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Muncy's Message

Bronco Nation,

I am sure you are all aware that the Texas economy has taken a substantial hit which is seriously impacting the public school system. Last week the Denton ISD was forced to non-renew 102 teachers due to budgetary issues. Unfortunately Denton High School had to let go 10 very talented, dedicated, passionate teachers from all corners of the campus. Forced to have that face-to-face conversation was the single most difficult thing I have ever had to do. The Bronco Nation appreciates their commitment and we thank them for the impact they have had on our students.

Parents and/or community members, it is important to voice your feelings about the budget and how it negatively impacts education across the state. We ask that you please contact your elected officials in both the House of Representatives and the State Senate. For a list of local members of the 82nd Legislature, go to the DISD home page and let your voice be heard in Austin!

TAKS Testing

TAKS testing is just around the corner and help is in place. Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. fully certified math, science and social studies teachers are on campus to help your student build confidence in the necessary course objectives. As an added treat we provide lunch at noon for all the students that take advantage of this opportunity. The last two TAKS Saturdays are:

April 16, 2011

April 23, 2011.

If Saturday is not convenient, Tuesday and Thursday math help is available in Room 227 with Mr. Bott from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. For science and social studies, please check the teacher tutorial time posted on the website.

TAKS Dates for 2011

- Tuesday, April 26, 2011, 10th Grade Mathematics
- Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Exit Level Mathematics
- Thursday, April 28, 2011, 9th Grade Mathematics, 10th Grade Science & Exit Level Science
- Friday, April 29, 2011, 10th Grade and Exit Level Social Studies
 - Fitness Testing will be done during this same week in all grade levels.

Remember these simple TAKS tips...

- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Dress comfortably.
- Take your time... TAKS is an untimed test!

We're Growing

With the incoming Class of 2015 Denton High School will officially exceed the 1800 student mark. Our projected student population for 2011/2012 is 1,849 giving us an estimated increase of 114 students. We have met with the incoming freshmen class on each of their respective middle school campuses and the future looks bright for the Bronco Nation.

Don't Forget

The Bronco Junior/Senior Prom is Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight at UNT's Gateway Center. High School Graduation is on June 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the UNT Coliseum. Please make note of the new time for our commencement exercises.

I hope to see you all soon and go Broncos!

Darrell





International Baccalaureate News

DHS IB Junior & Senior Celebration: May 20th

The junior/senior International Baccalaureate celebration will be on **Friday, May 20th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Redbud room at the Professional Development Center at 1212 Bolivar. Johnny Carino's will be catering, and tickets will be \$10 per person. Make reservations with Mrs. Hughes by May 13th. Awards, graduation stoles, and a tribute to the senior class, the pioneer group representing us as our first full-diploma graduates, are all part of the planned programming for the senior celebration. For juniors, we will begin our first annual pinning ceremony to mark the half-way point to completing the diploma. Your family and friends are invited to attend as well. This celebration is a full-diploma candidate only event.

IB Art Show on Monday, March 21st

The DHS first IB Art show was a success! Many thanks to Valery Smith and James Rosin, IB Art instructors, who guided three of our IB seniors, Raven Vincent, Katie Webb and Jessica Collins, to developing a beautiful art show, which served as the external assessment for this class. IB examiner Susan McEwen traveled from Spring, Texas to meet with each student individually to discuss their culminating project.

IB Booster Club Formation Meeting: April 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 14th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall for an International Baccalaureate Booster Club formation meeting. A few items on the agenda include: brainstorming and creating a support activities list (like the Jr./Sr. Banquet, Socials, Retreat, Letter jacket funding); supporting a major DHS IB Creativity, Action and Service (CAS) Project planned and developed by our students; developing a parent network; and, addressing parent leadership opportunities and club parameters. Direct questions to Beth Hughes, IB DP Coordinator at bhughes@dentonisd.org.

Volunteer Proctors Needed!

Volunteers are needed to assist with proctoring exams for IB students during the month of May; **training will be provided!** Your contribution of time saves DHS money. By assisting with exams, DHS will not have to hire as many substitutes. There are morning and afternoon exams scheduled on different days beginning May 3, and ending May 23. Please contact Mrs. Hughes, IB Coordinator, for more information: bhughes@dentonisd.org; (940) 369-2238.

Chess Club Takes on Denton



Saturday, March 19 found the DHS Chess Club officers at Barnes & Noble in the Golden Triangle Mall supporting "Chess in Education". The general public had the opportunity to play matches with the club officers and learn more about the benefits of chess programs in an educational setting. Our thanks to Thom Anderson of Barnes & Noble for sponsoring this great event.

