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Muncy's Message

Bronco Nation,

Spring is a busy time with many kids going in many different directions. Our UIL Academic team has once again proven that they are at the top of their game. With 16 kids and five coaches moving on to regional competition, we look forward to great accomplishments from our academic Broncos. Next stop – Austin!

Our fine arts programs have had a busy, yet productive Spring. Denton High School is blessed to have one of the best Fine Arts programs around. I am always amazed at the caliber of talent our kids have and I always walk away from each event beaming with Bronco pride.

Spring sports have been in full swing (no pun intended). Hee Won Kim is headed back to Austin as one of eight finalists playing for the 4A State Tennis Championship. Good Luck in Austin, Hee Won! A special shout out to our girls golf team for their second place finish in district competition qualifying them for Regionals in San Angelo. And of course, it is always fun to celebrate back-to-back victories against our cross town rivals on the baseball diamond. Way to go, Broncos!

I cannot end without a note about our beloved Orchestra teacher. David Mairs was recently named DISD Secondary Teacher of the Year. Mr. Mairs is one of the most passionate teachers I have had the privilege to work with. Mr. Mairs never lets a day go by that he doesn't tell at least one student how important he/she is. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Mairs setting an example and making a life-long impression on our kids. Thank you, Mr. Mairs.



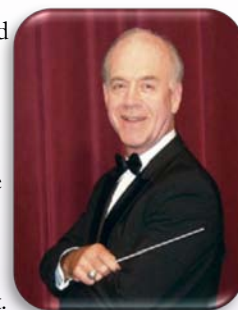
Thanks to all of you. I am thankful to have the opportunity to interact with your kids! Please come by.

Darrell

*Broncos...best of luck
in upcoming state
competitions!*

David Mairs~Denton ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year

DAVID MAIRS was presented the 2009/2010 DISTRICT Secondary Teacher of the Year award! Mairs, Denton High School's orchestra director, has more than 30 years of teaching experience, with the past four years being in the DHS Fine Arts Department.



Mairs' professional development includes writing music and assisting in the production of the DHS Veteran's Day celebration and the DHS graduation. He led a DISD Orchestra Directors' Workshop on using *Finale*, a music writing program and was chosen to lead the 2009 Texas All-State Symphony Orchestra Brass Section for the third consecutive year. He hosted and was actively involved in the Region 2 All-Region Orchestra Clinic and Concerts in 2007, 2008 and 2009, and led a DISD Orchestra Directors' Workshop on New Music for String Orchestra.

In 2005 he was recognized by the American Symphony Orchestra League for 10 years of leadership as music director of the Mid-Texas Symphony, and he was a 1999 recipient of the Ford Motor Company's Salute to Education Honoree In Arts Education.

Mairs sums up his teaching philosophy in five words, "It's all about the kids!" He believes that, "in music, working with precious, valuable, vulnerable individuals, young or old, the process is the product."

Upcoming!

TAKS Testing - April 27 – 30
Senior Breakfast & Awards -
May 27th Breakfast at 7:45am and
awards ceremony at 9:00am.

Final Exams

May 28, 2010, June 1, June 2, June 3

Graduation

June 4, 2010 @ 8:00 p.m.
UNT Coliseum

High School Student Wins Prize in Nation's Largest High School Essay Contest



~Grindle Also Receives Award

ARLINGTON, VA —A Denton High School student beat out more than 50,000 other participants for a top spot in America's largest high school essay contest, the [Bill of Rights Institute](#).

Representing the South Central Region, **Kris Carmona of Denton High School**, earned an Honorable Mention prize and \$250 in the fourth annual [Being An American Essay Contest](#). The national competition is sponsored by the [Bill of Rights Institute](#), an educational nonprofit based near Washington, D.C. Carmona's sponsoring teacher, Fred Grindle, received a matching cash prize.

"It is encouraging to see so many teens heading into adulthood with a solid understanding of the principles upon which our country was founded," said Bill of Rights Institute President Victoria Hughes, a former teacher. "This year's winners deserve the accolades of their peers, teachers and communities for their contribution to the national conversation on American citizenship."

More than 100,000 students attending public and private high schools, and home-schooled students from all 50 states, have participated in the *Being An American* Essay Contest to date, with nearly half-a-million dollars in prize money being awarded to winning students and their teachers.

"I am proud to support the *Being An American* Essay Contest and its goal of helping students understand the rights and responsibilities of American citizenship," said New York philanthropist David H. Koch, the contest's national sponsor. "I congratulate this year's winners for their efforts."

