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## Muncy's Message

Bronco Nation,

With a quick glimpse of our Bronco Calendar it is obvious that our English Language Arts TAKS test is only one week away. Tuesday, March 1, 2011 all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will be in their grade level zones taking their grade level TAKS test. Our schedule will be altered for the day since TAKS tests are untimed. It is our goal to provide our kids an unrushed, unpressured environment. Seniors who have already passed the ELA exit level TAKS test will have late arrival at 12:30 p.m. Please find below a tentative schedule for the day.

ELA TAKS Day - Tuesday March 1, 2011

8:50 – 9:00 a.m. Roll Call and instructions in Zone

9:00 – Noon Students in Zone testing

Noon begin Collapsing Freshmen Classes

Freshmen Lunch 12:15 – 12:45

Sophomore Lunch 1:00 – 1:30

Junior Lunch 1:45 – 2:15

Fourth Block 2:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

By now it is common knowledge that the DISD will have a "Modified Block" schedule next year allowing us more flexibility in teacher/student schedules. We are excited about this move and believe it will help us better serve the needs of our kids and provide them more academic opportunities. One proposal is to allow all juniors and seniors an additional release period during the day pending they are on track to graduate. It is just another motivating factor for our kids to pass their classes and take the TAKS test seriously. I have also included a copy of the modified block for your perusal.

### Modified Block/Tentative Schedule for 2011-2012

1<sup>st</sup> Block 8:50 – 9:45

2A/2B 9:50 – 11:20

3A/3B 11:25 – 1:35

4A/4B 1:40 – 3:10

5<sup>th</sup> Block 3:15 – 4:10

Lunches

11:20 – 11:50

11:55 – 12:25

12:30 – 1:00

1:05 – 1:35

With a little luck we will avoid more ice storms. What is important, Spring Break is just around the corner and I hope you all have a great time with a planned five-day vacation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or come by.

Darrell

Please visit us on the web at <http://www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs/site/default.asp>

## Chess Club Excels at Tournament

On Saturday, January 15th, members of the DHS Chess Club competed for the first time ever as representatives of the Bronco Nation. Six club members along with volunteer coach Dr. Alexey Root and sponsor Fred Mueller journeyed to Lovejoy High School in Allen for the Texas Region III Championship Tournament.



Competing on behalf of DHS were Alex Elizalde, William Root, Sam Holdeman, Luis Guevara, Austin McGregor, and Sanket Dahotre.

- (1) Luis Guevara won 1st Place Individual in the Under-800 Rated High School Division
- (2) Luis Guevara & Alex Elizalde won 2nd Place in the Under-800 Rated High School Team
- (3) William Root won 1st Place in the High School Open Division
- (4) Austin McGregor won 4th Place in the High School Open Division
- (5) William, Austin, Sam, and Sanket combined their talents to win 1st Place team in the High School Open Division.



As you can imagine Dr. Root and I are extremely proud of these students and their accomplishments. First place team in the Open Division is about as good as it gets at a regional championship, and second place team in the Under-800 Division is also an amazing accomplishment.

A big thank you for everyone's support.

Fred Mueller  
Math & Chess Club Sponsor, UIL Academics Coach  
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## **Broncos Represent at UIL Invitational**

Please congratulate all of the below listed students. They represented DHS with Bronco Pride at a recent UIL Academic Invitational Meet at Flower Mound HS. The competition was fierce with over 25 schools, including several magnet schools, participating in the event. Special congratulations should be extended to Coaches Bogomol and Seeley and their students:

RJ Ponder for his 3rd place overall finish in Headline Writing, and  
Amy Dierdorf for her 5th place overall finish in Ready Writing.

The students that gave up their Saturday to compete for DHS were:

Sebastian Lowrey, Yang Chen, Wade Cope, Surya Raghavendran, Alvin Gao, Chris Murillo, Kris Carmona, John Carmona, Anthony Milbitz, Omar Akram, Karti Chaturvedi, William Root, Sihai Tang, Sam Holdeman, Sanket Dahotre, Francesca Farris, Iruna Kharel, Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu, RJ Ponder, Jamritce Keating, Haley Vaughn, Amara Bradetich, Travis Kelly, Swikar Oli, Amy Dierdorf, and Jessica Collins.

