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William Slade—Denton High School's Teacher of the Year

It is with great pride that we announce ESL English teacher, William Slade, as the Denton High School 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year. Mr. Slade began his career at Denton High School as a student, taking many Advanced Placement classes and distinguishing himself for kindness as well as academics.

After graduating from University of Texas at Austin, Texas, he spent two years teaching English as a Second Language to adults and teens in Ecuador. He joined the Denton High School teaching staff in the fall of 2005 and currently teaches all levels of E.S.L. classes here at D.H.S. His expertise, like his dedication, is inexhaustible. He is most often found in his classroom early in the morning and late in the evening working with students and parents. Because he expects the best from his students, they achieve for him.

Seeing an increasing need for parent-centered E.S.L. classes at D.H.S., Mr. Slade implemented a community program, and once a week he offers parents in the community the opportunity to take English classes free of charge at Denton High School. Combined with his efforts in the classroom and within the community, Mr. Slade makes a difference in the lives of students, parents, faculty, and community members.

Mr. Slade is a quiet, determined man with a passion for education. Bronco students, faculty, and staff are honored that Mr. Slade continues to call Denton High School home. Congratulations to Denton High School 2007-2008 Teacher of the Year, Mr. William Slade!



Mr. Finch receives the *Green Apple Award*



DHS Math teacher Bill Finch has been selected by Michigan State University, Department of Engineering, as the 2008 recipient of the *Green Apple Award*. He was nominated by his former student, a Midwestern State University senior, Saurav Shrestha.

This award is initiated by a graduating senior from MSU and is given to a kindergarten through 12th grade teacher, who has been a major influence in encouraging the student and others toward degrees in engineering. Mr. Finch will receive the award at the MSU Alumni Awards banquet on May 3 and also will be recognized on May 4 at the MSU graduation ceremony.

The letter from MSU to Mr. Finch said, "The College of Engineering feels that the inspiration and passion of K-12 teachers such as yourself are critical to motivating the most talented to pursue engineering careers at a time when many are choosing other directions."



Student Council

As the year begins winding down, the Denton High School Student Council is determined to finish strong and continue working in the community until the end of school. The Student Council's major concerns this month have been helping a neighbor elementary school, Evers Elementary, and preparing for prom.



The Student Council has graciously given their time to help tutor first grade students in math. In light of the recent TAKS testing, members volunteered at Evers to help struggling students excel in mathematics. The members have been able to give the one-on-one attention that many of the students needed. In addition to daily tutoring, the DHS Student Council has been helping organize the Evers Cinco de Mayo carnival. The carnival is the Student Council's major spring community service project. Members are hanging signs, organizing booths and helping run the carnival so that the parents can enjoy the festivities with their children.

With prom coming soon, Kyle Kristoferson, the senior class president, along with Seth Ramey, the Student Council President, have been busy securing the details to ensure a fun and safe prom. In order to encourage students to stay safe on prom night, the Drug Alcohol Health and Safety committee, chaired by senior Fred Warzwick, is executing a Prom Promise project, in which students will promise to be alcohol free.

~Mrs. Beth Hughes



Yearbook Signing Party!

A big yearbook signing party will be held in Gym 2 when the yearbooks arrive. Students who have already purchased a book will receive an invitation to the party with date and time. If you have not received your invitation by May 2, come by Room 207 and get it.

No more yearbooks will be sold until distribution day in early May. Students who want to buy a book on distribution day and would like to come to the yearbook signing party at 3:15 in Gym 2, can purchase a ticket to the party for \$2.00. See Jessica Baker in Room 207 during 3A.

The first 200 students to pick up their pre-purchased books in Gym 2 on distribution day will receive a free goodie bag with pictures, a signing pen, Bronco stuff and coupons from local businesses.

After distribution, yearbooks will cost \$70.36. They can be purchased outside Room 205. Distribution times will be posted.



Special Request

I am looking for old scrabble games for vocabulary and bingo. I would greatly appreciate any medical books or anatomy books for my class. Thanks for your help!

~Mrs. Sheila Temple – 940-369-2224



FIESTA ON THE FAIRWAY!