On May 14 the DHS Chess Club will host its first tournament for Middle and High School students. The tournament will be held at North Branch of the Denton Public Library. The tournament is non-rated and open to everyone of any skill level. Anyone interested in participating should contact Fred Mueller at fmuellet@dentonisd.org for an entry form or additional information. The DHS Chess Club is coached by former U.S. Women's Champion, Dr. Alexey Root and sponsored by Fred Mueller.



Congratulations to All Class Officer Winners

Student Body President--Jill Jordan; **Student Body VP**--Chrissy Sullivan

Senior Class Officers--**President**--Tori Kennedy; **VP**--Taylor Kennedy; **Secretary**--Gina Green

Junior Class Officers--**President**--Kylie Richter; **VP**--Olivia Adams; **Secretary**--Michael Heltsley; **Treasurer**--William Cole

Sophomore Class Officers--**President**--Piper Bowles

Open positions can be filled via appointment of the current class officers and their advisors in the fall.

District Academic UIL Results

Once again DHS has lived up to its motto: ***In the ultimate pursuit of excellence in education.*** This year we have 11 students who excelled at the Academic UIL District Competition in 9 contests. These students will be travelling to Abilene on April 15 and 16 for the Regional Academic Competition and the chance to compete further at the state level. To say that I am proud of the Bronco spirit shown by all of the young men and women competing in the academic arena would be an understatement. Working with their academic coaches, they have through hard work and dedication demonstrated the true meaning of Bronco excellence in education. Many others missed advancing from district to region by only a few points. These others equally deserve our praise, for win or lose they also brought the Bronco Spirit to every competition.

The UIL District Meet took place on March 25th and 26th. All 1st Place Teams as well as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Placed

Individuals automatically advance to Regionals. Second place teams and 4th placed individuals become alternates for Regionals. The Regional Competition will be at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene on April 15th and 16th. Special congratulations are due to the following:

Computer Science (Sponsor: Barry Wagner)
 1st Place Team ... Alvin Gao, Surya Raghavendran, William Root, Sam Holdeman
 Alvin Gao ... 1st Place Individual
 Surya Raghavendran ... 2nd Place Individual
 William Root ... 3rd Place Individual
 Sam Holdeman ... 4th Place Individual

Spelling & Vocabulary (Sponsor: Sandra Dieckman)
 1st Place Team ... Emily Fu, Rebecca Fu, Francesca Farris, Omar Akram
 Emily Fu ... 1st Place Individual
 Rebecca Fu ... 2nd Place Individual
 Francesca Farris .. 3rd Place Individual

Number Sense (Sponsor: Fred Mueller)
 2nd Place Team ... Alvin Gao, Surya Raghavendran, Yang Chen, Omar Akram
 Alvin Gao ... 2nd Place Individual
 Surya Raghavendran ... 3rd Place Individual

Mathematics (Sponsor: Fred Mueller)
 2nd Place Team ... Alvin Gao, Surya Raghavendran, Chris Murillo, Sihai Tang
 Alvin Gao ... 2nd Place Individual

Science (Sponsor: Fred Mueller)
 2nd Place Team ... Alvin Gao, Surya Raghavendran, Omar Akram, Chris Murillo, Wade Cope, Sam Holdeman

Journalism Events (Sponsor: Greg Bogomol)
 R.J. Ponder ... 1st Place Headline Writing, 4th Place Feature Writing, 4th Place Editorial Writing
 Amy Dierdorf ... 2nd Place Feature Writing
 Amara Bradetich ... 3rd Place News Writing

Special congratulations also go to the following students who brought Bronco Pride and competitive spirit to their individual contests: Raven Vincent, Jessica Collins, Katie Webb, Haley Vaughn, Rachel Jones, J.T. Price, Amy Dierdorf, Swikar Oli, Sebastian Lowrey.

A special thank you as well goes to coaches & sponsors Dena Puente, Literary Criticism, and Julie Seeley, Ready Writing, for their efforts on behalf of our competing students. A great effort everyone.

Latin Students Win Honors at Area Competition

On Saturday, February 19th, 12 Denton High **Latin students** participated in the Junior Classical League – **Area C Latin competition** at Austin College in Sherman. We competed against 850 other Latin students from all around the north Texas area and we had some outstanding performances.