More information on the *Being An American* Essay Contest can be found at www.BeingAnAmerican.org. Copies of winning essays and photographs of students are available by request.



Senior Parents!!!

We need pictures for the Senior Breakfast on May 28th. Please email or bring to Ms. DeAngelo in room 150:

- ~one baby picture (something funny)
- ~ one senior picture (does not have to be formal)
- ~ We can also use any pictures taken during school functions for the last four years.

Digital pictures are best, but we can scan them for you.

Our next scanning party will be April 26th at 6:30 (this is also the next Grad Night Meeting) if you don't want to send your pictures with your child. The meeting will be in room 106.

~Michelle DeAngelo, Sponsor



Senior Breakfast

The date for the Senior Breakfast and Award Ceremony has been moved to May 27th due to Final Exams starting on May 28th. Seniors should arrive at Gym 2 at 7:30 AM. Parents are needed to help with setup the afternoon of May 26th, breakfast food donations, and cleanup on May 27th. Please contact Tina Taylor at dushantti@aol.com or Michelle DeAngelo at mdeangelo@dentonisd.org to volunteer.



PTSA Needs YOU!

The DHS PTSA is seeking volunteers for Board positions for 2010-2011. Anyone who would like to become more involved in their student's school life should consider this opportunity. For more information about the DHS PTSA, the PTSA committees, and other volunteer opportunities, please contact Grace Chalton (gchalon@verizon.net).



DHS Student Council Earns Sweepstakes for 9th Straight Year

Congratulations to the **Denton High School Student Council**, a Texas Association of Student Councils' (TASC) **Sweepstakes** council in 2009-2010, the ninth consecutive year to earn this distinction. In order to receive the highest award given by the state association, the council had to be commended in five areas: Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health (junior **Mariah Hunter** and senior **Micah Hope**, chairmen); Energy and Environment (senior **Libby Knight**, chair); Pride and Patriotism (seniors **Makenna Wiedower** and **William Hayes**, chairmen), Community Service (senior **Micah Hope**, chair), and Outstanding Student Council (senior **Kelsie Vogds**, chair). Student Council Advisors are **Beth Hughes** and **Kimberly Thaggard**. Denton High is one of only 186 schools of the 1300+ TASC schools statewide to achieve this distinction, and will receive their award at the TASC State Convention in Arlington this weekend.



Will Hayes Delivers Keynote

During the 74th annual Texas Association of Student Councils convention in Arlington on April 8-10th, State President William Hayes gave the first keynote address of the convention in front of 5,000 student leaders from across Texas. Hayes, along with the three other state officers, led the conference throughout the week. William represented Denton High School as the student representative for the entire year.

~Beth Hughes, Student Council



Le Masque ~A Night of Intrigue~Prom 2010

For Juniors and Seniors
UNT

Gateway Center

May 22, 2010

8 p.m. to 12 a.m.
Questions about Prom can be directed to Beth Hughes or Kimberly Thaggard at DHS.



Juniors: Class of 2011

Congratulations to the new Senior Class of 2011 officers: Amy Dierdorf, president; Amara Bradetich, vice-president; Abby



Bradetich, secretary; Ida Haghghi, treasurer; and Lauren Featherstone, Monica Huckabay, and Mina Specht, representatives at large. The Junior class is faced with the HUGE task of raising \$5,000+ over the next 10 months (prom,

senior breakfast, senior scholarships). BIG fundraising efforts are now going on and the support of the entire class of 2011 and their parents is greatly needed! We currently do NOT have a parent base from which to work and are looking for some dedicated parents to get involved in the very important senior year. There will be a very important parents' meeting Tuesday, May 4 at 7 p.m. in the lecture hall, and all our plans for fundraising and other activities will be presented. We need as many parents as possible to attend. You can also contact Mrs. Wohlgemuth at jwohlgemuth@dentonisd.org and let her know you are interested in helping out.

Important dates:

May 14 – Deadline for turning in form and money for Bronco Babe and Stud t-shirts (major fundraiser)

May 18 – Junior class meeting during B-2

May 19 – DHS Dodgeball tournament (major fundraiser)

We are also in the midst of planning multiple events for the month of May: a Sonic workday, a car wash, a garage sale, a book drive to collect annotated novels assigned in the classrooms (to sell at half-price book stores), and a metal collection drive. We are really going to need help with some of these things!

Finally, we hope to have a “party” to pass out Bronco Stud and Babe shirts (the traditional shirt that has been worn by seniors for over the last ten years) immediately AFTER the last exam on June 3 (after this year's seniors' last day at DHS) and to celebrate becoming the new seniors. We need parents to volunteer drinks, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.