2nd Annual

Pay-It-Forward

Golf Tournament

Oakmont Country Club

Corinth, Texas

May 5, 2008

9:00am Shotgun Start

Benefiting students in Denton ISD

who are blind and visually impaired

Questions? Contact: [Lisa Hanson](#) 940-369-4098



Laureate Awards

The Denton High School English Department will host the Ninth Annual English Department Laureate Awards on April 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Denton High School Cafeteria. English teachers will honor outstanding students from their English, Reading, and ESOL classes. Student excellence in reading, writing, and discussion--as well as attitude, diligence and improvement--will be commended. Each selected student will receive a medal and a special certificate. Refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed by all attendees.



AP Testing

Advanced Placement (AP) testing will take place the weeks of May 5 and May 16, 2008. The testing, under the auspices of the College Board, will take place mainly at Denton High School, with a few sessions being held at the Professional Development Center (PDC) on Bolivar Street.

The Advanced Placement Examination program is a program whereby students may take college-level courses in high school. Near the end of those demanding and enriching courses, students take AP exams to earn scores which may then be applied by a student's chosen college or university for college credit.

A wide array of AP Examinations are offered in the areas of English, mathematics, history, government, economics, computer science, art, music theory, psychology, and human geography. Students registered for their AP exams in March and will attend AP Pre-Administration meetings to fill out the necessary administrative forms on April 10-11.

Best wishes to all of the AP testers! Your AP teachers are proud of you, and we know you will represent your school and your class well.

~Mrs. Julie Seeley

English Department Head

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INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE UPDATE**APRIL****2008****DENTON HIGH GETS APPROVAL FOR IB PROGRAMME**

Denton High School has received the official approval to offer a program that provides a rigorous college-prep academic curriculum to juniors and seniors. International Baccalaureate of North America has notified the school that they have been “welcomed” into the international community of IB World Schools as a Diploma Programme (DP). The International Baccalaureate North America regional office initially sent a letter of program approval in early February, while an official letter from the IB Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, arrived several weeks later. The official certificate of IB World School designation is being framed for display in our DHS office.

Since the ‘Official Letter’

Receiving the designation of IB World School launched public relation efforts spearheaded by our district PR person, Sharon Cox. Thanks to her efforts, a news conference to announce our IB World School status was scheduled. DHS was highlighted in the recent district tour, “Come Watch Us Grow,” a news release was distributed to area newspapers, and an IB Parent Meeting was organized to inform all DISD parents of freshmen and sophomores of the IB Diploma Programme.

- **March 11-News Conference**

Darrell Muncy, principal of Denton High School, announced that Denton High School had been welcomed in the “IB World School” family. Dr. Ray Braswell, DISD Superintendent, spoke of the opportunities for students the IB Diploma Programme offers. Mr. Jamie Wilson, deputy superintendent of DISD, offered congratulations and addressed the two-year IB authorization process that Denton High School had invested in to bring the IB authorization to a reality. The news conference was covered by WFAA Channel 8 and was presented at the 5 p.m. timeslot.

- **March 12-“Come Watch Us Grow Tour”**

Mr. Muncy was the keynote speaker of the “Come Watch Us Grow” luncheon. Realtors from all surrounding areas of Denton ISD had toured new schools in the district and received handouts highlighting the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme. Upon the return trip to Denton, Mr. Muncy, Ms. Rene Koontz, Mr. Wilson and Dr. Singletary provided additional IB information to each group.

- **March 14-Network letter from Dr. Braswell**

Each DISD employee received the DISD newsletter, *Network*, as paychecks were distributed. The March issue began with a letter from Dr. Braswell announcing the IB World School status. The letter explained a bit of the authorization process and the Diploma Programme opportunities. Authorization steps are continuing to be pursued at the Newton Rayzor and Evers Elementary Schools with the Primary Years Programme and at Calhoun Middle School and DHS for the Middle Years Programme.

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International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
Education for Life

- **March 25-Denton Record Chronicle**

The news release provided by Sharon Cox was crafted into an article, interviews with Dr. Singletary and Philip King, DHS student, provided quotes and insight into the Diploma Programme.

- **April 1, 2008-International Baccalaureate Parent Meeting**

Letters were sent inviting the parents of all freshmen and sophomore students in DISD to come to an IB informational meeting that was held at the district's PDC. Parents and students heard Jamie Wilson, deputy superintendent, Vicky Christenson, director of secondary curriculum, Darrell Muncy, DHS principal, Gwen Perkins, DHS associate principal and Lynn Singletary, IB coordinator present a brief history of IB, IB and Denton ISD, IB at DHS, and Diploma Programme specifics with the help of a Power Point presentation. Handouts included a press release, Diploma Programme Brochure, IB Q & A, and DP course descriptions. Diploma Programme applications were distributed to interested students and parents. The presentation and information has been posted to the DHS IB webpage within a folder entitled IB Parent Meeting, April, 1, 2008.

