website under staff, Marilyn Stevens.

The 2009 books are all-color and cost \$60. A deposit of \$20 will reserve a book for your child.

Print out the form from the staff web page, include at least \$20 and mail it to DHS Yearbook, Denton High School, 1007 Fulton, Denton, TX 76201. Books can also be purchased on-line at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

Don't be left out, order your child the 2009 ALL-COLOR Bronco today.

~Marilyn Stevens, Journalism & Yearbook



AP Extravaganza and World Languages Fair

In order to promote our advanced classes and encourage students with AP potential to consider enrolling in advanced classes, **Denton High School will host our third annual AP Extravaganza. This year we are excited to join forces with the World Languages Fair to bring you both events on the same night.**

AP Extravaganza

On **January 12, beginning at 6:00**, we will invite all current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and incoming 8th graders to attend a small seminar in the auditorium that will focus on PSAT scores, AP potential, advanced classes, and the College Board.

This past October, all Denton High School sophomores and juniors participated in the PSAT. The PSAT assesses critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills that are important for college success. This is your student's first official step on the road to college, and it is time to encourage students to start planning for life after high school. Score reports are now available. These reports will give students personalized feedback on their test performance, including suggestions on how to improve specific academic skills. Students will also receive a free personalized college planning package that includes an online SAT study plan and a web-based college and career planning tool which allows students to explore majors, find colleges, and research careers. A brief presentation explaining PSAT score interpretation and your child's AP potential will take place in conjunction with score distribution.

After the seminar, meet our AP and Pre-AP faculty, see sample syllabi, view a few projects, receive course information, and be given the opportunity to ask questions about specific courses at the *AP Extravaganza*. Teachers will be located in the main hallway and will provide a "craft showcases" atmosphere for parents and students to inquire about each advanced class offered at DHS. Also, in the connector hallway, we will hold our *World Languages Fair* that will give students and parents a taste of the many advanced foreign language courses offered at DHS. Please do not miss this opportunity to take part in planning your child's education. We hope to see you there!

The World Languages Fair

The World Languages Department at DHS would like to invite you to our 2nd yearly *World Languages Fair*. It will be held in the connector hallway on **January 12, 2009**. There will be cultural music, food and games so that the students can begin to experience a different culture.

Present world language students will display their talents by singing and dancing in Spanish and French. German students will display their orchestral talents by performing a classical piece. The ASL (American Sign Language) and Latin students promise us a surprise also.

Come to our *World Languages Fair* in the connector hallway from 7:00-8:00 pm and have fun, eat dinner and relax after a hard day at work or school.

~DHS World Languages Department

January 12, 2009

Denton High School Auditorium

PSAT Score Distribution

6:00-6:15pm

Denton High School Auditorium

**AP Potential and Information about
the College Board**

6:15 – 7:00pm

DHS Main Hall and Connector Hall

**AP Extravaganza &
World Languages Fair**



Book Drive Benefits Sims Elementary in Bridge City

In November the DHS Creative Writing Class, in conjunction with the DHS Library, sponsored a Book Drive benefitting Sims Elementary in Bridge City, Texas. Sims, like much of southeast Texas, suffered major losses after Hurricane Ike made landfall in September. Most of the Sims Elementary Library inventory was lost as a result of flooding.

The DHS students and faculty responded by donating 501 books to help replenish Sims's library. News of the Book Drive made it all the way to New York, where *Holt Books for Young Readers* pledged a donation of books as well.

The winners of the Book Drive were Allen White, whose 58 donated books earned him a *Twilight* movie poster, and Irene Njagu, who won a Barnes and Noble gift card by donating 52 books. Prizes were sponsored by Mrs. Bason and Mrs. Farris in the DHS Library.

~Chris Puente, Creative Writing Club Sponsor



African American Student Scholarships



**Chris
Lydia**

Mr. Lydia and the DHS counseling office is sponsoring the 2nd annual African scholars program. This program provides mentors to freshmen and sophomore African American males, tutoring opportunities and points for attendance. Upon completion of the program in the spring these students will be eligible for prizes based upon the points they have earned.

Baseball Tryouts

Baseball tryouts for all grades begin Friday, January 30 after school at 4:15pm. The starting point will be Portable 6. Players will meet at Portable 6 immediately after school, and will get dressed and begin tryouts. There will be locker space available, but do not leave valuables in the locker without a lock (give valuables to a coach). Players will need the following things:

1. Completed medical consent/physical packet (see the trainers or a coach for the forms)
2. Baseball glove, warm clothes
3. Passing all classes
4. Good attendance/citizenship in school

Tryouts will last 4 days, going Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday. If you are involved in another DHS sport or UIL activity, you will be allowed to make up any missed tryout opportunities. Please come to the starting point on that first day regardless of the weather conditions. Questions? Please e-mail Coach Green at jgreen@dentonisd.org.



