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Muncy's Message

Bronco Family,

With the first six-week period almost behind us, I enthusiastically say, it has been a great beginning. Our student population is just over 1400 students and they all appear to be settled in quite nicely. Activities are in full swing with something for almost everyone. The excitement of high school is alive and well at DHS.

By the time you receive this newsletter Homecoming '08 will be a thing of the past. The carnival was the greatest ever; the pep rally was packed with purple. On behalf of the student body, we would like to send a special thank you to our fabulous PTSA for coordinating a great dance. The time commitment, hard work and creative talents leave us each year with wonderful memories and friendships forged. Thanks to you all!

Bronco Night was another display of DHS Spirit. We believe it was the biggest crowd we have had and festive atmosphere left everyone motivated and ready for the year ahead. I hope you were able to meet your student's teachers, stock up on your Bronco Wear, and indulge in some of the epicurean delights. It was truly a great night.

Saturday TAKS tutorials have begun and are offered most Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch and transportation provided. It is a great way for your child to sharpen his/her testing skills. DHS is also providing late bus transportation home for students living out 380 east and west towards Argyle. If there is an afternoon activity or an academic need to stay after school, simply have your student get a bus pass from his/her teacher and catch the late bus. It departs at 6:00 p.m. sharp. Coming soon, an early bus. Please check out our website for more information on Saturday TAKS tutorials and the *Late Bronco Bus*, or call us at 369-2000 for details.

Please come by!
You are always welcome!
Darrell



Homecoming '08!

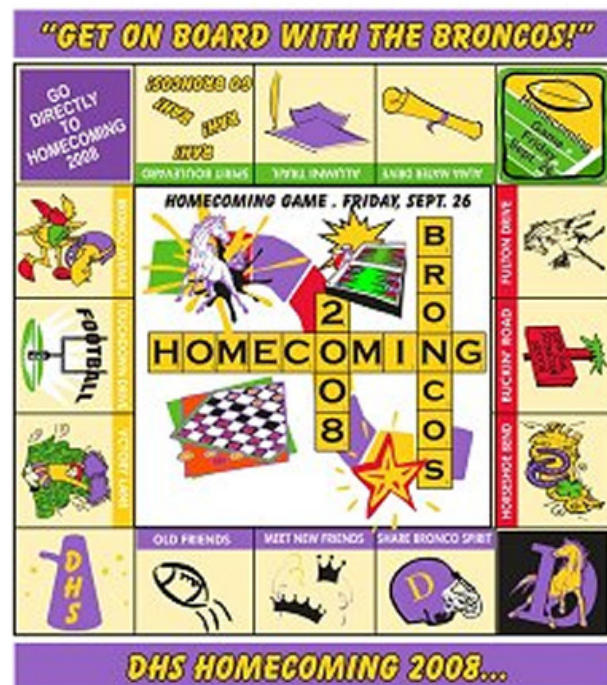


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Get on board with the Broncos!

Meet the PTSA!

2008-2009 PTSA Board Members

*2008-2009 PTSA Officers:
(left to right) Eva Poole, Beth
Patterson, Ivy Doak, and
Grace Chalon.*



PTSA Board Member

Eva Poole
Grace Chalon
Beth Patterson
Janet Shelton
Ivy Doak
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Cultural Arts Reflections Program

The theme for the Cultural Arts Reflections Program is "WOW". We will again be giving cash awards to the winners. You may submit entries in these six categories: Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Photography, Literature, Film Production, and Dance.



Please pick up your entries in the front office or go on-line to www.pta.org. The password is on the back of your PTA membership card; go to *Programs* and then *Reflections* to get your entry forms. The deadline for turning in entries will be October 20th.

~Jennifer Morales

Please...Report All Volunteer Activities for DHS

The hours you give in fundraising and other activities in support of Denton High School are so very valuable! Please help the DHS PTSA by using the NEW online submission form to let us know the hours you have volunteered and a brief description of your volunteer hours to report.

Submit your hours once a month or as often as you like. Questions marked with a **red asterisk (*)** must be filled out. Many thanks to Bill Moen, DHS Volunteer, for developing this form for us.

Go to: www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs and click on NEW PTSA Volunteer Database
Go Bronco Volunteers!