- **March and April, 2008**

Parent and student interest in the IB Diploma Programme at DHS has manifested itself in a wealth of emails and phone calls. Responses have been generated and questions have been answered.

- **April**

IB Diploma Programme Conferences will be scheduled. Parents and students will be involved in these individual conferences with the IB Coordinator. During the conference program expectations will be shared, and students will select their DP courses.

What Else?

While DHS has been in the limelight with its IB World School status, the more mundane issues of programme development continue. Teachers are attending IB workshops and are being registered for summer IB workshops with both the Diploma Programme and Middle Years Programme.

Calhoun Middle School and Denton High School hosted Ted Williams, their assigned IB Consultant, for the MYP Part B Application, during December, 2007. Mr. Williams responded to the visit with an official IB reflective piece. The document highlighted outstanding efforts at CMS and DHS and made suggestions for MYP implementation at each campus. Janet Parker, IB Coordinator Designate, Calhoun MS and Lynn Singletary, IB Coordinator, DHS, responded to the document and the implementation suggestions.

MYP programme development is continuing. Course outlines will be requested in content areas as the school year end nears. Additional components needed for the MYP Application B will be completed during the fall of 2008. The completed MYP Application B will be due in the IBNA New York office by December 1, 2008. An IB Authorization visit for MYP authorization is anticipated during the spring semester of the 2008-2009 school year.



Life in the 21st century, in an interconnected, globalized world, requires critical thinking skills and a sense of international-mindedness, something International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme students learn to understand.

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DECA Details

Mrs. Barbara Goolsby's DECA (Distributive Ed. Clubs of America) Club has been extremely busy this spring. First, **Allie Crouch, Patrick Strickland, Marie Trevino, and Nick Shelby** participated at the DECA District Series Competition in Dallas. If the students won, they would then advance to the State level of competition.

Marie Trevino and Nick Shelby both won at the district level in Business Services Marketing and Marketing Management Services respectively. They were fortunate to enjoy a trip to Corpus Christi to compete at the State level where **Nick Shelby** placed second as an alternate competitor to advance to the National DECA competition level in Atlanta, Georgia. His presence there would be an actuality if any of the first round winners were unable to attend Nationals. **Shelby** did not get the call, but enjoyed the glory of his win. We are very proud of all our DECA competitors and feel the experience alone was well worth the time and effort of competition. Our hats are off to you!!

Additionally, the DECA Club is gearing up to host our end of the year Employer Appreciation Dinner at the Oakmont Country Club on May 8. This event is a wonderful evening of fellowship, award presentations, and exquisite dining. This is our way of showing the community how much we appreciate their support and involvement in our business and marketing vocational work study co-op programs. The event is completely funded and provided by the hard work each business/marketing co-op student pours into the DHS school store.

All of those students get to experience entrepreneurship and real-world ownership/management of a business, as Mrs. Goolsby instills the working aspects of the store into her curriculum. The students are solely responsible for the success or demise of the store. Fortunately, for the entire student body and staff at DHS, they choose success. Mrs. Goolsby feels her students always choose "success" because they have a vested interest in making money for their student activities account and offering products they believe will appeal to their customers. On behalf of the DHS DECA Club and Mrs. Goolsby, we would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for continuing to patronize our store and hope we may be fortunate to serve you for many years to come.



UIL Ready Writing

The DHS UIL Ready Writing Team competed at the district meet at Guyer High School on March 28. I am proud to report that Joseph Tucker (12) placed first in district, and Bess Whitby (12) placed third. Lucy Croft (12) also made a good showing. Joe and Bess will travel with their coach and the rest of the UIL Academics team, to the UIL Regional Meet in San Angelo, Texas on April 11-12. We wish them luck and inspiration. May the Muses smile upon them!

Ready Writing is an extemporaneous essay writing competition in which students are allotted two hours to write an essay in response to their choice of one of the two prompts provided. No materials except a pen, paper, dictionary, and thesaurus may be used in the creation of the composition. Ready Writing essays are judged based on interest, organization, and correctness.

~Mrs. Julie Seeley

English Department Head



It was a clean sweep! Congratulations to the UIL Math Club!