Congratulations also to Coaches Dena Puente, Sandra Dieckman and Barry Wagner for their hard work in preparing our students for these UIL events.

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## **Date Set For Junior/Senior Prom**

The DHS Junior/Senior Prom will be hosted at the UNT Gateway on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The theme is "Under the Moroccan Moon". Regular tickets will be on sale in March and will be \$25. Any tickets sold beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> will cost \$30. This fee will include a dessert buffet including a chocolate fountain, beverages, prom T-shirt, and entrance into the dance. Professional picture packages will be available for purchase at the event, if you would like to take advantage of this additional service. See Mrs. Thaggard or Mrs. Hughes with any questions about Prom.

## **IB North Texas College Night**

IB Students, including incoming sophomores, attended the North Texas IB College Night on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Pat May Center in the Hurst, Euless, and Bedford school district. Over 40 universities were

present, including UT, Texas A&M, Rice, Columbia, and the University of Nebraska.



*Chinwe Watkins and Irene Njagu, IB juniors*

Aimed at recruiting IB students specifically, the event provided information about college entrance requirements, scholarships, and college credit awarded to IB Diploma graduates. DHS will make plans to attend this annual event again next January!

## **International Baccalaureate Students begin MYP Projects**

The International Baccalaureate MYP Personal Project has been put in motion, and the project ideas are looking great! This year the MYP Personal Project is being presented through our sophomore AP World History classes, and the topic is: The Enlightenment. Each student will attempt to answer a "big question" surrounding their choice of subject matter. Students from the above classes will present both a paper analysis of their research, as well as a separate piece of personal expression, including, but not limited to: original art work, music, sculpture, music videos and film. The projects are due on April 8, 2011 and will be displayed in the practice gym here at Denton High School during our "**First Annual Personal Project Fair**".

For more information, contact Kimberly Villarreal-Thaggard at [kthaggard@dentonisd.org](mailto:kthaggard@dentonisd.org).



## **Caps and Gowns Needed**

Are your older brothers' and sisters' caps and gowns taking up space in your closets?? If so bring these up to DHS for current students who may need assistance with purchasing one. This is a great way to give back to your Denton High School Community!

## **BPA Broncos Qualify for State**

Please congratulate the following Business Professionals of America students:

### **State Qualifiers**

Brittany Broussard- Graphic Design; Brianna Cunningham- Prepared Speech; Alvin Gao- Java Programming; Nathan Place- Entrepreneurship; Kayla Tunnell- Interview Skills; Kathryn Webb- Presentation Management Skills.

### **State Alternates**

Karen Nguyen- Keyboarding Productions; Tyler Copeland- Prepared Speech; Esther Kim- Medical Office Procedures

## **Orchestra Regional Solo and Ensemble Results**

The following students received superior (1 or 1C) ratings at the Region 2 Solo and Ensemble competition. Congratulations to all who participated.

### **Superior Rating:**

DJ Lang (9) Solo Violin  
Eric Cho (9) Solo Violin

### **Superior Rating, advancing to State:**

Yang Chen (10) Solo Violin, Ensemble  
Emily Fu (9) Solo Violin  
Alvin Gao (10) Solo Violin, Ensemble  
Anthony Milbitz (10) Solo Violin  
Alex Martin (11) Solo Viola  
Nathan Place (11) Solo Viola, Ensemble  
John Carmona (9) Solo Cello  
R.J. Ponder (12) Solo Cello  
Anna Ryu (9) Solo Cello  
Kris Carmona (12) Solo Bass, Ensemble  
Amelia Clark (11) Solo Bass, Ensemble  
Beckah Maxwell-Leroy (11) Solo Bass, Ensemble  
Nathan Schafer (11) Ensemble

## ***Upcoming Orchestra Fundraisers***

### **Dallas Stars Game, Wednesday, March 9**

See the Stars play against the Calgary Flames. Great seats are available at a discount, and every ticket sold will help support DHS Orchestras! The order form is at <https://sites.google.com/site/dhsorchestraboosters>: Click on Fundraising to see the Stars!

### **Red Wheel Pies, Breakfast Braids and Cheesecakes!**

Orchestra will begin selling Red Wheel products, including a variety of delicious cheesecakes, pies and breakfast braids, on March 7. Delivery will be on April 21. Find your favorite orchestra student and buy some goodies!