Upcoming: Murder at Mardi Gras



Holiday Homicide

On December 10th, TPSA and Culinary Arts had their *Holiday Homicide*. Someone decided to slay Jack Frost. The students want to thank all who attended and for all the fun that they had putting the dinner together and performing. The next dinner is on **February 24th** -titled

Murder at Mardi Gras. Get your tickets soon by contacting Chef Sayne at 940-369-4883.

~David Fears, *Legal and Protective Services Academy, ATC*



November Students of the Month

9th Grade

Angelica Desigueina ~nominated by Sharon Kremer

Ian Hunt ~nominated by Beth Hughes

10th Grade

Kyri'ay Vanderpoel ~nominated by Beth Windle

Adan Turrubiarte ~nominated by Marlene Nobles

11th Grade

Jessica Sanchez ~nominated by Darrell Muncy

Patrick Burke ~nominated by Kimberly Thaggard

12th Grade

Macy Koontz ~nominated by Shandi Davis

Ben Ross ~nominated by Jennifer Phillips



DHS Campus Technician



Many students and staff members don't know Anthony Ehram, our head campus technician. Mr. Ehram spends most of his days fixing computers, printers, and gizmos of all shapes and sizes. He has worked for the district for eight years. When someone has a technical

problem, or needs a hardware *surgeon*, Mr. Ehram is your man. Thank you Anthony for keeping all of our computers, printers, and "gizmos" up and working for the students and staff!



December 1st-January 31st Community Giving Campaign

Thank you to the generous 1Child campaign donors. You have helped us reach almost 70% of our \$20,000 campaign goal this far! For as little as \$1 a day you can help us bridge the gap for 1 child in our community. Communities In Schools of North Texas is able to provide dropout prevention services for an at-risk student for the entire year for only \$1 a day. The results are amazing.

~Stephanie Sutton, *Community in Schools*



PTSA Scholarships

.....Seniors Needed!

The DHS Parent Teacher Student Association of 2007-2008 proudly granted three \$500 scholarships in May, 2008. Please join us in congratulating our winners, Sarah Adams, Stephanie Daniels, and Seth Ramey.

In March, 2009, the Scholarship Committee will begin the process of seeking applicants for the May 2009 awards. The first requirement for application is PTSA membership in the current year. The fall membership drive strives to enroll as many members as possible by October 15, for maximum use of benefits for the individual member. However, PTSA membership enrollment is open until March 15, 2009 for the current year. This is good news for Seniors who may be looking for scholarship dollars. Only DHS Seniors may apply for our scholarship. So be on the lookout for applications in March. And join us now by completing the form below and submitting it and \$4.00 to the school office. Your parents don't need to be members for you to win, but they are welcome to join!

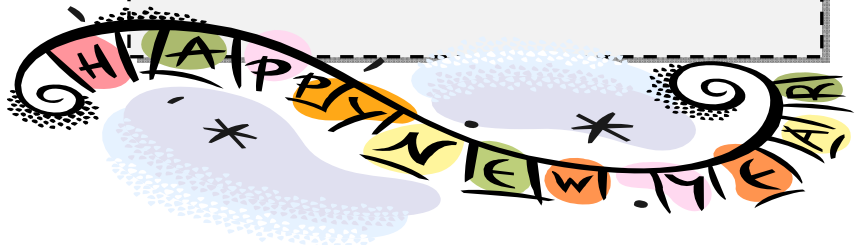
Membership form/*planilla de membresía*

NAME/*NOMBRE*:

ADDRESS/*DOMICILIO*:

PHONENUMBER/*TELÉFONO*:

EMAIL:



DHS Hosts Ann Windle Adopt-a-Child

On December 5, students from the Ann Windle School for Young Children, a preschool for economically disadvantaged children, made a visit to Denton High School for our annual Ann Windle Adopt-a-Child day. Each child was assigned to a different classroom throughout Denton High School. This year, A Day second block classes were given the opportunity to adopt one or two children and throw a Christmas party for them. Students from each classroom contributed money from their own pockets in order to buy clothes and toys for the children. Along with all of the presents, junior Charles Shelton and senior Priscilla Harper dressed as Santa and an Elf and visited the different classrooms to take pictures with the children. This is an extremely rewarding program because not only do the DHS students get to experience the joy of giving, but they also get to interact with the children they are giving to and get to know them on a personal level. It has been a success each year, and we hope to continue this Denton High tradition for years to come.