All UIL Math Club members need to be congratulated. They define Bronco Pride. The following with hard work, determination and spirit dominated their competition at the UIL District meet on

Saturday, March 29. It was a **clean sweep** in the math, science and computer science events. All of the teams advanced to compete at the Regional Meet in San Angelo on April 11. The UIL Math Teams are coached by Fred Mueller. Math Club is sponsored by Fred



Mueller and Daniel Koren. Computer Science is coached by Barry Wagner.

First Place Calculator Applications Team: Taerim Kim, Somak Das, Andy Burtch, Trevor Davila

First Place Mathematics Team: Somak Das, Taerim Kim, Hee Jun Kim, Peter Hu

First Place Science Team: Peter Hu, Somak Das, Andy Burtch, Hee Jun Kim, Peter K, Trevor Davila

First Place Computer Science Team: Somak Das, Trevor Davila, Taerim Kim, Jackson Zhou

AND THE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.....

Taerim Kim: 1'st Computer Science, 1'st Calculator Applications, 3'rd Mathematics

Somak Das: 1'st Mathematics, 2'nd Calculator Applications, 3'rd (Tie) Computer Applications

Peter Hu: 2'nd Number Sense, 5'th Science

Hee Jun Kim: 5'th Mathematics

Trevor Davila: 2'nd Computer Science, 3'rd Number Sense

Eric Willis: 5'th Number Sense

Jackson Zhou: 3'rd (Tie) Computer Applications

**It was a great Saturday for Bronco Math & Science
UIL Academics !**

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement along the way.

~Mr. Fred Mueller

Math



Car Wash Success



The Class of 2011 held a fundraising car wash at Taco Bueno. All had a good time and thanks to all of the students that helped!

~Mr. Kevin Carmona

Class of 2009

Junior Class News

Please remember to volunteer in fundraising for the junior class. If there is any way you can help with the following events we would appreciate your help by working or attending the

event.

April 26 10:00 – 4:00 Carwash at the Firestone on University

May – Sonic Cards

We will be selling Sonic Discount Cards

May 18 2:00 – 4:00 Beth Marie's Ice Cream

August 16 8:00 – 2:00 Garage Sale

We need donations and people to help on the day of the sale and the day before to price and set up items.

November 1 & 2 – All day Texas Motor Speedway

We will be working a concession stand on either one or both of those dates. You must be 18 years of age to work the concession stand. If you can help with any of the above events or have questions/ suggestions you may contact the class of 2009 sponsors:

Renee Koontz 940.369.2023 or rkoontz@dentonisd.org

Dee Binder 940.369.2241 or dbinder@dentonisd.org

Also check out the Class of 2009 website at <http://www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs>

Your class officers

Laural Mc Donald

Trent Erwin

~Mrs. Renee Koontz

Macy Koontz

Gwendwr Meredith



Nurse's Notes



Make summer fun!

Sun safety:

Slip - on a shirt,

Slap - on a hat,

Slop - on 15 SPF or higher sunscreen,

Wrap - on sunglasses.

Tanning beds are very hazardous to your health-

For a beautiful bronzed look try one of the new Tan-in-a-Bottle products.

Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac Exposure:

Consider using a preventative OTC product. Ivy Block can reduce the risk of a rash, but when walking in areas where poison plants may grow, you should still wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks.

Remove clothes inside out.

Immediately wash with soap & water

Follow with rubbing alcohol.

One last FYI:

If you student is given an Immunization notice, they must bring the official record of required shots with them to Registration in Aug. They will not be able to register without it.

In order to prevent the record from possibly becoming misplaced, please do not drop it off during the summer.

After Summer Break, I will be back in my office on Aug. 7th.

~Mrs. Cindy Yousko, RN

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DHS School Nurse



Cyberbullying

What is Cyberbullying?

Also referred to as "internet bullying" – Use of the internet or other digital devices to send or post negative messages, images, or video clips about others.

Cyberbullying can take the form of posting or sending mean, intimidating, threatening, embarrassing comments and/or using images on chat rooms, message boards, websites, social networking sites, online gaming sites, cell phones, instant messages, or email.

Cyberbullying causes feelings of fear, isolation, and humiliation in individuals being targeted. It has been linked to numerous teen suicides throughout the country and many states are in the process of passing legislation to address the issue.