## ***Orchestra Performance Calendar***

March 9: UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest at Guyer High School  
March 10: Orchestra Spring trip to Florida, including performance at DisneyWorld!  
April 14: String Fling! 7pm

## **Band Updates**

By Rachel Block Smith

DHS Band students launched into 2011 by competing and performing in various events. Several band students performed in the pit orchestra for DHS's excellent production of Beauty and the Beast in late January. In addition, several band students were selected for All Region Band and participated in a clinic and outstanding All Region Concert. Many other exciting performances and competitions are scheduled in the upcoming weeks as well.

Congratulations to Andrew Chadwell for making the 2011 Texas Music Educators Association 4A All State Band! He performed in San Antonio during our statewide convention February 9-12. He is one of only five euphonium players in the entire state to achieve this honor.

The joint concert with Grammy-award winning UNT One O'Clock Lab Band and DHS Lab Bands originally scheduled for February 3 was postponed due to inclement weather. Please check [www.dentonjazz.com](http://www.dentonjazz.com) for updates on the rescheduling of this exciting event. Percussion students from DHS and McMath and Calhoun Middle Schools presented a Champions Recital February 24 in DHS Auditorium. The recital featured a selection of percussion solos and ensembles.

Band students will also compete in the UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest at Saginaw High School on February 26.

In addition, select Lab Band 1 musicians will assist in the show choir competition in Keller on February 26.

Finally, Wind Ensemble and Lab Band 1 perform for district staff and visitors at the DISD Fine Arts Gala on March 1 beginning at 7pm at the UNT Murchison Center, and the band prepares for its trip to Orlando during Spring Break.

## Calling All Cinderellas!

If your daughter is thinking of going to prom, then the Denton Area Cinderella Project is one event she won't want to miss! We'll have over 500 formal and semi-formal dresses to choose from and seamstresses available for on-site alterations, all provided at no cost to you. This year's Denton Area Cinderella Project is being held Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 pm and Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am-3 pm at Clark Grill on UNT's campus. For more information and to see some photos of dresses that will be available this year, check out our [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=12949942017) page:

## Baby Pictures Sought of Your DHS Senior

Find a baby photo of your Senior to send for the class slide show. Please put name and Student ID # in the subject line. E-mail to [kcarmona2@dentonisd.org](mailto:kcarmona2@dentonisd.org). Please send photos in .jpg format.

Some seniors are missing a formal senior photo so if you have the formal photo please send that also.

Please also send any action, activity, or school photos. **All photos are due on or before April 25th.**

## Soccer News

Soccer season is here and we are currently in District play, please come and support your DHS Lady Broncos and Broncos on Tuesday & Friday evenings at Bronco Field.

**Senior Night is March 11, 2011 at Bronco Field, come honor our Seniors with us!**

We are also finalizing plans for our annual banquet to be held May 6, 2011 at the ATC, more details to follow.

## Choir Members Performed at State Convention

Congratulations to the following young people that are Texas All State Choir members and performed at the Texas Music Educators Association State Convention in February.

Nicole Thompson, Soprano 2, First chair, Mixed Choir  
Nathan Schafer, Tenor 1, Fourth Chair, Mixed Choir

Mark L. Baker, Choral Director  
[mbaker@dentonisd.org](mailto:mbaker@dentonisd.org) Phone: 940-369-2056

## 2011 Grad Night

Get your ticket for the Class of 2011 Graduation Night Party.

For those of you who don't know, the class of 2011 is planning for the biggest Mardi Gras themed party ever. Your attendance will make you eligible to receive exclusive gifts such as lap tops, i-pads, i-pods, computers, flat screen t.v.'s, and much much more! Look out for your personal invitation, ticket, or t-shirt (for VIP students).



Anyone who purchases a Grad Night ticket between now and Prom will automatically be entered to receive a free \$25 gift card to Denton Florist to use for prom and a VIP Grad Night t-shirt. Look out for Grad Night representatives at your club meetings, selective lunch hours, and delivered in the mail for more details.

## Air Force JROTC Headquarters Inspection

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala. – The Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets of Denton High School earned an overall unit assessment score of “Exceeds Standards”....the highest rating attainable during their rated unit evaluation on January 18, 2011.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert West (USAF, Retired), and Master Sergeant David Ashcraft (USAF, Retired) created a dynamic and supportive learning environment coupled with an excellent community outreach. The instructors were providing outstanding leadership in administering the cadet centered citizenship program. The Denton High School cadets performed exceptionally well and took great pride in leading and accomplishing their unit goals.