Congratulations to:
Greek Life and Literature Level 4-Kris Carmona 1st place
Dramatic Interpretation Level 3-Jamie Brand 5th place
Sight Recitation Level 3- MariPen Yeatts 8th place

Sight Recitation Level 2- Francesca Farris 5th place
Mythology Level 1- Seth Cope 8th place, John Carmona missed 10th by 1 tie-breaker question
Mythology Level 3-Penner Lyke 6th place, MariPen Yeatts 8th place
Mythology Level 4- Kris Carmona 2nd place
Latin derivatives Level 1- John Carmona 7th place
Latin derivatives Level 2- Francesca Farris 6th place
Latin derivatives Level 3- Jamie Brand 9th place
Miscellaneous art- MariPen Yeatts 8th place

See the article in the Sherman paper about it. <http://www.heralddemocrat.com/hd/SiteSearch/Results/-Latin-teaches->

Please congratulate them on all their hard work!

Student of the Month Nominees for February

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Nominating Teacher</u>
9th Female	Sarah Fredmer	Iseed Khoury
9th Male	Alexander Herring	James Persons
10th Female	Juanita Wilson	Marta Harrington
10th Male	Taylor Wooten	Sarah Lowry
11th Female	Carina Wawro	Sarah Lowry
11th Male	Cameron Ginnings	Sarah Hustwit
12th Female	Kayla Tunnell	Brian Redding
12th Male	Kris Carmona	Sarah Hustwit
DHS Scholar Female	MariPen Yeatts	Sarah Hustwit
DHS Scholar Male	Joshua Harden	Kimberly Thaggard

Thanks to all of the teachers that nominated. If you nominated a student this month and they were not elected, please re-enter their name for next month.

Grad Night Information

The DHS Grad Night Committee for the class of 2011 is busy planning for this wonderful event scheduled to begin June 3 at 10pm, and end at 5am June 4. To make this party a success and a fun and safe event we are in need of the following:

- Parent volunteers to work any or all of the event. Please contact Sherry Atkinson to sign-up at sriceatkinson@yahoo.com.

- Donations of any kind which include: gift cards, cash, and any gifts that may help our seniors begin the next chapter of their life. Please contact Tracey Richardson at tracey040368@yahoo.com to provide a donation.

DHS Seniors can join our group on Facebook and Twitter to get regular updates. Look out for opportunities to purchase Grad Night tickets after prom and during the entire month of May.

Fillie Try-Outs are Around the Corner!

April 19th (Tues.) ~ Try-Out Parent Meeting 6:30pm in Lecture Hall

May 12th ~ Team Try-Outs 4pm

May 13th ~ Officer Try-Outs 9am

Contact Mrs. Burgess for further information...

kburgess@dentonisd.org

940-369-2124

Band Updates April 2011

Orlando Florida

Band students are having a very busy and successful spring! Bronco Wind Ensemble and Lab Band wowed Orlando visitors with a performance in Downtown Disney during their Spring Break trip. Students also enjoyed several days of fun at Orlando's top attractions.

UIL

Both Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble completed in UIL Concert and Sight Reading contests April 13 and 14.

Lab Band

Lab Band students have maintained a busy schedule of performing, traveling, and competing. Denton Lab Bands 1 & 2, McMath Lab Band, Calhoun Lab Band, and special guests Newton High School Lab Band from Newton, KS presented a fabulous Jazz for Japan concert on March 25 and raised \$1,000 for Red Cross Japan relief! The Denton Lab Bands both also performed March 26 at the Collin College Jazz Festival and received "Outstanding Band of the Day" recognition. Congratulations to seniors Chris Thurman and Lawrence Brown, who were both awarded full scholarships to Collin College for the fall semester! Congrats also to students who were recognized as outstanding musicians of the day: Craig Beane, Jon Bernal, Lawrence Brown, Craig Flemming, Kevin Ford, Eddie Jimenez, Matt Jorgensen, Michael Klink, Meng Wei Lee, Brandon Mullins, David Renner, Javan Stalls, Cory Stoneburner, Nicole Thompson, and Chris Thurman. Finally, Denton High School Lab Band 1 competed, performed, and attended educational workshops at the Swing Central Jazz Festival in Savannah, GA the last week in March. Students participated in clinics with several jazz greats including John

and Jeff Clayton, Jason Marsalis, Wyclif Gordon, and other jazz musicians. They rounded out the competition with an excellent performance before heading home. Way to go, Denton Lab Band 1!

UNT One O'Clock Lab Band with DHS Lab Bands

The rescheduled joint concert with Grammy-award winning UNT One O'Clock Lab Band and DHS Lab Bands will be Thursday, April 21, 7:30 pm in the DHS Auditorium. Purchase tickets at www.dentonjazz.com for this exciting event. Advanced tickets are \$7 for students, \$10 general admission, at the door: \$12 and \$15.