Tips for Parents:

1. Set – age appropriate guidelines for internet use, including restricted access to some sites and a time limit for use.
2. Monitor your child's use: place a computer in a common area, rather than in a child's bedroom.
3. Make it clear to your children that intentionally embarrassing or hurting others' feelings is not acceptable behavior and clarify the consequence.
4. Encourage them to report any bullying behavior so that it can be addressed before someone is hurt further.

~Ms. Kati Willis



UIL-Regionals

We have DHS students headed for Austin going for the gold. Congratulations to the following students and hats off to all of our UIL students who participated at Regionals.

Computer Science - Coach

Barry Wagner

Jackson Zhou-1st Place *State

Trevor Davila-3rd Place *State

Somak Das-5th place Taerim Kim-7th place

1st Place team State

Number Sense - Coach Fred Mueller

Peter Hu 5th place

Team 2nd Place (Alternate - possible wildcard to State)

Peter Hu Trevor Davila

Somak Das Eric Willis

Social Studies - Coach Michelle DeAngelo

Patrick Burke-3rd Place

Science -

Somak Das - 5th Place

Team 2nd Place (Alternate possible wildcard to State)

Peter Hu Somak Das

Hee Jun Kim Andy Burtch

Mathematics - Coach Fred Mueller

Taerim Kim – 2nd Place State

Team 1st Place - State

Taerim Kim

Somak Das

Hee Jun Kim

Peter Hu

~Mrs. Carol Hyatt

UIL Academic Coordinator





The Central Garden Goes Global



At the heart of Denton High School lies a courtyard. Little more than a slab of concrete and four walls, the courtyard's original purpose was to provide a haven to teachers and students alike, during "smoke breaks." As the fifties and sixties faded, and brought Denton

High School into more health-conscious decades, the garden eventually grew over and served as little more than an eye-sore; that was until this year. Energy and Environment has always titled one of the many Student Council committees that serve Denton High School. Usually geared at educating students about recycling and littering, this year's committee chose to take their cause a step further, and the result - - **The Renaissance International Garden.**

The project, piloted by Mrs. Kim Thaggard and the Energy Committee, started in September of this school year. After thorough planning and research we immediately started the phases of the garden's transformation. The first phase of the project was essentially a large clean-up effort, which included cleaning out the flower beds, replacing old water fixtures, and repainting. We are currently finishing the second phase of our project, which includes installation of a new fountain, building a "chessboard" table completely from recycled materials, and finally compiling a fully functioning compost heap. The final phase of the project will include adding all of the vegetation to the flower beds as well as concluding the garden's classroom area, complete with chalkboards and seating for ten to fifteen students. Using a global theme each plant bed represents a different continent that houses flowers and plants native to their respective region. For example, in our African garden we just recently finished installing several "African Bottle Trees," modeled after the Masai tribe's practice in Kenya. After completion of the project, DHS Student Council will provide information to the student body regarding the types of plants that are in the courtyard area and how they can help to preserve them.

It is the hope of the Denton High School Student Council that a complete redevelopment of the courtyard area will create a space where the students can adopt a new pride in their school and in the incredible education that they will receive here. We also feel that creating a space with a global theme will help students, to not only see, but to experience a natural world that looks different than their own. As a classroom the garden will provide different scenery for teachers as well, one that will grant fresh air and a calm feeling to their students, one that will not feel as confined or as mechanical as their traditional space. As a recently knighted IB school the courtyard exemplifies all that we hope to provide here at Denton High School to our future students - - an education in global care, global concern, and global mindedness.

~Mrs. Kimberly Villarreal Thaggard

2008-2009 PTSA Board Members

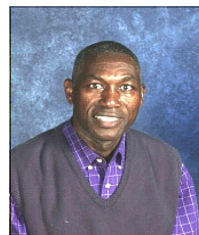


- Presidents: Eva Poole, Grace Chalon
- Vice President: Beth Patterson
- Treasurer: Janet Shelton
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- Renaissance: Cindy Schleinat, Kayla Swenson, Christy Aiken
- Art in Education: Jennifer Morales
- Legislative Representative: Mia Price
- Campus Leadership Team: Beth Patterson, Walter Eagleton, Janet Shelton
- Parliamentarian: Kayla Marsh



Ben Moturi receives Arc's 2008 SPED Teacher Award

Ben Moturi was honored with the Arc of Denton County's 2008 High School Special Education Teacher of the Year Award—Denton High School on April 21 at its annual awards banquet.