The Denton High School Air Force Junior ROTC citizenship program is making a positive impact on the cadets, the school and community.

## DHS Jr. Cheer Clinic Set for February 26.

Ages PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Registration forms are found on [www.dentonisd.org/dhs](http://www.dentonisd.org/dhs) Cheerleader's website or contact [cpollard@dentonisd.org](mailto:cpollard@dentonisd.org).

DHS Cheer Tryouts for 2011-2012

Meeting for those interested on February 22, 2011 at 6:30pm. All information is found on [www.dentonisd.org/dhs](http://www.dentonisd.org/dhs) Cheerleader's website or contact [cpollard@dentonisd.org](mailto:cpollard@dentonisd.org).

## DHS and Korean Teachers Participate in Cultural Exchanges

By H. Janet McDaniel

Each year the Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC) sponsors a Fulbright Korean Teacher Program through Texas Woman's University, and this was the fourth year for Denton High School to participate in the program.

Korean teachers of English arrived at DFW Airport amidst ice and snow on February 3, one day later than planned due to weather, and were delivered to hoststay families' homes via airport shuttle. During the next few days, as schools were closed and people were stranded inside their homes, the teachers and family members adjusted to the convergence of two cultures.



Monday February 7 arrived, and melted ice allowed the program to commence, two school days later than planned. DHS's two Korean teachers, Young Ji Bae (Connie) and Uhn Jeong Sang (Jenny) greeted their mentor teacher, Matt Rainey, and the exchange of cultures with DHS students and teachers began.

Mr. Rainey's responsibilities included arranging for Connie and Jenny to observe a variety of classes, co-teach portions of ESL lessons and schedule time for them to give cultural presentations to DHS students.

Normally the Korean teachers are expected to deliver five-to-seven presentations, but weather

delayed time restrictions allowed for only three presentations to students in the DHS Lecture Hall.

Connie and Jenny raved about their classroom observations, and were appreciative of the teachers allowing them to be a part of their classes for that purpose, according to hoststay "mom" Janet McDaniel, DHS Special Education teacher.

DHS teachers who participated in the observations were Jennifer Phillips, Julie Love, Chris Puente, William Finch, Zachary Harms, Kevin Zahner, Scott Spaulding and Matt Rainey.

Mentor Teacher Matt Rainey said, "It was a pleasure having Jenny and Connie at Denton High School. I was especially impressed with how well they adapted to the "modified" schedule they received after our unexpected winter break. It was truly a great experience, and I couldn't have asked for two better mentorees than Connie and Jenny."



*(l to r) Young Ji Bae (Connie), DHS ESL teacher Matt Rainey, and Uhn Jeong Sang (Jenny) getting ready to review the day's modified schedule.*

The TIEC Fulbright program requires Korean teachers to attend orientations in Austin, Texas, for four weeks before being dispersed into different Texas cities, where they stay with homestay host families. They participate in a cultural exchange in schools for two weeks before returning to Austin for three days, then back to Korea and academia as they know it.

Denton ISD ended up with nine of the 17 teachers brought to Texas, through the program. They left February 15 following a farewell brunch at TWU, amidst tears and hugs for their new families and friends, saying they would always remember this wonderful experience.

## PTSA Recycling Fundraiser

Don't forget to drop off all used electronics, old jewelry, cell phones, printers, etc. at the DHS front office. A drop off box has been provided for your convenience! Any questions? Contact:

Loyce Wilson at [lkwilson@charter.net](mailto:lkwilson@charter.net)

## DHS Swim Team Wraps Another Great Season

Congratulations to the Denton High swim team for a successful season. The men's team earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in Region. The boys 200 Medley Relay, consisting of Anthony Milbitz (backstroke), Cody Knapp (breaststroke), Austin Bailey (butterfly), and DJ Lang (freestyle) earned 1<sup>st</sup> place in region and will be competing at the State Meet this weekend in Austin. Cody Knapp broke a 1989 school record in the 100 breaststroke, which placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in region. Other regional finalists on the boys' team include Hunter Klein, Isaac Bowen, and Levi Tunnel.