Denton Arts and Jazz Festival

Don't miss the awesome annual Denton tradition, Denton Arts and Jazz Festival April 29-May 1. The DHS World Percussion Group performs at the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival Saturday, April 30 at 6:15 pm; Denton Lab Band 1 performs Saturday, April 30 at 2 pm on the Celebration Stage; and Denton Lab Band 2 performs Friday, April 29 at 7 pm on the Festival Stage.

2011 Percussion Bash

Join the Denton Percussion Program for the 2011 Percussion Bash on Friday, May 6!

The concert features 6th-12th grade percussion students performing original music, plus hits from Santana, Journey, and music of the Middle East, Africa, Japan, India and much more. The concert starts at 7 pm at the Denton High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door with children under 5 admitted free.

This annual event is always one of the most popular concert events in Denton, so be sure not to miss it!

Bronco Drumline Auditions

Information will be available soon for students auditioning for the famed DHS Bronco Drumline. Auditions will be after school the week of May 9.

Denton Spring Concert

The final band concert of the year will be May 20 in the DHS Auditorium.

Counselors' Corner

Will to Win College Scholarship

Scholarship available to high school seniors with asthma who will graduate in 2011 and have high achievement in the performing arts, community service, athletics, visual arts or sciences and attending college in the fall. GPA or 3.5 or higher.

Application deadline is April 30, 2011

Apply online only at: www.willtowinscholarship.com

Vietnamese American Scholarship

Students must be of Vietnamese descent and graduating seniors this year. There are 4 scholarship opportunities available for students with community experience, academic merit, leadership and integrity.

Deadline to apply is: May 2, 2011

www.vietscholarships.com

Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship

High school seniors or first year college students can apply. Student must be under 25 and a U.S. Citizen. Students must answer the essay "Why is a healthy lifestyle important in school?" \$5,000 awarded to the winner!!

www.studentscholarships.org

Deadline is April 30, 2011

SS \$1,000 Scholarship

Eligible to seniors who will need to write an essay about which college course they are most excited to take in the upcoming school year and why? Deadline to apply is June 1, 2011

www.studentscholarships.org

Al's Formal Wear Scholarships

High School Seniors awarded \$1,000 if they qualify for this award. Essay needed about why Al's should assist with your education. Deadline May 31, 2011.

www.alsformalwear.com

Afro American Scholarships Awards

The Denton Afro American Scholarship committee will be celebrating Scholarship Recipients from DHS, GHS, and RHS and Academic Award Winners on April 16, 2011 at Fred Moore High School.

Youth Adventure Program @ Texas A & M University

Students entering grades 9-12, there are two great opportunities to explore your possible career interests by attending a week long summer camp taught by University Professors. Attendees will get to live in the dorm for one week with your own private room. Social activities and games will be available for campers in the evening when you are not in class. There is no admission criteria except to be highly motivated to learn new things and problem solve. Participants are selected on a first come first serve basis. Cost to attend is \$989 for the week. For more info go to: www.youthadventureprogram.com.

Texas Tech Summer Camps

Through the support of the National Science Foundation, two summer math camps for high school students will be offered this summer. Prism Camp from July 27 to August 10th for students interested in majoring in biology or math where you could earn \$1200 TTU SuMac Camp for gifted high school math students which costs only \$100 to attend. Apply by April 15th

Visit www.ttu.edu for more information on how to apply.

A & M Summer Program

Texas A & M Corp of Cadet Summer Program dates: Friday, July 29th and Friday, August 5th

For: rising High School Juniors and Seniors

To: "Spend the Day with the Corps"

NCTC Summer Math Sessions

North Central Texas College will be offering summer math sessions for Math TAKS refresher courses or Math Boot Camp. Classes will be located at the Corinth, Gainesville and Flower Mound campuses. There will be an information session on Tuesday April 19th in Corinth, room 353 or call 940 498 6209 for more information.

Registration Process Complete for 2011-2012!!

All DHS Counselors have been working hard to input classes for students next fall. With the recent financial crisis in the state course options may be limited. Please understand that we are doing all we can to ensure that your student receives the courses they opted for this spring. Changes will be made in the fall only for reasons such as failing a class this spring or for summer school. Good luck in 2011-12.

Student Volunteer Opportunities in Denton

~ The Denton Public library has applications for student volunteers available this summer.

~ Keep Denton Beautiful has opportunities for students who would like to volunteer this summer.

University of Tulsa & IB

The University of Tulsa will work with students from DHS who graduate with a 3.0 or higher GPA and graduate with an IB diploma. Students will receive an application fee waiver and be given a \$3,000 annual merit scholarship. Students taking IB standard and higher level classes may earn credit for individual courses as well. Visit www.utulsa.edu for more information.