We hope to see or hear from all our Junior parents in the very near future!

~Janis Wohlgemuth and K.C. Carmona – Class of 2011 Co-Sponsors



2010 Laureate Award Honorees

Congratulations to: Lemuel Arreola, Jeanette Bahena, Ariel Bailey, John Baker, Maria Balderas, Cali Baruwal, Samichhya (Sami) Baruwal, Carmen Bautista, Robert Allen Bayer, Sara Ben Ezra, Margaret Bergener, Danica Bergeron, Hailey Bodine, Wyatt Braden, Jamecia Brown, Patrick Burke, Marvin Cardona, Nico Cortes, Jessica Dash, Roberto Esparza, Miguel Espinoza, Ashley Evans, Francesca Farris, Kevin Ford, Christopher Gold, Tihare Gonzalez, Dylan Graham, Emily Noelle Gray, Zack Green, Maria Hernandez, Mimi Hernandez, Deavonte Hicks, Colton Hooten, Micah Hope, Monroe Quartz Huband, Michelle Hutek, Eunjeung Jeung, Raymond Klimpel, Lauren Kruse, Meng – Wei Lee, Beth Manire, Zack McIntosh, Matthew Edward Miller, Julia Moen, Jina Montejano, Gladys Moreno, Christopher Murillo, Alonso Navarette, Nidia Nuñez, Joshua Ortiz, Joshua Osuofa, Ly Pham, Robert Ponder, Billy Pope, Alicia Radford, Miguel Raygoza, Kylie Richter, Jeff Robinson,

Karina Rodriguez, Olivia Ross, Christine Ryu, Gina Sarvis, Aishia Sato, Elena Souris, Harrison Stiggers, Kory Taylor, Alex Trevino, Caitlyn Vann, Raven Vincent, Tucker Wright, Victoria Winborn, Triston Wyatt, and Melana Yzaguirre.

~Janis Wohlgemuth, English



21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Program: June 5 – July 2, 2010

Make plans now for summer fun!

Fashion Camp – Learn the basics of fashion from why people where to clothes to creating a pattern. Students will leave with a sketch book of definitions and ideas as well as their self designed shirt, messenger bag, and accessories.



-Film Camp – Students will make a documentary about the teen experience, learning everything from

interviewing to filming to editing. Learn the basic functions of a macbook and iLife programs while creating a film that will document your experience and that of their peers.

-Dance Camp – Modern. Jazz. Hip Hop. Latin. Learn dances and the basics of choreography. Be a part of at least one performance that shows off your skills and hard work.

-Art Camp – Students will be given the opportunity to show off their skills and learn new ones. From painting on canvas to airbrushing to sculpting, students will have the opportunity to add to their portfolio and/or skill set. Students will also be charged with making a life size papier-mache' mascot.

-Athletes Assembly – Take advantage of open gyms, yoga classes, martial arts/self defense instruction, as well as cooking foods with the understanding of how they affect the body.

-Relax, Relate, Release – Kick back with your peers as you discuss hot topics, play video or board games, and enjoy each other's company over lunch daily.

-C.A.R.E. – Community Awareness Recreation and Education will happen weekly as students participate in various events in Denton. While learning about the needs of the community students will develop ideas and foster creativity.

-Family Fun – Participants will be able to enjoy time with their family with resources provided by program from food to activities and presentations. This is a way for the whole family to enjoy some of the fun that 21st Century offers to DHS students.

Classes can be added or removed from summer program because of interest. If there is something that you would like to have offered that is not a part of our current plans please do not hesitate to contact **Niki Perkins at 940-369-2024**.

If interested in participating in any of these activities, please sign up with Niki across from Room 341 or call to receive more information as registration begins. Don't miss out on learning new skills, plumping up your college application, and having fun with your peers.

~Niki Perkins, Community in Schools



Final Yearbook Days

We only have about 50 yearbooks to sell. Don't miss out – order your DHS student a 2010 ALL COLOR Bronco. There are still a few \$5.00 off coupons, so until they run out, the book will be \$60. At distribution, any remaining yearbooks will be sold for \$65-\$70. Order forms are on M. Stevens' faculty website.