The women's team was also successful at the regional meet. Finalists include Beckah Maxwell, Bri Broussard, Sileny Camarillo, Mayra Olvera, Rosalee Bayer, Hanna Hansen, and Kayla McGill.

## ATC Culinary Arts Students Take Awards

We went to competition recently and our students were very successful. If you see any of these students please congratulate them as they worked very hard to win. 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place will advance to the state competition at the end of March.

**Culinary Arts:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Casey Trietsch

**Commercial Baking:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hannah Nier

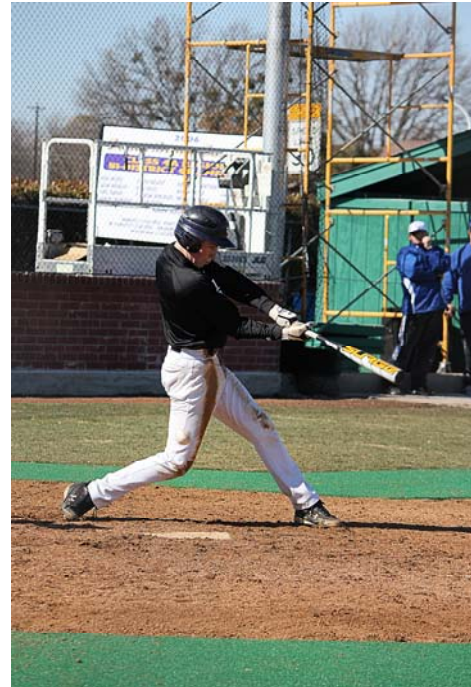
## Bronco's Baseball Diamond Gets a Facelift

With over 40 volunteers on a sunny January Saturday, Bronco Field has taken on an improved look. Things you notice the next time you take in a ball game are: New brick backstop (Thanks in large part to ACME Brick); new netting system (Thanks to Hurricane Fence and Sunbelt Rentals); and flagpole relocated to Center Field.



Upgraded brick wall backstop

Bronco baseball held tryouts in late January and began play in mid February. Check out our website for rosters and schedule times. [www.dentonbroncobaseball.com](http://www.dentonbroncobaseball.com)



Bronco batter taking a cut. (Felts Photography)

The coaching staff for this year is:

Head Coach- Glen Harrison

Assistant Coaches: Bill Watkins, Brandon Melson, David McDougall, Jake Williamson

**Key home district games to remember:**

March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Denison
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wichita Falls
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lake Dallas
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	WF Rider

Come out and show your support for the purple and gold!

## Bronco Volunteers

Did you assist with the Beauty and the Beast production? Or perhaps you assisted with preparations for a DHS concert, DHS competition, or DHS athletic event (concessions included). If you contributed any time, submit your volunteer hours today by going to the **DHS website**. The **DHS Volunteer Database 2010-2011** link is located on the left side of the screen. Thank you for your continued support to our school and community. -Sully Saucedo, DHS-PTSA Volunteer Coordinator

At the elementary level, families commonly assist with homework, eat lunch at school, volunteer as reading tutors, and are a welcomed visible presence in the classroom.

### ***SO... what can you do for your high school student?***

1. Continue to volunteer. PTSA needs committee members and volunteers for 2011-2012.  
If you are interested, please contact Grace Chalon ([gchalon@verizon.net](mailto:gchalon@verizon.net)).
2. Talk with your teenager about school.
3. Help your student make plans for postsecondary education, training, or military service.
4. Focus on learning and homework throughout the year.

**These contributions will lead to success for your student and DHS.**

### **German Students Advance to State**

Recently 12 DHS German students competed against approximately 600 students at Winterfest, the North Texas regional German Arts and Academics competition in Plano. 10 of the 12 have earned the right to compete on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Texas State German Contest at UT- Austin.