DFW National College Fair

At the Irving Convention Center on Thursday April 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 & April 15 from 9-12. Professional admission representatives are available to speak one on one with students regarding college admissions, financial aid, and career choices. Register www.gotomyncf.com or visit www.nationalcollegefairs.org

From your Career Counselor . . .

Have you heard about the new modified block schedule for next school year? Now more than ever Four Year Planning is crucial to fitting in all those electives which make you college/career ready prior to high school graduation.

If you're interested in Four Year Planning with Mrs. Keith or have questions about Career and Technical classes at DHS or the ATC, drop by the Career Center and sign up on the purple clipboard in the outer office. You and/or your parents are welcome to sign up, call, or email me with questions.

Kimberly Keith, M. Ed.

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College.gov

Do you know of any high school students who could benefit from learning more about planning and paying for college? This website offers valuable tools for college planning. Take a look!

DECA Details

Mrs. Goolsby's Business/Marketing workstudy vocational coop program is busy wrapping up the school year. DECA President, Ricky Pena, has a job in the Denton High School Attendance Office. He is one of the "best I've ever had work here" per Mrs. Cadenhead. His duties are varied, busy, and confidential. He strives for perfection and takes his responsibilities quite seriously. This program allows Pena to receive three (3) credits at the end of the year if he works at least 15 hours per week...while getting paid to do it!



Other students in the Business/Marketing program work in the community for employers such as Greenhouse Restaurant, First United Methodist Church Day Care, Bryan & Sons Locksmith, Rafael's Restaurant, Sonic, Walmart, Beth Marie's Ice Cream Shop, Reding Advertising, McDonald's and many others. Thank-you's are issued each year to the employers through an Employer Appreciation Dinner Banquet. This year's event is to be held at the Greenhouse Restaurant. The students attend with one supervisor and awards/certificates are issued all around.



Mrs. Goolsby has been doing this program for the past 15 years and she thoroughly enjoys the school/community relationship. The students learn real-world skills while holding down the job as well as in-school progress in the classroom.



The school store is part of the curriculum and helps the students experience entrepreneurship skills. We would like to also take this opportunity to thank not only the community employers, but the DHS students and staff for patronizing the store and helping our program be successful!

2013 On the Road to Graduation!

Class of 2013 fundraising efforts currently include t-shirt sales. You can purchase shirts in the cafeteria or in Room 332 from Mr. West.

Parents; We are also looking to take part in huge fundraising opportunities so if you would like to contribute or participate in reaching our intermediate goal of \$4K by next March, please contact me with your ideas... we would love to hear them! Contact Bob West at 940-369-2142 or rwest@dentonisd.org.

21st Century Community Learning Center Summer Programming

June 6th – June 30th ~ 11:00am – 3:00 pm ~ Mon-Thurs
Plus Friday field trips

We are offering quite a bit of programming that we think should catch the attention of students. In order to participate in most programming students need to register for 21st Century and attend at least 15 times before the end of the school year. However, there is no cost for any program and lunch will be provided. Below are some of the program offerings.

Employment Academy

The employment academy seeks to help young people get ready to work. Though school prepares you for such it often does not prepare you to apply, interview, or get to your place of employment. Through employment academy students will not only spend time figuring out what sets them apart from a candidate pool but will create a functional resume, and prepare for interviews in various fields.

Additionally, students will get a full driver's education class to include behind the wheel and a trip to Jostens' Jewelry facility in Denton to meet their executives.

Junior Jumpstart

Junior Jumpstart is to assist rising seniors in college going and financial aid. Junior Jumpstart will lead students through the college search process, Pathways to Scholarships®, and the Apply Texas process. Additionally students will be able to see Tyler Junior College, which has housing and is not too far from home, allowing them to get a firsthand glimpse at a small college experience.

Rising juniors are welcome to join this program as well.

CARE @ Calhoun

The Community Awareness Recreation and Education program allows students to plan community service projects to learn more about the community while learning civic responsibility. This summer the program will challenge the students to pass on their new and old knowledge as well as character development onto middle school students at Calhoun Middle School. In four 1 hour sessions students will pass on information about high school, conflict resolution, healthy competition, and history. The history segment is based on the Denton High students traveling to the Sixth Floor Museum and learning about the presidency and assassination of John F. Kennedy as well as the civil rights artifacts that were prevalent during that time.