PTSA Fundraising Updates

ONECAUSE.COM

Need Graduation Presents? Planning Summer Vacation? Don't forget to go through ONECAUSE.COM for all your needs, including booking your flight, hotel reservations, even car rentals. Just by making reservations on the onecause.com site, without spending one penny more, donations of 1% to 3% of your purchases will be given to Denton High School. Just follow the prompts to set up your account. When asked for the school or charity you wish your percentage to be credited to, choose Denton High School. From that point on, any credit from purchases you make through One Cause, for anything, will go to Denton High School. You just have to log on!

I did all my Christmas shopping through One Cause, was able to search for the best bargains, and my purchases generated \$120.00 in donations to DHS!!! It didn't cost me anything more, and yet it will really benefit our school!

Need a DHS Spirit Wear update?

Get your Spirit Wear now and you will be ready for August!

Be sure to visit shopdentonbroncos.com to update your wardrobe with the latest in spirit wear styles! All profits go directly to benefit the students and staff of Denton High School, through your PTSA.

Be sure you are using your **ALBERTSON'S CARES** card and your **KROGER** and **TARGET** cards when shopping at any of these stores. The credits they give for your purchases add up and make a difference in what the PTSA can do for your student. Any questions? Contact:

~Loyce Wilson, D.H.S. PTSA Fundraising Chairman
lwilson@charter.net or 940-367-3302



Grad Night

Grad Night is sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Firestone on University Drive in front of Kroger. Please bring your dirty cars and donations to help raise funds for a successful Grad Night.

Grad Night is also looking for donations of cash and/or prizes to help with expenses or to award seniors attending the event. Contact Dena Reecer (dreecer@sheltonreecer.com) or Terri Vogds (terri@terrivogds.com) if you or your business would like to make a donation of cash or prizes.

Purchase your brick for the Bronco Wall of Pride located in the lobby of the school auditorium. Click on the link on the DHS homepage to get the order form. Bricks are \$30 each and will be installed over the summer.

Grad Night tickets are now on sale. Ticket prices are \$15 if purchased by May 14th and includes \$500 in Bronco Bucks; \$20 if purchased after May 14. Tickets will be on sale at school on the following dates: April 19-23 during all lunches, April 27 during Senior Class meeting and May 28 during Senior Breakfast. You can also contact Miriam Green at mlsgreen@verizon.net to purchase tickets.

The next Grad Night meetings are scheduled for Monday, May 10 at 6:30 pm in Room 106. **All senior parents are invited to attend to help in planning and preparing for Grad Night.**



Police Chief Visits Classes

Students in the Basic English Class took a break from studying the novel, *MONSTER*, written by Walter Dean Myers to speak with the City of Denton's Police Chief Minter. The novel is a study of a 16 year old young man on trial for murder. On April 7, 2010 the Chief spoke on the responsibility of choices and consequences with a compelling story of a true crime issue that affected the City of Denton last summer dealing with students of this age. He answered questions and offered the students the opportunity to look at law enforcement in a different light.

~Vicki Byrd, English



Winterguard Competition

On Saturday, March 13th the DHS Winterguard competed in the North Texas Cologuard Association Championship at Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland, TX. They had a remarkable performance and out of the 22 schools that competed in their class, they took 2nd place. This has been a wonderful season for them and they have worked very hard for every one of their performances. Please join me in congratulating these outstanding individuals.

Sage Sims	Cory Stoneburner
Luis Texta	Rae Madewell
Joanna Ceja	Gaby Ceja
Emily Thygesen	Brandon Mullins

~Brian Wilson, Director of Bands



BookCents

Whether you donated books, volunteered or purchased books...THANK YOU for helping to make the BookCents Sale a success. Approximately \$8,000 was raised! The money will be split between the Denton Public School Foundation and Denton Community Council of PTAs to be used for school library needs, grants and training during the upcoming school year. Denton High School contributed over 1,200 books to the sale. DHS was also well represented at the sale with many hardworking volunteers. Thank you again for your support of this worthy endeavor.

~Janell Trachta, PTSA



MLK Contest Winners

Congratulations to Praticthya "Callie" Baruwal and Cherita Cunningham for their first and second place finish (respectively) in the MLK Essay Contest. Also, kudos to their English teachers, Mr. Spaulding and Mrs. Puente.

~Darrell Muncy

The DHS Soccer Banquet

Friday, April 30, 2010 from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Advanced Technology Center. To purchase tickets contact: Kaylin Farmer, kfarmer@kelsoeoil.com. \$15 fee per ticket, players no charge.

~Debby Kennedy, DHS Soccer Booster Club President-940.391.9102



Tennis!

Denton standout **Hee Won Kim** advanced to the Class 4A Region I tennis tournament for the third consecutive season after finishing second in the District 5-4A meet.