PTSA Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME
PTSA Meeting	October 14, 2008	12:00 – 1:00 PM
PTSA Newsletter Deadline	November 5, 2008	
PTSA Meeting	November 11, 2008	12:00 – 1:00 PM
PTSA Newsletter Deadline	December 15, 2008	
PTSA Meeting	January 13, 2009	12:00 – 1:00 PM
PTSA Meeting	February 10, 2009	12:00-1:00 PM
PTSA Newsletter Deadline	February 18, 2009	
PTSA Meeting	April 14, 2009	12:00-1:00 PM
PTSA Newsletter Deadline	April 15, 2009	
National Volunteer Appreciation Week	April 19-25, 2009	
Teacher Appreciation Week	May 4-8, 2009	
Junior/Senior Prom	May 9, 2009	8:00 PM-12:00 a.m.
PTSA Meeting	May 12, 2009	12:00-1:00 PM
Senior Breakfast/Awards	May 29, 2009	
PTSA Newsletter Deadline	June 1, 2009	
Graduation	June 5, 2009	4:30 PM
Grad Night	June 5, 2009	



Extended Library Hours

The library has extended hours every Monday evening until 6 p.m. for students to do research, homework, computer work or studying. The library opens at 7:50 each morning and closes at 4:30 the rest of the week except Friday, when it closes at 4 p.m. A student ID is required to check out materials or use the computers.
~Carolyn Bason



DHS International Relations 101-GAPP

The German American Partnership Program is a school-to-school exchange sponsored by the Federal Republic of Germany's Ministry of Culture and the U.S. Department of State. Denton High School has a partnership with the *Nicolaus-Kopernikus-Gymnasium* (college-prep high school) in *Weissenhorn*, Germany. Every other summer, DHS students, accompanied by the German teacher, Frau Dieckman, travel to Germany for a three-week visit to this community and one additional week spent traveling to the capital and other parts of the country. Their partners from Germany visit Denton around Easter every other year.

GAPP brings together American and German students who are studying each other's languages and cultures. The most important feature of the program is that students live in the homes of peers while visiting the partner country. They get to know their partners in the most meaningful way possible: by sharing their daily lives, getting to know their families, attending their schools and experiencing their culture firsthand. The basic premise behind the program is not sightseeing and souvenir buying, but rather fostering both dialogue and friendship between young people. GAPP will result in increased German language skills which translate into more career opportunities and a broadened way of viewing the world, as well as lasting friendships.

In late March through early April the DHS student body will have the opportunity to 'meet the world' as approximately twenty DHS students host their partners from Weissenhorn, Germany. These students will be part of their families and the school community for those three weeks. In June, several DHS students will serve as our ambassadors as they travel to Germany.

If your family would like to participate in this wonderful experience by hosting a student, please contact Mrs. Dieckman at sdieckman@dentonisd.org.

~Sandra Dieckman, German Teacher and GAPP Coordinator



Board Commends IBO Program

Students and staff involved in the IBO program at the district's three IBO schools – gave the board an update on the program. Last spring, Denton High was authorized as an IB school. Calhoun Middle and Newton Rayzor Elementary are working on becoming approved IB schools.

Several students involved in the program spoke to the board. "I'm a Thinker. When I might try to ask the teacher a question and instead the answer just pops into my head," said Korigan Born, Newton Rayzor student.

Mia Price, board secretary, said members of the community are talking – and are very excited about this being part of Denton ISD.

Dr. Harris said it was important to target middle school students to get them involved and wanted to see the program grow with 25 to 30 students in the program next year. (This year there are 10 students in the first-year program at Denton High.)

Dr. Jim Alexander said IB was one of the most exciting programs to occur in the schools. "I am delighted with the progress you have made. At first, I was concerned about the number of students – but realized this is the first group. What we're really doing here – is building a new learning environment across our district."

"We are one step away from going 'global' and congratulations," said Charles Stafford, board president.



Band!

2008



The Pride of Bronco Country has been back since July 30th. The student band leadership and directors met on July 30th to review last year, decide what they want and need to do this year, clean the band hall and generally get ready for the new marching season. With the loss through graduation of 22 seniors and the addition of 22 new freshmen, hopes are high for another successful marching season. Full practices started on August 4th at 8:30 a.m. with a full day's schedule of marching & playing.

On Saturday, October 4th, the 5th annual Golden Triangle Marching Classic (hosted by the DHS band) will start a full day's worth of marching band competition in the C.H. Collins Athletic Complex at 8:30 a.m. Finals begin at 6:00 p.m. Come out and watch 21 area and regional bands compete or just come and watch the DHS band provide their marching program as an exhibition.

The DHS Band competition season is coming soon. Their first competition is October 11th at Birdville, followed on the 18th by the Regional, and then they close their competition season at Frisco Centennial on November 1, 2008 and play their last regularly scheduled game at Little Elm on November 7th.