Summer Sizzle

Open gym, video games, and group games

Design and Display

Art program to include origami, pottery, and jewelry

Image Studio

Personal development to include mission statement development and public speaking

I Am WE Project

I am WE is a project using digital storytelling and Participatory Action Research (PAR) to engage with youth in reflection and action. Students will work with the University of North Texas Anthropology department and develop their own story. While learning about themselves and sharing that knowledge with

others, students will also learn a variety of computer programs. Through the partnership students will spend half the program at Denton High School and the other half at the University of North Texas.

More information and registration will be available on the Denton High School website May 1st under the Student Services/21st Century tab. Call Ms. Niki Perkins for more information at 940-369-2024.

21st Century Introduces the Powerful Parents Summer Series

There is nothing more powerful than informed parents. Powerful Parents will provide three seminars to arm parents with knowledge to assist them with communicating with and supporting their child through the summer and beyond. The three seminars will cover the topics below.

Sending Your Child to College: Going to college has a lot to do with parents. This workshop informs parents of the process their child should be going through if college is their choice and how to be supportive in the process as their child gains independence – June 3rd @ 6:00pm

Dating: Most students begin dating in high school and their relationships can easily get complicated. This panel will talk about the importance of letting teens date and the precautions to teach teens so that they are able to maintain safety and create healthy boundaries in a relationship - June 4th @ 6:00pm

Social Media: Assisting parents in understanding the ins and outs of social media to include Facebook and Twitter. We will encourage them to get a page and teach the proper security so that they are able to teach such to their child – June 5th @ Noon – 1:00 pm

Registration is highly suggested, please call 940-369-2024 to sign up.

PTSA 2011-2012

The following nominations for PTSA Officers for 2011-2012 have been received:

Richard Ruark, President
Grace Chalon, First Vice President
Janell Trachta, Second Vice President
Kerrie Chapman, Treasurer
Ivy Doak, Secretary
Linda Thompson, Parliamentarian

Why not make a difference in the life of your student and the livelihood of your school? Take the first step and volunteer. PTSA still needs some volunteers for its committees for the 2011-2012 school year, including assisting with the newsletter, fundraising, and assisting STUCO with the Renaissance program. If you'd like to work with PTSA next year, please contact Grace Chalon via email (gchalon@verizon.net).

Soccer Happenings



Senior Night

Denton Senior Bronco's and Lady Bronco's were honored Friday March 11, 2011 at Bronco Field, those honored were:

Melissa Lazo, Mikala Farmer, Lemuel Arreola, Alex Foster, David Martinez, RJ Ponder, Jose Rivera & Jake Taylor....we will miss each of you and wish you luck in all you choose to do!

Spring Banquet

Plans for the Soccer Banquet are moving along, it will be held at the ATC Building on Friday, May 6th. Tickets will be on sale during the week of April 11th for \$15 per person, (no charge for athletes), after April 20th tickets will be \$20 per person. Come join us in honoring our soccer teams' accomplishments for 2011.

2011 Middle School Soccer Camp...Boys & Girls

Will be held June 6 – 10th this year from 9:00 – 11:30 am; register on the following website:
<http://www.dentonisd.org/dentonhs/site/default.asp> under Athletics, Soccer Boys or Soccer Girls.

Used Book Sale a Success

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered or attended the BookCents Used Book Sale.

The sale raised approximately \$8,000 to be shared between the Denton Public School Foundation and Denton Community Council of PTA. From this money, a total of \$3,000 was awarded to DISD school libraries. Denton High School had the highest percentage of books donated (thanks in part to a generous book donation by Texas Woman's University) and our library received \$607 in prize money.

In addition, 5,000 unsold books were donated to local charity organizations, senior living homes and DISD teachers for their classroom use.

Yearbooks

There are still a limited number of yearbooks left for sale. Currently there are only 48 books left and the cost is \$70.00. Most likely there won't be any books left on the day the books are distributed for signing. To make sure your child has their copy you can send \$70.00 to room 207 or pay online at www.jostens.com and enter Denton High School. If you have any questions, you can call 940-369-2150.

Cosmetology Students Shine at District SkillsUSA

Congratulations goes out to the ATC Cosmetology students! They competed in the SkillsUSA District 4 contest recently in Waco, bringing home the Silver Medal In Nail Art Skills, Bronze Medal in Men's Haircutting Skills, and some 1st place projects. Off to Corpus we go!!!!!!

Mariah Ailand--1st place Pedicure Photo Panel Project
 Jordan Kenney—1st place Fantasy Hairstyling Project

Cosmetology Students Win at State Skills Contest

Cosmetology brought home awards from the Texas State Skills USA Contest in Corpus Christi earlier this month. Congratulations to the following students, and thank you to the wonderful instructors from Criminal Justice and Culinary!