Kim lost in three sets (6-3, 2-6, 6-4) to Wichita Falls Rider's Charlie Allred in the championship match, but still will make the trip to regionals because the top two places advance.

Denton's Alex Clerihew and Tyler Burggren will be the alternates in boys' doubles after a strong showing earning them a third place finish.

~Kurt Spasic, Tennis Coach



Bronco Babe and Stud Shirts

Several Seniors have asked to buy a shirt, so if we can get 12 orders for the Babe shirt and 12 for the Stud shirt, we'll place one more order. Shirts are \$25; order forms are located outside room 150. If you didn't pick yours up and/or you haven't paid for shirt, please do so soon.

~Michelle DeAngelo, Senior Class Sponsor



Band!

A fantastic season is drawing to a close. Both the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic bands had strong performances at UIL events recently with the Wind Ensemble receiving straight Division 1 scores for both the Concert and Sight Reading portions of the event. There are still many opportunities to come out and see these excellent bands between now and the end of the year. The DHS Percussion Group as well as both Jazz Lab Bands performed at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th. April 30th and May 1st the Jazz Lab Band 1 will be performing with the Choir Variety Show at DHS at 7pm. And don't forget the Grand Gala to close out the year on May 20th. Bands from both McMath and Calhoun Middle schools will perform followed by the DHS Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. Come early for an opening tasty treat from the DHS Jazz Lab Bands and stay for a wonderful evening as these talented young men and women show off their progress from 2009/2010. Finally, 7 soloists and 4 ensemble groups will be performing at the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest from May 29th through the 31st in Austin, TX. A big congratulations to all of our performers for a top notch season and well wishes for the 2010/2011 school year.

~Brian Thurman, DHS Band Booster Club President, 940-566-6555



Orchestra!

The **Orchestra Spring Concert** will be held at 7 pm on **Tuesday, May 18th** in the **DHS Auditorium; free admission.**

The **Orchestra Spring Banquet** will be held at 6 pm on Friday, May 21st at the Advanced Technology Complex. Orchestra students will attend for free, and reservations will be required.

More information will be sent out in the near future. If you have questions, please contact Ivy Doak at igdoak@verizon.net.

Solo and Ensemble Competition

Where: Austin, May 29th. Students participating:

Violins

- Christine Ryu – Senior
- Yang Chen – Freshman
- Alvin Gao – Freshman
- Clarissa Root – Senior
- Silvia Li – Senior
- Trevor Davila – Senior

Violas

- Julian Chalon – Senior
- Nathan Place – Sophomore
- Alexander Martin – Sophomore

Cellos

- Nathan Schafer – Sophomore
- Jordan Rushing – Junior
- R.J. Ponder – Junior
- Stephen Place – Senior
- Julia Moen – Senior
- Tyler Burggren – Senior
- Julia Di Fiore – Senior

Basses

- Beckah Maxwell LeRoy – Sophomore
- Junior
- Amelia Clark – Sophomore
- Kris Carmona – Junior



DHS Student Takes Home Two Special Olympics Ribbons



Jacob "Jake" Joe-Gammill, 9th grade

Denton High School student Jacob "Jake" Joe-Gammill participated in Sanger's Annual Special Olympics Track Meet in Sanger, Texas, on Saturday, March 27, 2010, and took home a 2nd place ribbon in the Softball Throw-Male and a 3rd Place ribbon for the 50 Meter Walk-Male.

Jake's grandmother, Sandra Gammill, said, "He really enjoyed the glee club and cheerleaders along the track cheering him on! He kept smiling and walking ... everyone was clapping."

Hats off to Jake's family, teachers and friends who continually nurture this special student toward achieving all that he's capable of achieving.

~Janét McDaniel, DHS SPED/ALS Teacher



Fillie Try-Outs for 2010-2011

Fillie Try-Outs Clinic – May 3-5, 4-6pm, Gym 2

Fillie Line Try-Outs – May 6th, 4pm, Gym 2

Fillie Officer Try-Outs – May 7th, 4pm, Fillies studio

See Mrs. Burgess for packet information.

Mandatory parent meetings:

Line Candidates: May 22nd, 6:30pm, Lecture Hall

Officer Candidates: May 22nd, 7:30pm, Lecture Hall

~Kerri Burgess, Fillies Sponsor

Community Service Opportunities

Who: Any DHS Student

When: Friday, May 7th

Where: Evers Park Elementary, 3300 Evers Parkway, Denton

What Time: 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Why: To help Evers Park with their spring carnival...running game booths, selling concessions, set-up/clean-up

~See Mrs. Hughes to sign-up



Art Scholastic Event Winners!