Yearbook Information

SENIOR AND UNDERCLASSMEN ADS

The last day to purchase a congratulatory space for your student in the 2009 yearbook is Oct. 10. Spaces range from 1/6 page for \$50 to a full page for \$300. All spaces are in color. Flyers are on the DHS website in groups, yearbook. They are also on the staff page under Stevens. Tell your student how much you appreciate him or her with a full-color advertisement in the 2009 Bronco.

ALL COLOR YEARBOOK FOR SALE

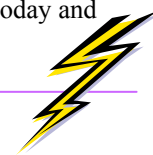
Yearbooks are back in color again. Don't forget to order a 2009 yearbook. Reserve a copy for only \$20 down. The final number of copies ordered will be turned in to Jostens in early January. No extras will be ordered this year. So, reserve a copy today and don't miss out on a full color Bronco.



Battle of the Volt

In order to promote the "Battle of the Volt" and to team up against hunger in Denton, Ryan and Denton High will engage in our third annual "Canned Food War!" To be successful we need to pack in the pounds, please bring any canned food items you would like to donate to participating teachers. The teacher with the greatest can per student ratio will receive prizes and gifts.

Last year DHS outweighed Ryan by 2000 pounds. Help us fight hunger in Denton. Deadline for canned goods is October 3, 2008
~Student Council



Homecoming 2008

Decorations!



Carnival!

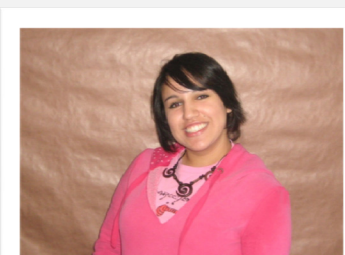


Spirit Week!

Homecoming Winners!



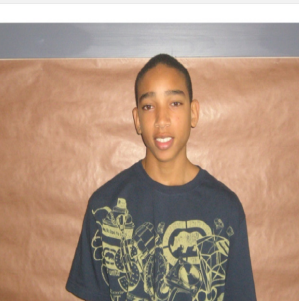
Seniors Corwyn Raexz & Taylar Belt



Juniors Dylan Stiles & Joanna Ceja



Sophomores Solomon Goot & Ida Haghighi



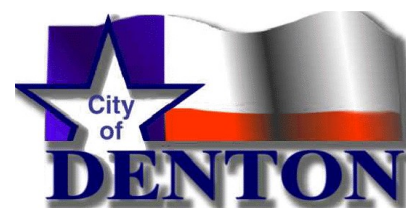
Freshmen Jewlian Harper & Danielle Thomas



Free

Homework Help!

All students can connect to Expert Tutors via the Internet at the Denton Public Library



Never be stumped by a tough homework assignment again! Students from Kindergarten to 12th grade, those in introductory-level college courses, and adult learners of any level can simply visit the Denton Public Library or the library's Web site to get on-demand, free help from qualified tutors. The Denton Public Library offers Live Homework Help®, an online tutoring service from Tutor.com that connects students to expert tutors (at no charge) in math, science, social studies, English and writing via the Internet. Spanish-speaking tutors are available to help students in math and science.

Free Help in Core Subjects

This free service allows students to connect to an expert tutor either from a computer station at the Denton Public Library or from their home PC or Mac with a library card, any day of the week, from 3 p.m. - 10 p.m. and receive homework help from a live tutor via the Internet. (Spanish-speaking tutors are available Sunday through Thursday, 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.) Live Homework Help® is easy to use. Anyone who needs help can simply go to the library's Web site, click on the Live Homework Help® link and then enter their grade level and the subject they need help in. In just a few minutes, students are connected to a tutor in an Online Classroom for one-to-one help in math (elementary, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus), science (elementary, earth science, biology, chemistry, physics), social studies (American history, world history, political science), English (spelling, grammar) and the Writing Center (essay writing, book reports, resumes, research papers, etc.).

"We believe that Live Homework Help® will continue to have a significant positive impact on the success of our young people, and with the addition of the adult learner category this service can truly benefit the entire community reminding them to turn to the library as a learning and research resource for years to come," said Director of Libraries, Eva Poole.

Learn from Expert Tutors in an Online Classroom

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board and shared Web browsing in the Online Classroom. Tutors can type math equations using a special math tool, share educational Web sites and much more for a rewarding learning experience. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate, or under graduate school students from across the country. Tutor.com has more than 2,000 tutors available to work with students of all levels when they need help most. Every tutor is certified by Tutor.com and has completed a third party background check.

For more information, visit the Denton Public Library, call 940.349.8752 or see the library's Web site at www.dentonlibrary.com.