Mariah Ailand—1st place (tied) in Cosmetology Projects
 Jordan Kenney—2nd place

A big "THANKS" to Big T's

Thank you Mr. Rosin and Big T's Sports & Sign Company for their donation of art and Denton High School letters for the front office!

Bronco Volunteer News

The PTSA would like to thank you for your commitment and the generous contribution of your time to the 2010-2011 school year. The many activities could not have taken place without your help! As we continue to wrap up the school year there are still volunteer opportunities. Please continue to submit your hours by going to the **DHS website** and clicking on the **DHS Volunteer Database 2010-2011** link which is located on the left side of the screen. Thank you for making a difference!

Denton Bronco Baseball 2011 Season Notes

Bronco baseball enters the second half of district play as the season begins its final month. DHS's own **Greg Bogomol, Journalism** is the 'Voice of the Broncos' announcing the players and directing pre-game ceremonies.



First Pitch on March 29th (Ms. Koontz, Mr. Muncy, 'Clucky' the Golden Chick mascot). Courtesy of Felts Family Photos

Spring is a great time to come out and support the Broncos. Key end of the season home dates are:
 April 19th vs. Denton Ryan
 April 29th vs. The Colony

Thanks to our supporters this season! Bronco Baseball has been particularly fortunate to have the support of these local businesses:

- Denton Area Teacher's Credit Union
- BCI Mechanical
- First State Bank
- Sonic Drive In's
- Golden Chick (on West University)

These sponsors have outfield signs placed in prominent positions at Bronco Field. Golden Chick sponsors the door prize giveaway during the 3rd inning of each home game and also has had 'Clucky' the Golden Chick mascot participate at select home games. **Go Broncos!**



Broncos w Clucky- the boys with the Golden Chick mascot. Courtesy of Felts Family Photos

German Students Compete in Austin

Eight DHS students competed in the Texas State German Contest at UT-Austin recently. They qualified in their events by scoring in the top five at the regional competition earlier this month. These are their results as they went up against the top 15 students in Texas for each category.

DHS State German Contest Results 2011

Francesca Farris	Sight Reading IV—3 rd Spelling IV—8 th Prose Reading IV—9 th Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Elena Souris	Listening Comprehension II—9 th Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Satiana Tanner	Reading Comprehension III—10 th Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Zulejha Osmani	Culture Test IV—9 th Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Taryn Schuessler	Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Christian Luke	Varsity Paß auf!—9 th
Lillia Dean	Doll Costume—7 th
Kady Finley	T-Shirt Design—10 th

*Paß auf is a Jeopardy-style event, with the question in German about German-related topics.

Please congratulate these kids when you see them.

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 Bronco Cheerleaders!

Varsity Cheerleaders:

Payton Andress, Sr; LaTasha Bradley, Jr; Sean Bynum, Sr; Chelle Collins, Sr; Kadie Curry, Jr; Gina Green, Sr; Jill Jordan, Sr; Ashlyn McEvers, Jr; Amber Perez, Sr; Deandra Pittsinger, Jr; Abby Ogenche, Sr; Stephanie Swenson, Sr; Abrielle Thrasher, Sr; Toiry Welton, Jr

JV Cheerleaders:

Briana Carter, So; Marisa Cervantes, So; Kaitlyn Delong, So; Ashlyn Green, So; Katelyn Howard, So; Maya Nixon, So; Casey Oxendine, So; Ann Patterson, So; Crysta Podrasky, So; Jessi Rooks, So; Kelly Smith, So; Kylee Williams, So

Freshmen Cheerleaders:

Natalie Aiken, MMS; Brittany Cotton, CMS; Ivana Da Silva, MMS; Taylor Dingler, MMS; Mckenzie Goin, CMS; Savannah Green, MMS; Jessalie Hunter, CMS; Molly Jordan, MMS; Danitra Klimpel, MMS; Alexi Masuda, CMS; Tanneth Oxford, MMS; Emily Tompkins, NMS

DHS Bronco Cheerleaders coaching staff: Cristina Pollard, Varsity; Courtney Swindle, JV; Emily Parks, Freshmen

Bronco to Compete for Journalism Award

RJ Ponder has been named a finalist for an award in Sports Reporting in the Dallas Morning News High School Journalism Day competition to be held April 19th at SMU.