Please congratulate the following students when you see them:



Satiana Tanner	Poetry Reading III-- 4 <sup>th</sup> Grammar Test III—3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Comprehension—3 <sup>rd</sup> Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Culture III—6 <sup>th</sup>
Francesca Farris	Poetry Reading IV-- 5 <sup>th</sup> Prose Reading IV—2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading Comprehension IV—4 <sup>th</sup> Spelling Test IV—3 <sup>rd</sup> Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Sight Reading IV—6 <sup>th</sup>
Chris Burke	Sight Reading IV—3 <sup>rd</sup> Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Instrumental Solo—6 <sup>th</sup>
Zulejha Osmani	Prose Reading IV—4 <sup>th</sup> Culture Test IV—4 <sup>th</sup> Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Spelling IV—8 <sup>th</sup>
Lillia Dean	Listening Test I—5 <sup>th</sup> JV Paß auf!—1 <sup>st</sup> Folk costumes—1 <sup>st</sup> Culture I—10 <sup>th</sup>
Christian Luke	Listening Test I—2 <sup>nd</sup> JV Paß auf!—1 <sup>st</sup> Arts & Crafts—2 <sup>nd</sup> Culture I—9 <sup>th</sup>
Elena Souris	Spelling Test II—2 <sup>nd</sup> JV Paß auf!—1 <sup>st</sup> Pastels and Watercolors—2 <sup>nd</sup> Black & White Art—1 <sup>st</sup> Listening Test II—2 <sup>nd</sup> Culture II—8 <sup>th</sup>
Taryn Schuessler	Vocabulary IV—2 <sup>nd</sup> Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Black and White—9 <sup>th</sup> Reading Comprehension IV—10 <sup>th</sup> Spelling IV—7 <sup>th</sup>
Kady Finley	Research Paper—5 <sup>th</sup> T-Shirt Design—3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fatime Osmani	JV Paß auf!—1 <sup>st</sup> Poetry Reading II—8 <sup>th</sup>
Justin Tucker	Paß auf!—3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Comprehension III—10 <sup>th</sup> Culture III—9 <sup>th</sup>
Dauida Rios	Black & White Art—2 <sup>nd</sup> Oils & Acrylics—5 <sup>th</sup>
Denton High School	4A Overall Culture—4 <sup>th</sup> 4A Overall Academics—2 <sup>nd</sup> 4A Sweepstakes—3 <sup>rd</sup>



## Staff Luncheon a Success

The wintry weather had given way to warmer temperatures on January 28, but that didn't stop the DHS faculty and staff from thoroughly enjoying the annual PTSA-sponsored soup luncheon. The atmosphere was definitely sunny as teachers and staff lined up with their bowls. Fifteen crock pots of soup and plentiful baked goods filled the faculty lunchroom--and were subsequently devoured. Many of our teachers and staff mentioned to the PTSA servers that the soup luncheon is their favorite staff appreciation event of the year!



A special "thank you" to the parent volunteers who donated soup or baked goods and to those who stayed to help serve at the event! Your efforts were definitely appreciated!

## Make Education a Priority!

The DHS PTSA supports

- maintaining the current funding level for public schools, which includes projected enrollment growth
- funding for school and community library programs

If it takes money from the Rainy Day fund, then it is time to use that money.

Your voice is key to our efforts to pass laws that protect and enhance the lives of the children of Texas, offering educational opportunity to all. There are many ways that you can be involved:

**Contact your legislator and your governor.** Let them know you want them to work to maintain funding for public schools. Write a letter, call, post to their Facebook page, send them an email or a 'tweet'. Better yet, do all of these! A list of these contacts is available on the DHS PTSA web page.

**Sign up for Legislative Briefings and for Action Alerts.**

**Schedule a meeting with your legislators** in your home district. Legislators are more likely to consider your opinions as a constituent than almost any other.

**Follow the progress of legislation.** To do so log on to the Texas Legislature website: [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us).

**The most important thing to remember is that your voice is important. You CAN and you DO make a difference when you decide to use your voice.**


**Just what is the Rainy Day Fund and why can't lawmakers use it to help close our big budget shortfall?** It was established in 1989 after the oil bust, and it's basically a giant savings account. The fund is replenished every year with natural gas and oil tax revenues. Any tax revenue taken in above the amount collected in 1987 is split: 25 percent goes into the state's general fund and 75 percent is deposited in the Rainy Day Fund. The comptroller estimates the fund will have \$9.4 billion available for the 2012-13 budget that lawmakers are currently writing. The Texas Constitution says money from the fund can be spent to "prevent or eliminate a temporary cash deficiency in general revenue." With the state facing a budget shortfall estimated somewhere between \$15 billion and \$27 billion, if it isn't raining now, it isn't ever going to.