~Santa Claus & Friends

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Macy Koontz, head of Teacher Appreciation, invited all teachers to a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 25, 2008. Other members such as Makenna Wiedower and Victoria Sanchez brought an assortment of desserts along with student council members. Student Council bought turkey and ham from *The Smokehouse*. The administration provided mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans and rolls from *Good Eats* for a buffet. The band provided lemonade and iced tea. The cheerleaders and Fillies provided the paper products. The PTSA provided salads and other vegetable dishes. Laurel McDonald, Cristina Lioy, and Charles Shelton stood behind the counter to keep the area clean and presentable.



Students Serving at Luncheon

~Thanksgiving Luncheon
Donna Tynan and Kevin Carmona



Milestones



Dr. Doretha Hudspeth

Congratulations to our lead counselor Dr. Doretha Hudspeth, who completed her doctorate at Texas Woman's University this Fall semester. We are proud of you Dr. Hudspeth!

~DHS Counselors & Staff

Dr. Doretha Hudspeth



Teacher of the Month Beth Hughes

Beth Hughes pulled off another successful Ann Windle Party this year. In addition to her own party, Beth organized "Ann Windle" assignments for all of the teachers here at DHS, providing them with individual student profiles and party information. In true Hughes fashion, she also announced our efforts to all of the local media outlets, exposing DHS's philanthropy and the goodness of our staff and our student body. Thanks for another great Ann Windle Adopt-a Child success!

Beth Hughes



Staff Member of the Month "Rocky"

This staff member is so cool he only needs one name- Rocky. Like other one named demigods (Madonna, Cher, Zeus),

Rocky Upton

Rocky exudes celebrity with his quick one liners and flare. In addition to the humor he brings, Rocky is a devoted and caring member of our staff. He always provides a friendly face and is willing to help whenever and wherever he is needed. He is one of the first to get here every day and one might often see him here on weekends doing extended shifts. Thanks Rocky- You are the best!



Choir

Choir had 14 students audition for Area competition. Out of 14 students, 10 of them advanced to last round of the Texas Music Educators Association All State. They are as follows:

- Charlotte Clark Soprano 2
- Julia Diffiore Alto 1
- Casey Bachus Alto 1
- Hannah Lane Alto 2
- Daniel Hart Tenor 1
- Daniel Sabzghabaei Tenor 2
- Eric Willis Bass 1
- Tony McFarland Bass 1
- Connor Harrison Bass 1
- Michael Schafer Bass 2
- Hannah Cheek Soprano 2 1st Alternate

Congratulate these young people when you see them!

~Mark Baker, Director of Choir

Math Team

The DHS Math Team arrived with Bronco pride at the 2nd annual TAMS Math & Science Competition held Saturday, November 15, 2008.



DHS Math Team

The competition was exciting, very tough, and included teams from the Greenhill and Oakridge schools as well as Plano Senior High, Argyle, and Irving.

Competing for DHS: R.J. Ponder, Jesse Valencia, Clarissa Root, Trevor Davila, Lee Chen, Vivi Tamprateep, Eric Willis, and Sylvia Li. The following awards came home to DHS:

R.J. Ponder -4th Place in the Algebra 2 Division
Clarissa Root -2nd Place in the Precalculus Division
Trevor Davila-4th Place in the Computer Science Division
Sylvia Li -3rd Place in the Biology Division.

A fun and rewarding time was had by all, and the day gave our current Bronco team the opportunity to visit with some of the many Broncos that began their high school careers at DHS and are finishing their high school experience at TAMS.

Friday, December 5th had the DHS Math Team competing at the Paschal UIL Math Competition. Once again Bronco pride was in full view. The DHS Team dominated the competition from neighboring schools; taking 1st place in exciting Math Relay event and sweeping the Advanced Mathematics Contest by bringing home all of the awards. **Competitors on the 1st Place Math Relay Team were: Trevor Davila, Eric Willis, Sylvia Li, Jesse Valencia, and R.J. Ponder.**

In the Advanced Mathematics category the standings were: **1st Place - Trevor Davila, 2nd Place - Eric Willis, 3rd Place - Sylvia Li, 4th Place - Jesse Valencia, 5th Place - Tim De Reuse, and 6th Place - Lee Chen.** The Advanced Number Sense placings included: **1st Place - Trevor Davila, 4th Place - Lee Chen, and 5th Place - Eric Willis.** Novice Number Sense awards included: **2nd Place - Sylvia Li, 3rd Place - Clarissa Root, 4th Place - Jesse Valencia, and 6th Place - R.J. Ponder.** The Novice Mathematics category also included a **2nd Place finish by Clarissa Root.** Other DHS Team members included Vivi Tamprateep, Jordan Rushing, Alex Prybutok, Patrick Burke, Stephen Place, and Sihai Tang.