Live Homework Help 101

Attend a **FREE Educator Webinar*** about a **FREE Local Service** for Students
Brought to you by the Denton Public Library

All students at our school have free access to thousands of professional tutors online! This valuable service will help you improve the performance of your students. Hear about the methodology that powers successful online tutoring. Learn how to integrate this award-winning service into planned homework, test preparation, and class projects for better student grades, self-confidence, and test scores.

Select your most convenient time! Share with your colleagues!

October 2nd at 4:00 p.m. EST, 3:00 CST, 1:00 PST

To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/864913217>

October 15th at 7:00 p.m. EST, 6:00 CST, 4:00 PST

To register: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/672021928>

One attendee from each webinar will win a \$50 AMEX gift card!



Your host will be Joan Rooney, Vice President in charge of thousands of tutors for Tutor.com. Joan is a former teacher herself, and has been managing the quality of online tutoring for 10 years.

This informative event will focus on:

- Online tutoring basics
- Explanation of tutoring methodology
- Tutor certification process
- Live demonstration of the service
- Best practices for student usage
- Question and Answer session

Who should attend?

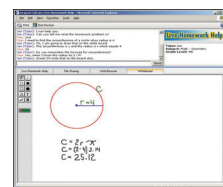
- Teachers
- Professors
- Community Colleges Lecturers
- School Administrators
- Superintendents
- School librarians

Access to **Live Homework Help** is available through the library's website by logging in with a library card number between 3 pm and 10 pm.

Visit: <http://www.dentonlibrary.com>

Sign up for **Live Homework Help 101** today!

Go to: <http://www.Tutor.com/RSVP>



Inside the Online Classroom

*A Webinar is an easy-to-use toll-free phone *and* online event. Once you register you will receive an email with a link and a phone number to use on the day of the event. Try to log-on and call in a few minutes prior to the scheduled time if you have never used the service before. Speakerphones may be used to enable a group to sit in front of one computer and attend the Webinar together





Expectations for the New School Year

by Parenting Teens Network

The new school year always brings a lot of change. Will your teen like her teachers and vice versa? Will he finally get up when the alarm rings? Will she make new friends but keep the old? Will he go through tough times when he realizes he's not the best at something he excelled in last year? Will she get involved in several (but not too many) after-school activities?

It's not unusual for parents to want to start fresh when the new school year begins, and to make a lot of rules and regulations to make up for the looseness of summer routines. But it's hard for everyone to get into the structure that school schedules impose. So... best to be flexible and ease into it gradually.

1. Schedules. Hopefully, you will have encouraged your kids to get to bed and getting up at reasonable hours about two weeks before school starts. If not, this is the time to do it. Make sure they are really going to bed, not just hanging out in their room on the computer with an i-Pod in their ear!

2. Logistics. Start thinking about how to get your teens from here to there and make sure they eat and get their work done too? If carpooling is a challenge in your household, make sure you have friends or neighbors who can help out. As we all try to drive less, it's important to consolidate activities.

3. Homework. These days, tweens and teens are loaded up with homework in every subject area from the first days of school. How do they stay on top of it?

- Get the lay of the land on the types of assignments each child has (reading, essays, math drills, science projects, vocabulary and grammar for foreign languages, preparation for pop quizzes, or long-term research projects.) Learn what your kids are expected to turn in and when.

- Have your kids make a master list of when all their assignments are due and keep it up to date. They should keep a copy in their organizer.

- Set a flexible time period for getting daily and weekly homework done, maneuvering around extra-curricular and family activities.

- Check in with your kids several times a week, especially at the beginning of the semester, to be sure they're getting their work done.

4. Chores. If you have had a regular drill for garbage, pet duty, cleaning rooms, etc., over the summer, congratulations! If not, it's time to parcel out the chores and get everyone back in the swing of helping out.

5. Family dinners. Be sure to eat together as a family as much as you can, and make a plan to continue this throughout the school year. Teens who eat with their families are shown to avoid risk-taking behaviors such as smoking, drinking and early sexuality more than their peers who don't have regular family meals.

[http://www.parentingteensonline.com/article/show/title/Family_Dinners_Cook_Up_Responsible_Teens]

For more information or resources for this topic, please visit <http://www.parentingteensonline.com>.



Student Council & Renaissance

Officers 2008-2009

President: Will Hayes

Vice-Presidents: Trent Erwin, Marlee Ross

Public Relations Officers: Macy Koontz, Isaiah Laws

Secretaries: Libby Knight and Kelsie Vogds

Historian: Katie Franks

Parliamentarian: Priscilla

Jasso

Treasurer: Ryan Davidson

The student council officers participated in a two day office retreat from August 6th to 8th at Rancho de la Roca in Aubrey. Students enjoyed shopping and preparing meals.