**PTSA Pizza Sales**

Deadline for orders is March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Pick up March 11<sup>th</sup> between 3-5 pm, at DHS.

DHS PTSA is taking orders for Schwan's Pizzas! Delivered right to the school and just in time for Spring Break, these pizzas are sold in mix and match bundles of 3, for the great price of \$20.00!!

You may choose from an assortment of 10 ½ inch pizzas ready for your oven. **Simply fill out the attached order form, and place the order form and payment in the designated box at the front office.** Please feel free to copy order form and sell to your family and friends.

<p><b>MIX OR MATCH Any 3 Pizzas for \$20.00</b></p> <p><b>ORDER DEADLINE MARCH 3; PICKUP MARCH 11, 3-5 PM @ DHS</b></p> <p><b>DENTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA</b></p> 								
Name, Address & Phone Number	Pepperoni	Sausage	Sausage & Pepperoni	Canadian Bacon	Cheese	Supreme	Total # Pizzas	Total Due Each Bundle of 3 - \$20
	1	1	1		3		6	\$40.00
Name								
Address								
Phone								
Drop off orders with payment in front office or mail to:							Total	
Loyce Wilson 732 Seville Rd. Denton, TX 76205  lkwilson@charter.net Cell: 940-367-3302								

**(NOTE: A larger order form is available on the DHS website, via a link on the home page.)**

**Fillie News**

Fillies are taking orders for the Red Wheel Pies - don't miss out on yours!

Jr. Fillies Clinic – April 2<sup>nd</sup> (9am-12pm) @ DHS (ages 3 years old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade). Performance opportunity at Fillies Follies!

FILLIES FOLLIES – April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm

**Bronco Bulletin Counselors' Notes**

**Special points of interest:**

- Spring Break, March 14-18<sup>th</sup>
- TAKS Testing will be in April - Prepare NOW !!!
- Congratulations to RJ Ponder for being a finalist in the Davy O'Brien Scholarship Competition!! Way to Go RJ!!

**FAFSA:** The FAFSA application should be available online. If you are a senior and planning on going to school, tell your parents to complete their taxes ASAP. Then apply to FAFSA at the following website: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

**Dual Credit Classes at DHS:** Interested in taking classes for dual credit here at DHS? Are you in the top quarter of your class? Contact Mr. Christopher Lydia, in the counseling office after spring break if you did not sign up for it on your course registration card, for more information. We will be offering dual credit in U.S. History, PreCal, English 3 & English 4 and Chemistry. Cost per class is \$130.

**Attention Juniors:** Now is the time for you to take SAT or ACT. Sign up this spring at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

**Carl's Junior Scholarship:** Seniors who have a record of academic achievement, school or community leadership & work experience may apply. [www.carlsjr.com/promotions.<p>](http://www.carlsjr.com/promotions.<p>)

**Verification & Schedules:** This spring we will be mailing home a verification letter for you to read and confirm with your parents what classes you will be taking at DHS next year. If changes are to be made please have your parents sign and return to DHS by March 25, 2011. No changes will be made to schedules after the March 25th deadline. Did you hear me, **NO SCHEDULE CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>**. So please remember to turn in verification letters.  
 ~ DHS Counselors

**OSU Open House:** Come visit Stillwater, Oklahoma & see what the Cowboys have to offer. Tour the campus, and learn about academics, scholarships, and residential life. Event is April 10, 2010. Register at: [admissions.okstate.edu](http://admissions.okstate.edu).

## **TAKS Tutoring Available at DHS!!**

### **TAKS Tutorials:**

Mondays– Science 4:00 to 5:30

Tuesdays –Math 8:15 am to 8:45 am & 4-5:30 pm

Wednesdays--Science 4:00 to 5:30

Thursdays– Math 8:15 to 8:45 and 4:00 to 5:30

Saturdays--ELA & Math, 9:00 to Noon.

Teachers have times posted as well!!

## **NCLB Report Card**

Denton ISD has posted district and campus NCLB Report cards to its website at [www.dentonisd.org/NCLBReportCards](http://www.dentonisd.org/NCLBReportCards). Information on these report cards include the assessment results for the district and campus, the performance on adequate yearly progress (AYP) measures, the number and names of Title I schools identified as in need of improvement, and the professional qualifications of teachers.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the web site, hard copies of the reports are available at the district central office or through the campus principal's office.