Twenty-five DHS students participated in the Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) on Saturday, February 27, bringing back **Excellent** ratings on 9 works of art and **Superior** ratings on 18 works of art.

The following students received an Excellent rating:

Leisslie Agis	Erin Carr	Daniel Carrillo
Devin Crockett	Michelle Hutek	Madison Morgan
Evan Neumann	Pragya Rajpurohit	Aisha Sato

The following students received a Superior Rating:

Darion Adams	Carmen Bautista	Luke Cadwallader
Amy Dierdorf	Sidney Durmick	Monica Huckabay
Hannah Hansen	Sylvia Li	Jennifer Lioy
Stephanie Miller	Madison Morgan	Sawyer Neilson
Elena Souris	Brandon Stephen	Katie Webb
Abby Wright	MaryPen Yeatts	

Three students, **Amy Dierdorf, Sydney Durmick and Elena Souris had work selected** by the judges to progress to the state level of competition in April. Please join us in congratulating all these students for their hard work and success.

~Leslie Kregel, Art



National Latin Exam

Twelve students from Denton High School participated in the National Latin Exam on March 10th. They competed against 150,000 Latin students worldwide, including ones from all 50 states and 13 international countries. The following students won awards for their outstanding performance on the National Latin Exam. Congratulations!

Latin I:

Francesca Farris - Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude
Alvin Gao - Magna Cum Laude
Mickey SanMiguel - Magna Cum Laude
Wade Cope - Cum Laude

Latin II:

Beckah Maxwell-Leroy- Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude
Jamie Brand- Magna Cum Laude

Latin III:

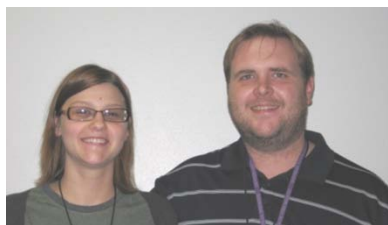
Kris Carmona - Cum Laude

~Sarah Hustwit, Latin teacher DHS/GHS



Staff of the Month- Kelsey Beals and Justin Smith

Kelsey and Justin, while unknown to many on our staff, provide



an invaluable asset to our life skills students, and to our beloved Janet McDaniel. Janet says of her two paraprofessionals, "They follow instructions, they both try to learn as they are

taught to manage a classroom, and have an overall good attitude when working with my adapted life skills students." She goes on to say, "As paraprofessionals go, where my classroom is concerned anyway, they are the best as a team that I have encountered." Although many of us rarely get down to the life skills realm of DHS, we are all aware of the gifts and talents, of both the students, and the teachers that provide their education. We applaud you both and thank you for sharing your talents.



Teacher of the Month- Chris Khoury



This is the third month in a row that Chris has been nominated for Teacher of the Month. He has been consistently applauded by administrators, teachers, and staff here at DHS. Christopher works with the most challenging (at-risk) population at our school and helps them to achieve success in a somewhat difficult subject. Scott Heffley

says of his assistant coach and friend, "Despite having all of the responsibilities of a classroom teacher, and inclusion teacher, and a special education case manager, Christopher is also my assistant coach for the soccer team, and the assistant for the cross country team. His coaching responsibilities take up a great deal of time in his already demanding schedule, yet I always see him giving his best effort to get the job done." All of this--and Chris is raising a beautiful daughter, and finishing his doctorate at UNT. Chris, quite simply, **you are the man!**

~Kimberly Villarreal- Thaggard

Volunteers!

Please continue to submit your volunteer hours as you accumulate them by going to:

<http://www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs/site/default.asp>.

Click on NEW PTSA Volunteer Database and enter the number of hours you have volunteered. Remember to give yourself credit for your travel time, all of the hours you spend with overnight trips, and any time you have volunteered for DHS. Also, if you have not submitted your hours for previous months, it is not too late. **DHS Volunteer Hours thru April 13: 7841.5 – WOW!**

If you are interested in being nominated for DHS Volunteer Coordinator for 2010/2011, please email KathyBelcher68@yahoo.ca, or contact one of the PTSA board members. GO BRONCO Volunteers!!!