Arc is a nonprofit organization benefiting people with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Moturi teaches adapted life skills at DHS, and his teaching experience spans 14 years, with six of those years being spent in the Denton Independent School District (DISD).

He is also an assistant coach for the DHS track team, having participated in the Olympics, Boston Marathon and many other athletic events where he's won numerous awards.

Mr. Moturi believes you have to believe in yourself and be happy about what you do. "Dealing with what I love to do day in, day out gives me an inward reward of a healthy feeling," he says. He believes teachers are entrusted to teach students academic strategies and to implement life skills, and that's equally true for special needs students.

Originally from Kenya, Mr. Moturi is a kind and gentle teacher that genuinely cares for his mentally and physically challenged students. He's patient and strives to educate his students to the best of their learning ability.

It's a long way from Kenya to Denton High School, but many have benefited from Ben Moturi's journey.

~Mrs. Janet McDaniel



University of North Texas Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Robocamp 2008 Camp Program

Check out the details at: <http://www.cse.unt.edu/~dkeathly/robocamp/>

State Honors DHS Teachers!



Social Studies teachers **Beth Hughes** and **Carol Hyatt**, have been named two of the four finalists for the Frank Kemerer Award, presented by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals and the *Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest*.

A longtime professor for the College of Education at the University of North Texas, Frank Kemerer has established a tradition of excellence in the field of Social Studies. The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding social studies teachers in Texas at the high school level. The award will be given at the TASSP annual conference on June 10 at the Austin Convention Center in Austin.

Beth Hughes has taught at Denton High School since 1993, and is currently in her 15th year of teaching on our campus. Mrs. Hughes taught for one year in Arkansas before coming to Texas, where she has been an outstanding member of our faculty team. She currently teaches Pre-AP World Geography and student leadership classes, as well as sponsors the Student Council and Junior/Senior Prom.

Mrs. Hughes says that "being a part of a Texas award-winning student council that is supported by our staff and administration." The projects they plan and implement mirror real life experiences and it is her hope that her students will develop into competitors in a global economy they understand one day; ultimately, reaching their goals. Knowing that the roots of that process can be traced back to a time where she challenged and cared about them, brings Mrs. Hughes great satisfaction.

Mrs. Hughes shares that her son deserves much credit for her feelings about teaching; "The patience and compassion I have gained, and my renewed charge to be the very best teacher I can be, is because of my new perspective as a mother – 'every child counts.' As she looks around her room she says to herself, "Somebody's most precious child is sitting in my room, and that parent is depending on me to determine how to reach their child and to meet them where their skills are currently."



Carol Hyatt is currently in her twelfth year of teaching at Denton High School. However, she has spent the past eighteen years as a Texas teacher. She began her career teaching Social Studies at Lindsay High School, a 1-A high school, where, she says affectionately, she had the golden opportunity to teach all fields of Social Studies every day (history, government, economics, and geography) to 8th grade through 12th grade students. The rigor of her day included 8th grade American History, 9th grade American History, 10th grade Geography, 11th grade World History, 11th Honors World History, 12th grade Government one semester and Economics the second semester. Mrs. Hyatt currently teaches Advanced Placement Economics and regular Economics to juniors and seniors at Denton High School.

As a member of both the National and Texas Council for Economic Education, Mrs. Hyatt actively works in developing methods and strategies for teaching economics more effectively. In 2004, she organized an economic teachers group, TINSTAFL (There Is No Such Thing As A Free Lunch); an organization comprised of economics teachers throughout North Texas. TINSTAFL meets three times a year to share ideas, lessons, and have other activities (guest speakers). In addition, Mrs. Hyatt works closely with the University of North Texas Council Center for Economic Education and is an active member of the Texas Council for Economic Education Teacher Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Hyatt also recently was named the Economics Education Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Council of Economic Educators. She received that award from her colleagues on February 15th in Austin, Texas at the State Capitol.

~Mrs. Gwen Perkins
Associate Principal

English as a Second Language

Parents' ESL Class!

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. Communities in Schools 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.

Mr. Slade enseña una clase para familiares de estudiantes en la ciudad de Denton que quieren mejorar su nivel en el inglés. Se utilizan canciones, cuentos en grupo, lectura, actividades en computadora, conversación y más. *Communities in Schools* brinda un servicio de cuidar niños en el salón al lado. ¡Inscripción es gratis; venga cada martes!