Orchestra Earns National Recognition

The Denton High School Chamber Orchestra recently earned national recognition for their musical achievement as a "Commended Winner" of the 2008 Mark of Excellence Award. This is a national competition sponsored by Choice Music Events.

~David Mairs



Counselor's Notes

Attention New Deadline

Counselors, parents and students, there is a new deadline to apply for admission to Texas A & M for the Summer/Fall 2009. The new deadline date is January 15, 2009. By submitting the Texas application by December 1, 2008, students will then be considered for Texas A&M scholarships.

The University of Houston offers a SAT Prep Course: www.uhd.edu/sat

Stephen F. Austin State University will host Showcase Saturday on November 15, 2008 and March 28, 2009. Time: 1:00-5:00 pm (no RSVP required). Tour the campus, speak with faculty and students on matters of academics, financial aid, housing, admissions, student organizations, and other academic support programs. Contact: email admissions@sfasu.edu or call 936-468-2504.

Scholarships

Texas State University has three scholarship programs for academically talented freshmen. Contact: www.finaid.txstate.edu and click on *Scholarships*.

TCU Texas Youth Entrepreneur of the Year Awards for high school freshmen through seniors who have started and operated a business. Contact: www.tcuveya.org. Applications are due November 1, 2008.

Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc. Scholarship Programs provide financial assistance to students who have financial need and have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity. Scholarships range: \$2,500 to \$20,000. Apply on line: www.horatioalger.com/scholarships
Deadline: October 30, 2008

Other Information

- **Red Ribbon Week** = October 23-31
- Financial Aid Forum = 6:45-7:15 pm @ The Gateway Center Ballroom; Workshop: Getting Into College, Keller ISD Counseling Staff = 7:30-8:00 pm @ The Gateway Center Ballroom
- Sign up for the PSAT = Test Date is October 15th. Free for all 10th & 11th Graders



CHIP-Children's Health Insurance Program!

Two of the purposes of Texas PTA are to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community and place of worship, and to raise the standards of home life. One of the ways that Texas PTA works to achieve that goal is by supporting efforts to enroll children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

To that end, Texas PTA joins with Center for Public Policy Priorities, Children's Defense Fund of Texas, Texans Care for Children and business, community, faith, and health leaders across Texas to publicize the **Texas Finish Line Campaign**.

The campaign will work to provide affordable, comprehensive health insurance to every child by:

- Enrolling all eligible uninsured kids by eliminating bureaucratic roadblocks
- Reaching more uninsured kids by letting families "buy into" the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) by paying a health care premium for CHIP that increases as their income increases.

Every Texan wins when our state's children can get the care they need, when they need it. Texas kids win when they are healthy and in school. Parents win because they miss fewer days of work caring for sick children, and taxpayers and businesses win when Texas' health care system provides cost-effective preventive care instead of costly emergency room care after untreated conditions become severe.

To learn more about the campaign, to sign on to the agenda, to help enroll local children, or to see if your family qualifies for CHIP or Children's Medicaid, visit www.texaskidswin.org

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHER PARENTS IN YOUR COMMUNITY SO THAT ALL CHILDREN CAN BE INSURED



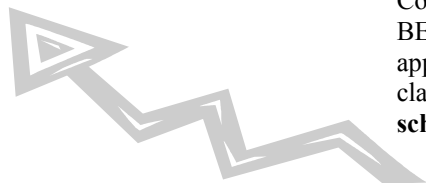
Walmart Awards Grant to Science Department

The Denton area Walmart store awarded the Denton High School Science Department with a \$1,000.00 grant to purchase laboratory notebooks and supplies. Carol Earwood and Christina Castillo (Walmart employees) worked closely with Steve Love, DHS biology teacher to file the grant, order 1500 laboratory notebooks and 300 glue sticks, and deliver the supplies to Denton High School. This grant will supply each Denton High School student with a laboratory notebook to journal their high school science experience. A Big Bronco Thank You to the Denton Walmart store!



Upward Bound

This program is for freshmen and sophomores whose parents don't have a four year degree. Once a student joins *Upward Bound* the Saturday meetings will be at UNT. For information call 940-546-4182. *Upward Bound* is a program sponsored by the United States Department of Education at no cost to you.



DHS Theatre Presents

In A Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories
By ERIC COBLE

Performances:

October 23, 24, 25 & 27 @ 7:00pm

October 24 @ 2:00pm

All Tickets General Admission \$5.00

(Box Office opens one hour prior to curtain)



From the Junior Class:

The Original Denton High School T-shirts are in! If you ordered a shirt or a Bronco Hoodie, come by classroom 150 before school to pick it up. If you missed purchasing one, the shirts are \$16.00 and the Hoodies are \$20.