The DHS Math Club meets every Thursday after school as it prepares for the spring UIL competitions. In addition to the UIL competitions, students this year will also be competing in the prestigious American Mathematics Competition and the UT Calculus Bowl.

~Fred Mueller, Math Club Sponsor & UIL Academics Coach



Grief Group

Dr. Hudspeth and Ms. Tait had eight students join the **Grief Group**. Here the students discussed stages of loss and remembered their loved ones among friends. They also made memory ornaments that focused on their lost loved one. All who participated said it was a success.

All Region Band Members

Congratulations to the 14 Denton High School All Region Band members! Five of these students made the TMEA All Area Band and will compete for the TMEA 4A All State Band at Abilene Christian University in January.

Kevin Dominguez, Sophomore, 1st Chair Piccolo, 4A/5A Chair Concert Band, Gaby Ceja, Junior, 9th Chair Clarinet, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Kevin Ford, Freshman, 4th Chair Alto Saxophone, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Brandon Mullins, Freshman, 1st Chair Bari Saxophone, 4A/5A Concert Band, Dylan Stiles, Junior, 10th Chair Trumpet, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Advanced to TMEA 4A Area Band, Eddie Jimenez, Sophomore, 11th Chair Trumpet, 4A/5A Concert Band, Sarah Andrews, Junior, 8th Chair French Horn, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Alternate to TMEA 4A Area Band. Sage Sims, Junior, 2nd Chair French Horn, 4A/5A Concert Band, Will Trietsch, Senior, 7th Chair Trombone, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Advanced to TMEA 4A Area Band, Robert Kangas, Senior, 2nd Chair Bass Trombone, 4A/5A Concert Band, Andrew Chadwell, Sophomore, 1st Chair Euphonium, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Advanced to TMEA 4A Area Band, Matt Zellmer, Senior, 5th Chair Euphonium, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Scotty Seiple, Freshman, 5th Chair Tuba, 4A/5A Concert Band, Joanna Ceja, Junior, 2nd Chair Percussion, 4A/5A Symphonic Band, Advanced to TMEA 4A Area Band.



Nurse Notes



Nobody likes to get a shot...however, what would happen if we stopped vaccinations? The viruses and bacteria that cause vaccine-preventable disease and death still exist. They have not disappeared. Without vaccines, epidemics of vaccine-preventable diseases would return resulting in increased illness, disability and death. This has a costly impact, resulting in doctor visits, hospitalizations and lost time from work.

For most students during their high school years, they need the **Diphtheria/Tetanus** booster which is due every 10 yrs. In the event of an injury this vaccine is recommended when the last booster was given 3-5 years ago. If your child receives this shot in an ER, get the record and send a copy to your school nurse.

Always keep original shot records- copies are accepted by schools, camps, etc.

Throughout the year, school nurses send home immunization notices dictated by state law and school board policy. It informs you of the necessary shot and the date your student must return updated record to the school nurse, in order to remain in school. These requirements are according to state law and school board policy. Currently the following vaccines are **not required**, but are recommended for your child's health:

Menactra -a onetime shot that protects against the main forms of bacterial meningitis. **Hepatitis A**- 2 shots given no sooner than 6 months apart. This is recommended if you eat out a lot or travel to a foreign country. **(Girls only) Gardasil** – 3 shot series given no sooner than 2 months apart. Prevents cervical cancer caused by several strains of the human papilloma virus. If your student gets any of these shots, have them bring me a copy of the official record with date. I will enter it in their computer record in the event the law requirements change.

If you have further questions you can go to <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us> for information.

~Cindy Yousko, RN

Firefighter Winner of Computer Raffle

The DHS bands performed their holiday concert Tuesday evening, December 16th. This well attended event is a need-based scholarship fundraiser for private lessons for students. The notebook computer that the band had been selling raffle tickets for was given away during that event as well. The winner of the computer was Chuck Goodman, a firefighter who has been with the City of Denton for many years.

~Scott Kangas, President of DHS Band Boosters

Congratulations to the Following Winners of the 2008-2009 Cultural Arts Contest!

Photography:

Krista Sitton: 1st place, \$100 and 2nd place, \$50
Alyssa Thompson: 3rd place, \$25
Austin Morrison: 3rd place, \$25

Visual Arts:

Angela Prentice: 1st place, \$100
Samantha Cogley: 2nd place, \$50
Colleen O'Donnell: 3rd place, \$25

Literature:

Krista Sitton: 1st place, \$100
Colleen O'Donnell: 2nd place, \$50 and 3rd place, \$25
Jessica Collins: 3rd place, \$25

We had some great work; thanks for all your entries!