~Kathy Belcher, PTSA Volunteer Coordinator

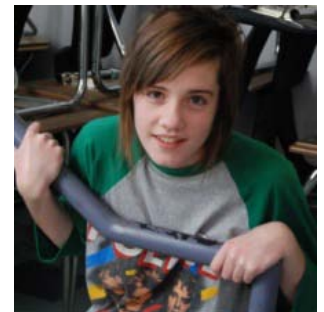


Larissa Mathews wins National Honor

In the 2010 Jostens Photo Contest sponsored by Wolfe's Camera, yearbook photography editor, junior **Larissa Mathews** received an Honorable Mention in the Academics/Community Service category for her photograph entitled *Sinfonia*. Over 8000 entries were received in this national contest. Her picture will be showcased, along with national award winning yearbooks on the Jostens' website as well as printed in the "Gotcha Covered Look Book."

~Marilyn Stevens,
Journalism

Larissa Mathews' winning photograph



District UIL Academics Results!

Calculator Application

2nd Place Team (Alternate for Regionals - Possible Wildcard) Sylvia Li, Trevor Davila, Eric Willis, Sebastian Lowery....4th Place (Alternate)

Computer Applications

Jessica Soberanes...5th Place

Computer Science

Trevor Davila...1st Place

Timothy DeReuse...2nd Place

Alvin Gao...4th Place

1st Place Team -- Trevor Davila, Timothy DeReuse, Alvin Gao, Sylvia Li - Going to Regionals

Current Events

Patrick Burke...2nd Place Individual

Stephen Place... 5th Place Individual

Julia Moen...6th Place Individual

2nd Place Team--Patrick Burke, Stephen Place, Julia Moen, Ma ckenzie Trachta (Alternate for Regionals - Possible Wildcard)

Editorial Writing

Amy Dierdorf ...6th Place Individual

Feature Writing

Amy Dierdorf...6th Place Individual

Headline Writing

Amara Bradetich ...1st Place Individual

Mathematics

1st Place Team - Going to Regionals: Trevor Davila, Christine Ryu, Sylvia Li, Clarissa Root. Trevor Davila ...1st Place Individual; Christine Ryu....3rd Place Individual; Sylvia Li....5th Place Individual

Number Sense

1st Place Team - Going to Regionals: Trevor Davila, Eric Willis, Sylvia Li, Clarissa Root. Trevor Davila...1st Place Individual; Eric Willis...2nd Place Individual; Sylvia Li ...3rd Place Individual

Ready Writing

Sara Kangas...6th Place

Science

3rd Place Team...Clarissa Root, Sylvia Li, Trevor Davila, Alvin Gao, Sebastian Lowery, Christine Ryu; Clarissa Root...4th Place Individual (Alternate for Regional)

Social Studies

Patrick Burke...3rd Place

Spelling and Vocabulary

1st Place Team...Going to Regionals: Sara Kangas, Francesca Farris, Ida Haghighi, Iruna Kharel. Sara Kangas... 1st Place Individual; Iruna Kharel... 3rd Place Individual; Francesca Farris...4th Place Individual

Meet Summary -- Total Points Earned

Guyar	287
Denton	234.50
Ryan	222
Little Elm	207
Rider	176
Wichita Falls	164.50

~Carol Hyatt, UIL Academics

the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, the Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, the Spanish steps, the Trevi Fountain, the catacombs, and many others, these explorers ventured south to the city of Pompeii, which had previously been lost for nearly 1,600 years.

After leaving Pompeii, the travelers took walking and boat tours of the resort town of Capri, viewing many of its modern charms and the remains of some ancient ones. From there, students experienced travel by ferry boat overnight to the true heart of the ancient world, Greece. A visit to Delphi brought home the ancient custom of asking the oracle's advice before any grand venture. Following this, the group arrived in Athens. This is the second such trip led by Mrs. Hustwit and she hopes to continue this tradition. "Traveling to other parts of the world and experiencing all the things we learn about in our textbooks is an invaluable experience both for students and their teachers."

After meeting a fellow teacher from Oklahoma City at an International Baccalaureate conference in Dallas, Mrs. Hustwit wanted to bring the students to the experience instead of trying to bring the experience to the students from over 5,000 miles away. For the second time, she combined her schools with those of the OK teacher to offer this opportunity. "Using EF Educational Tours allows us to combine our groups with other classes from around the country to get the best deal on our travel."

The group of sophomores, juniors and seniors returned to Denton on March 20th, exhausted but excited to share their stories and experiences with their teachers and classmates.