Student Council Earns Sweepstakes

Congratulations to the **Denton High School** Student Council, a Texas Association of Student Councils' (TASC) **Sweepstakes** council in 2010-2011, the tenth consecutive year to earn this distinction. In order to receive the highest award given by the state association, the council had to be commended in five areas: Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health (senior **Mariah Hunter**, chair); Energy and Environment (junior **Jill Jordan**, chair); Pride and Patriotism (senior **Mina Specht**, chair), Community Service (senior **Parker Lawson**, chair), and Outstanding Student Council (senior **Abby Wright**, chair). Student Council Advisors are **Beth Hughes** and **Kimberly Thaggard**. Denton High brought home this impressive award from the TASC state convention in Arlington on April 3-5th, 2011.



David Ross, Sam Coady, Harrison Hawkins, Dentton Hudspeth, Daniel Hart and Parker Lawson strike the same pose as the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders while on tour of the Cowboy's Stadium during the Texas Association of Student Council's State Convention in Arlington on April 5th.

Upcoming Orchestra Events:

April 21: Red Wheel Pie, Braid, and Cheesecake orders will be delivered and ready for pick-up in the Orchestra Room at the end of the school day. Anyone wishing to help sort orders is welcome anytime between 12:30pm and 4pm.

May 17: Spring Concert, 7pm in the Auditorium

May 20: Orchestra Banquet, 6pm at the LaGrone ATC. Dinner and awards. Tickets are \$5 for orchestra students and \$15 for their guests.

May 27 and 28: State Solo and Ensemble Competition in Austin. We wish the best to our orchestra members who will be competing in Austin: Yang Chen, Amelia Clark, Emily Fu, Alvin Gao, Anthony Milbitz, Alex Martin, Beckah Maxwell-Leroy, Nathan Place, John Carmona, Kris Carmona, R.J. Ponder, Anna Ryu, and Nathan Schafer.

Texas House Passes Budget Bill

The Texas House passed a \$164.5 billion budget recently after considering hundreds of amendments to add funding or shuffle funding from one program to another. The proposed budget, which underfunds public education by about \$9 billion for the 2012-13 biennium, passed on a vote of 98-49.

As passed, HB 1 represents a \$23 billion reduction (12 percent) in overall state spending compared to the 2010-11 biennium, does not draw down any of the Rainy Day Fund, does not impose any new taxes, and includes \$100 million in new fees.

The bill shorts the Foundation School Program by \$7.8 billion for next biennium and eliminates \$1.3 billion in discretionary grants, as well.

Many amendments regarding public education were considered and tabled or voted down, such as amendments that would have decimated the Texas Education Agency or reduced Commissioner Robert Scott's salary from \$186,000 to \$50,000.

The bill now heads to the Senate, which is working to include about \$10 billion more in overall state funding than the House. The bill will ultimately end up in conference committee where a group made up of both House and Senate members will work to resolve the differences between the House & Senate bills.

Both versions could still require **massive, additional** budget cuts **at our local level**. A subcommittee has been formed (Senate Finance Subcommittee on Fiscal Matters) to study current spending, obligations and tax exemptions in order to maximize revenue. Senator Ogden believes the committee could find up to \$5 billion in non-tax revenue. We can only hope...

Information compiled directly from reports of ATPE (teachers' organization) and TASB (school board association).

To learn more about the challenges facing Texas public schools,

<http://www.fotps.org/index.html>

United We Dance Fundraiser

Enjoy an evening of uplifting and inspiring entertainment as skilled dancers join together in their support of United Way of Denton Co. **The perfect event for your family or Church Youth Group!**

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.
University of North Texas Coliseum

DANCERS FROM:

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
RYAN HIGH STRUTTERS
DENTON HIGH FILLIES
GUYER HIGH SILVERADOS
ARGYLE HIGH EXTREME DANCE TEAM
DENTON CITY CONTEMPORARY BALLET
COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPECIAL GUEST - DANCE ALLIANCE
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY - IDAHO

All proceeds will be donated to United Way of Denton Co.

Gen Adm- \$5.00; Family- \$20.00 Group- \$2.00
For Information or to Purchase Tickets, go to:
unitedwedancedenton.com

CONGRATULATIONS!

Staff of the Month- Gail Long

Although newer to the Denton High School staff, Library assistant Gail Long has proven herself repeatedly to the rest of the school. She has already connected with many of the students and gotten to know them on a first name basis. Her great attitude and eagerness to help have been a delight to work with, and her humor, compassion and common sense have worked well in the library. We appreciate your hard work and everything you do Gail.

Teacher of the Month- Marco Rodriguez

No one can complain when it comes to Marco Rodriguez. His patience and kindness shine through in his classroom, and his caring spirit make him a joy to be around. His use of many different teaching methods keeps his students highly engaged and ready to learn. His friendly smile shows his compassionate spirit. We are very lucky to have such a kind spirited teacher like Marco Rodriguez at Denton High School.