~Michelle DeAngelo



Saturday TAKS Tutorials

10:00am—2:00pm

October 4, 18, 25

December 6

February 7, 21, 28

November 1, 8, 15, 22

January 10, 24, 31



Attention, Seniors!

Do you want to stay on top of what you need to be doing to get ready for college? If so, plan to attend the senior Q&A lunch sessions that are being offered by your counselors! Bring your lunch to Room 106 on Friday, October 17th and/or Friday, November 21st and receive some valuable information. Dessert treats will be provided by PTSA members. Parents, you are also welcome to attend!



Special Request

I am looking for medical books and journals for class. Would love to have scrabble games for vocabulary words! Other needs include a VHS/DVD player for our classroom to watch medical videos. Any nursing, medical, anatomy and physiology videos would also be helpful.

~Mrs. Sheila Temple - HSTE - phone: 940-369-2224



Schedule Time to See a Counselor!

Need to schedule an appointment with your Counselor? Come by Ms. Pryor's desk in the Counseling Department BEFORE or AFTER school, or during your lunch to schedule an appointment. Because these tardies are unexcused and valuable class time should not be interrupted, **No appointments will be scheduled during passing periods.**

DHS Students at the ATC

Over 300 DHS students attend the Advanced Technology

Complex and have earned advanced credit

in community college courses and achieved over 250 professional certifications or licensures. These students have a jump start on moving into high demand occupations that will help ensure employability in our current economy. A great way to help pay for college!

Over 95 % of the LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) scholarships recipients were enrolled in advanced career and technical education and stated that these advanced courses inspired their goal of a college education. In addition, the new engineering program had 19 students earn university credit.

~Marty Thompson – Director Career & Technology



DHS is Under Construction!



Denton High School broke ground in August for new renovations. This two year project includes new offices and a gym that will be added to the Southeast part of the school.



Denton High School Junior Fillies Clinic

WHO: Any girl (3 years of age – age 13) interested in dance and drill team.

PURPOSE: This clinic is offered to any girls interested in dance and drill team to teach dance skills and instill confidence. The clinic will also provide an opportunity for students to get to know and enjoy working with the Fillies while helping to raise much needed funds for the Fillies Drill Team.

DATE: Saturday, October 4, 2008, **TIME:** 9:00am –12:00pm

PLACE: DHS, **CONTACT:** Ashley Ness, 940-369-2131.



The Parent Teacher Student Association of Denton High School is off to a good start. Thanks to the 102 faculty and staff members who enrolled on August 18 during the *Welcome Back* luncheon. That faculty luncheon is an annual event sponsored by the PTSA.

“PTSA is a grassroots organization made up of parents, teachers and others around the state that 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)

We invite you to join the organization on campus that supports ALL the students and ALL the Teachers and ALL the parents. Stay “in the know” about the DHS campus and activities influencing your student. 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.

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

Membership form/*planilla de membresía*

NAME/NOMBRE:

ADDRESS/DOMICILIO:

PHONENUMBER/TELÉFONO:

EMAIL:



Please return completed forms to the DHS Office!

Save a life

We are contacting you to ask for your support in saving teen lives. As you can imagine, one of the most important events in a teenager's life is obtaining a driver's license. Teen drivers account for just 6.6 percent of all licensed drivers, and yet they account for nearly 14 percent of all fatal crashes. In an effort to improve these odds, Toyota is bringing its program to promote safe driving among teens, *Toyota Driving Expectations*, to:

Lone Star Park

Grand Prairie, TX

November 7-9 and 14-16

What is Toyota Driving Expectations?

- A free program that puts newly licensed teens (and teens with permits) into the classroom for instruction, and behind the wheel on multiple defensive driving courses.
- A program that offers parents insight into the challenges facing teen drivers and provides recommendations and countermeasures for any driving concerns they may have.
- Fully funded by Toyota and endorsed by both the National Safety Council and the Federal Highway Administration.

Toyota Driving Expectations goes beyond what is currently taught in typical driver's training classes in order to help teens identify and react to dangerous driving situations. To better understand the critical relationship between distractions and reaction time, both teens and parents navigate a driving course while drinking water, listening to loud music and talking on a cell phone. They also experience hard braking maneuvers on wet and dry pavement and maneuver through multiple slalom driving courses under the watchful eyes of professional drivers.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in spreading awareness of this program within your school. Our goal is to educate teen drivers & parents alike. Below, please find a link to download an event flyer with more information on *Toyota Driving Expectations* for distribution to students and parents:

http://emi.eim-inc.com/TDE/Fall_Flyer.pdf

The program is open to the general public and is free of charge. Registration is available online at

www.ToyotaDrivingExpectations.com.