~Sarah Hustwit, Latin



Service Academy

One of the privileges of serving in the United States House of Representatives is the opportunity to nominate outstanding young people from the 26th Congressional District to be considered for appointment to our nation's service academies. Admission to a service academy is a two-tiered process. First, the candidate must meet the minimum admission standards set by the individual academy. These standards include, among others, medical, physical and scholastic qualifications. The second tier is obtaining a nomination from an official source. An individual must meet the admission requirements of the academy, as well as, receive a nomination in order to be considered for appointment to the academies. It is best to apply for nominations at least one year prior to the desired date of entry. The nomination and admission process is fully explained in each academy catalog and web page, as well as, in my nomination application packet.

Acceptance to a service academy requires a nomination from an official source: one of the applicant's U.S. Senators, his/her U.S. Representative, or the Vice President of the United States. Children of career and/or retired military personnel may also seek a nomination through the Office of the President of the United States. Applicants should pursue all of these avenues to increase their chances of securing a nomination.

Beginning in April of an applicant's junior year in high school, the student may request *in writing* a nomination application packet from my Lewisville District Office. Note: The deadline to request a nomination application packet from my office is the end of September of the year prior to the desired date of entry to a service academy. **Please write to me at: U.S. Congressman Michael C. Burgess, 1660 South Stemmons Freeway, Suite 230, Lewisville, Texas 75067.**
~Office of Michael Burgess

DHS World Explorers

During Spring Break, seven students from Denton High and Guyer High embarked on an 11 day cultural adventure in Italy and Greece to visit the places they study in their Latin classes.



This group of students, led by Latin teacher Sarah Hustwit and accompanied by 3 parent chaperones, left for Rome, Italy on Wednesday

evening and made the hours long flight to one of the hearts of western culture. After spending 3 days exploring the museums and archeological sites of the Eternal City, touring the Coliseum,

IB Update

DISD now has IB Continuum!

Newton Rayzor Elementary School announced their IB Authorization, April 7, 2010!

Third grade students, Xochitl Vasquez (left) and Emily Lin, read the official IB notification letter to the press conference attendees. Newton Rayzor teachers shared their thoughts with the audience as to how implementing IB philosophy has made a difference at their campus.

With Newton Rayzor Elementary, Calhoun Middle School and Denton High School all being IB World Schools, students may have the opportunity to be an IB student throughout their educational careers within DISD. DHS teachers have been invited to Newton Rayzor to tour, talk to teachers, and view all the great learning that is taking place.

IB Middle Years Programme and IB Diploma Programme

IB Informational Meetings for parents of incoming freshmen and current sophomores have been held and many interested parents and students attended. Through the meetings parents and students learned IB related information and worked in developing course selection plans with DP involvement as a goal for their high school education. Tours of DHS and informational meetings have also been scheduled for students interested in attending DHS from out of district schools. Current IB DP seniors are preparing to sit for their IB External Assessments. These assessments are scheduled throughout the month of May. IB establishes the assessment dates, so throughout the world...IB DP students will be testing! Completed Internal Assessments have been shipped to Canada, Australia, United Kingdom, Qatar and Michigan where IB examiners will moderate students' work and report the information to the IB Assessment Center in Cardiff, Wales. External Exams (May tests) will be shipped to the designated graders once that assessment is completed. The Internal Assessment Scores and External Assessment Scores will be combined for students' final IB scores for the respective IB tests. Students will be able to view their final IB scores electronically July 5, 2010, as all IB scores throughout the world are released.

Juniors have been busy in their IB classes as one would expect. They are looking forward to summer, some IB related work and some rest along the way. Prospective IB DP Candidates and current IB DP Candidates will be involved in an IB Retreat before school ends. During the day, IB DP Candidates will be involved in team building exercises and learn from their IB teachers summer related work.

~Lynn Singletary, IB Coordinator



DHS Blood Drive

Once again Scott Spaulding and the Interact Club sponsored a very successful blood drive on April 17, 2010 in the gym. Thanks to all who contributed and supported the DHS blood drive!



Student Email!

All Denton High students have an electronic mail account with Live@edu. To learn more about using email with Live@edu, visit the DHS webpage under Student Services! Student usernames follow this pattern: jd#@dentonstudent.org. Passwords students use are synced with their existing network account password!



Congratulations to DHS Volunteers!

So far, more than 7800 volunteer hours have been submitted by DHS volunteers. Please continue to submit your volunteer hours as you accumulate them.

Congratulations to these DHS Top Volunteers for exceeding 500 volunteer hours: Grace Chalon, Ann Goodman, Jim and Peg Mullins, and Emily Seiple. They will be honored at the annual DISD Top Volunteer luncheon in May.

~Kathy Belcher, PTSA