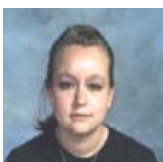
~ Jennifer Morales, PTSA Arts in Education



Cultural Arts Winners

DHS IB Student, Aubrey McFadden, Accepted in the People to People Ambassador Program

Congratulations to Aubrey McFadden. Aubrey has been chosen to serve as a Student Ambassador with the People to People International Ambassador Program. This summer she will travel to Europe as a People to People Student Ambassador, sharing our culture and learning of other cultures. She will meet face to face with other young people across Europe as well as visit many historical venues. Involvement in the Student Ambassador Program offers participants a 'global classroom' to extend their educational experiences. The mission of the program is to prepare students for success in the global community and to promote understanding of world cultures. As an IB Diploma Programme Candidate, Aubrey will be able to experience and grow in her international education.



Aubrey McFadden

The People to People Ambassador Program began in 1956 due to the efforts of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. He believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference when allowed to communicate directly. Over the last 50 years, People to People Ambassadors, both adult and youth representatives, have traveled across international

borders in efforts to understand what it means to be a global citizen...representing the best characteristics of our country; hope, courage and openness and a love of peace. Involvement in the People to People Ambassador Program requires extensive cultural studies prior to travel as well as sharing experiences with others upon return.

International Baccalaureate Update

The first cadre of Diploma Programme candidates is completing their first semester of their two year DP program. These young people have chosen to challenge themselves in their educational endeavors and are DHS trailblazers...true Risk-takers!

January 2009 will begin the recruitment season for the second cadre of DHS Diploma Programme Candidates. Interested sophomores should check out the International Baccalaureate webpage on the DHS website (<http://www.dentonisd.org/52120824191134513/site/default.asp?521Nav=1&NodeID=2665>).

Links to informational IB websites, IB presentations, and downloadable DP Application forms are all able to be found on this webpage. Interested students may complete DP Applications and turn them in early in January before application deadlines! Don't wait until the last minute! IB Presentations will also be made during January for interested students and their parents. Keep your eyes and ears open for presentation dates and additional IB information. Students can also drop by the IB Office (room 121) for more information...as well as make an appointment for more in depth discussions. (Dr. Singletary, IB Coordinator @ 940.369.2238 or lsingletary@dentonisd.org)

While DHS has become an official IB World School, authorized to offer the upper level IB Diploma Programme...becoming an official IB World School offering the IB Middle Years Programme for freshmen and sophomores is also a goal. DHS is partnered with Calhoun Middle School to offer this five year IB Middle Years Programme. The required second IB MYP Application B has been sent to the IB North America office in New York, NY. Course Outlines, IB Units of Study and Content Curriculum Maps were included in the application. DHS Teachers instrumental to the development and writing of these items include Sharon Kremer, Beth Windle, Cristina Galindo, Kala Hall, Shelli Webb, Beth Hughes, Kim Thaggard, Hope Inselmann, Stephanie Nicewarner, Rhonda Weldon, Countressa Ware, Scott Heffley, Heather Stewart, Kerri Burgess, David Ashcraft, Sara Lowry, Brian Redding, Molly Swindle, Laurence McClendon, Diedre Williams, Valery Smith and Leslie Kregel. Thanks to these teachers for their commitment to educational endeavors at DHS!

The next step in seeking IB MYP Authorization is to host an IB Authorization Team. It is anticipated that an authorization visit will occur during the spring, 2009 semester. CMS and DHS are one step closer to their IB MYP Authorization Goal...thanks to the efforts of teachers on both campuses!

~Lynn Singletary, Ph.D., IB Coordinator

Denton High School-Parents' ESL Class starts again on January 8! Every Tuesday in room 105, 5:30 – 7:00p.m.

Mr. Slade teaches this class to help any relative of a Denton ISD student to improve his or her fluency and proficiency in English. We use songs, group story-telling, reading practice, computer activities, conversation practice and more. Spanish Honors Society provides childcare in the room next door. The class is free; come every week!

Clases de Inglés para Padres en Denton High School!

¡Todos los martes de 5:30 – 7:00 en salón 105.

Padres y familiares de estudiantes de Denton quienes quieren mejorar su inglés, son invitados a venir los jueves de 5:30 a 7:00 P.M. en el salón 105 en Denton High School. Mr. Slade enseña la clase y escríbanle o llámenle con sus preguntas: wslade@dentonisd.org o 940-369-2218.