Thank you in advance for your help in keeping your student drivers safe behind the wheel.

Sincerely,

Michael Rouse

Toyota Corporate Manager, Philanthropy and Community Affairs



Theatre Program Plans for Trip to Scotland

The Denton High School Theatre Program under the direction of Alison Trapp has been selected to perform in the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival (AHSTF). Each August, Edinburgh, Scotland becomes the most magical and exciting place on earth as performing artists from all over the world come to Scotland to take part in the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. The Fringe Festival includes over 1,800 different performances of music, dance, theatre, and comedy during its three week run. Denton High School's performance will be showcased at the AHSTF venue in Edinburgh.

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

As you can imagine, Denton High School theatre students, their parents, and teachers are heavily involved in fundraising activities to finance their two-week adventure to Scotland and England as well as all the other many activities and productions throughout the school year. Your contributions and donations make all these opportunities possible for the Denton High School theatre students.

For more information or to make a donation please contact Alison Trapp, Denton High School Director of Theatre at (940) 369-2087 or atrapp@dentonisd.org.

Once again, thank you for your generous support of the DHS Theatre Program.

PTSA Fundraising!

Shop at Kroger???

-After the cashier scans your KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of your purchase, have them scan the DHS barcode printed below.

-When your card is scanned in conjunction with the barcode **one time**, your KrogerPlus Card is enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program until April 30, 2009.

DENTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA



Kroger cashier: Please scan customer's KrogerPlus Card at the beginning of the order, and then scan the above barcode.

The customer's KrogerPlus Card is now enrolled in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program.

Kroger will donate a percentage of your purchases to DHS.

Shop at Albertsons???

Remember to use the DHS Community Partners key tag every time you shop at Albertsons. If you need a key tag, contact: GJtrachta@aol.com.

Albertsons will donate 1% of your purchases to DHS.

Shop at Target???

Sign up for the Target VISA in the store or online at target.com. Designate DHS as the recipient, and Target will donate 1% of your purchases each time you use the card in their store and ½% when you use it anywhere else.



School Nurse News – Flu Facts

F: Fever spike (up to 103°)

A: Aches

C: Chills

T: Tiredness

S: Sudden symptom onset

A cold tends to creep up on you little-by-little. The three most frequent cold symptoms are nasal stuffiness, sneezing and sore throat. And, while your child might not feel 100 percent, if armed with enough tissues, he/she can still pursue most daily activities. A cold usually lasts for five to seven days, and when it's over, it's over.

The flu, on the other hand, strikes hard and fast, often with debilitating exhaustion. Flu usually makes you and your loved ones too sick and weak to go to work, school or even leave the bed. After most flu symptoms have passed, fatigue can still linger, making you feel miserable for two weeks or more. The flu can also lead to other serious complications, such as pneumonia and dehydration. Additionally, the virus can aggravate existing health conditions like asthma and diabetes, which affect many children.

Following is a simple symptom checklist to help you distinguish between cold and flu symptoms. And remember, children who come down with the flu may have additional symptoms that are uncommon in adults, including ear infections, diarrhea, vomiting or nausea.

SYMPTOMS	COLD	FLU
Cough	Hacking, productive cough	Dry, unproductive cough
Fever (usually high, 101°+)	Rarely	Yes
Muscle and body aches	Slight	Severe
Severe fatigue/weakness	Slight fatigue	Yes
Headache	Rarely	Yes
Stuffy nose	Yes	Rarely
Sneezing	Yes	Rarely
Sore throat	Yes	Rarely
Sudden symptoms	Appear gradually	Can appear within 3 to 6 hours

to symptoms, and contact your child's pediatrician if he/she:

- has flu-like symptoms or the symptoms worsen.
- has a high temperature for more than a few days.
- appears especially irritable or less responsive than usual.
- seems to get better, but then quickly feels worse again.

~Cindy Yousko, RN

DHS School Nurse-940-369-2021



Crisis Counseling

Kati Willis, DHS Student Assistance Counselor, offers various support groups for students throughout the year. Please contact her if interested: 940.369.2180.

DHS an International Baccalaureate World School

Denton High School is officially an IB World School! This

allows Denton High School to offer the two year Diploma Programme set of classes to the first cadre of IB Diploma Candidates. These IB Diploma Programme Candidates are risk taking trailblazers, setting the stage not only for their own successful futures, but of future IB Diploma Candidates. The IB

classes include classes in English, a world language, history, math, science, fine arts and/or electives and Theory of Knowledge. The IB classes are designed to develop content knowledge and academic skills over the students' junior and senior years in preparation for external tests in the spring of their senior year. **Students earning the official IB Diploma, as a result of external test scores, can receive a minimum of 24 hours of college credit if they choose to attend a state supported college or university.**

While Diploma Programme Candidates are busy in their current classes they have also been busy supporting the Denton High School community. DP Candidates have been working on their Creativity, Action and Services hours, which are an integral component of the Diploma Programme. They have assisted with Fish Camp, provided tours for new students, assisted with registration and the distribution of school supplies as well as placing IB Learner Profile stickers in all DHS student agendas. Student involvements in extracurricular activities are also helping students accumulate CAS hours. Current DP Candidates are involved in DHS basketball and tennis teams, band, and orchestra. Students are also planning long term CAS projects that will allow them to earn future service hours.

While the IB Diploma Programme is officially IB Authorized, the IB Middle Years Programme (DHS in partnership with Calhoun Middle School) is working to become IB MYP Authorized. The IB MYP Application B will be filed with International Baccalaureate in November, 2008. Teachers at both CMS and DHS are working to develop MYP class outlines and units of study that promote inquiry based learning and problem solving skills.

A Big THANK YOU to ALL TEACHERS (grades 6-12) that have spent time in IB workshops, and that have and are implementing lessons and units of study that support the IB educational philosophies.

~Lynn Singletary



Denton County Health Department Influenza (Flu) Immunization Clinics

Denton Clinic:

Lewisville Clinic:

Friday, October 3, 2008; 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Lewisville Health department

190 N. Valley Pkwy, Suite 203, Lewisville

The most up to date vaccination information can be found on the Denton County Health Department's Flu Vaccination Hotline at 940-349-2906. Denton County Health Department 940-349-2900.

Clinics are open to everyone. Cost will be \$20. Only cash is accepted.

Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP accepted as payment. Make sure to bring your card with you at time of service.



TPSA Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Planned

The Texas Public Service Association (TPSA) is a student-based Criminal Justice Organization. Students from all three Denton ISD High Schools are having their first Murder Mystery Dinner of the year in conjunction with the Culinary Arts Students.

The title of the dinner is Murder at the Mafia Masquerade

Date: October 30th

Tickets are \$20.00 for one or \$35.00 for 2.

Diners to dress in Halloween costumes!

Contacts: David Fears at dfears@dentonisd.org or Chef Niles at pniles@dentonisd.org or Chef Sayne at rsayne@dentonisd.org for ticket information. Seats are limited.



Counselor's Grief Group

Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? If so, you may benefit from the Counselor's Grief Group. The small group sessions will start October 9th. If interested, sign up with Mrs. Pryor, the counselor's secretary by October 3, 2008.



Contact the RIGHT Person at DHS!

COUNSELORS & ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS 2008-2009

*A-E: Molly Tait / 504 ext. 2019

Aaron Frederick ext. 2005

*F-L: Christopher Lydia /Dual Credit ext. 2012

Howard Palmer ext. 2004

*M-R: Dottie McEuin /ESL ext. 2018

Bill Miegel ext. 2100

*S-Z: Doretha Hudspeth/ Lead Counselor ext. 2017

Donna Lawyer ext. 2007

* Career Counselor: Kimberly Keith ext. 2020

*Student Assistance Counselor:

Kati Willis ext. 2180

*Communities In School Counselor:

Stephanie Sutton ext. 2024

Denton High School offers English classes to parents for free!

Parents and family members of Denton ISD students who want to improve their English are welcome to attend on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. in room 105 at Denton High School. Mr. Slade teaches the class; he can answer questions at wslade@dentonisd.org or 940-369-2218.

CLASE DE INGLES PARA ADULTOS

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:



DHS Pep Club New to Campus

President – Ana Luisa Aguilar

Vice President – Megan Simmons

Treasurer – Allen White

Secretary – Kelsey Lee

Senior Class Rep – Michelle Williams

Junior. Class Rep – Ashley Goyne

Sophomore Class Rep – Lilac Langaroodi

Freshman Class Rep – Linda Harper

Historian – Ashley Jackson

Sponsor – Caroline Renfro

Co- Sponsor – Melissa Simmons

DHS Pep Club had its first meeting on Wednesday, September 17. We had pizzas and sodas and 50 new members.



Our officers were elected on September 24, 2008. Our first Pep Rally was Homecoming. We decorated the football locker rooms and gave baked goodies to the players and coaches. Thirty three members showed up at the DHS v. Wichita Falls Homecoming game. At our next meeting we will be decorating signs for our DHS versus Ryan game on Friday, October 3. GO BRONX!!!
~Caroline Renfro



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