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**Dexter, Missouri** - At approximately 11:30 a.m. City of Dexter Mayor Joe Weber signed a proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2016, Flag Day in the City of Dexter, Missouri and he urged all citizens to celebrate this day with honor.

"Throughout our history, the American Flag has steadfastly served as an emblem of this great Nation, and we pledge our allegiance to the banner that has served as a guiding symbol on our Nation's journey. We also celebrate the hope it inspires in the American people."

"Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs have long saluted Old Glory and honored its legacy. Our flag as a powerful representation of freedom and opportunity, and waving high above buildings and courthouses, military bases, and embassies across the globe and on the distant surface of the moon. It calls on each of us to remember our obligations to the Republic for which it stands and to carry forward unwavering optimism that defines us."

"The American flag invokes pride in our citizens and hope in those who come to our shores in search of a brighter tomorrow."

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## Bernie PAT June Student of the Month

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**Bernie, Missouri** - The Bernie Parents as Teachers' students of the month is Grayson Frazier.

He is the one-year old son of Ben and Didi Frazier. Grayson enjoys playing with his toys, dancing to his music, swimming, and going to his sibling's ballgames.

Didi, his mother, says Grayson always enjoys playing with Courtney McGarity and learning from the exciting activities she brings.

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold at 573-293-5335, ext 293 or find them on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website. For more information click [HERE](#).

### **Our Vision**

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

### **Our Mission**

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

### **Our Values**

The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.

All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations.

An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

### **History**

In 1981, Missouri pioneered the concept of helping parents embrace their important role as their child's first and best teacher. Today, Parents as Teachers continues to equip early childhood organizations and professionals with information and tools that are relevant—and widely applicable—to today's parents, families and children.

The Parents as Teachers leadership team and Board of Directors is engaged in a three-year strategic plan, which positions the organization as a valued partner to support the organizations and professionals who serve families and children, especially those most vulnerable.

The concept for Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading and writing.

Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

With funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Danforth Foundation, Parents as Teachers began in 1981 in Missouri as a pilot project for first-time parents of newborns. Recognizing the program's benefits and cost effectiveness, the Missouri legislature provided state funding in 1985 to implement Parents as Teachers programs in all Missouri school districts. Since 1985, Parents as Teachers has expanded to all 50 states and six other countries.

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## Bernie PAT May Student of the Month

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**Bernie, Missouri** - Kayden Smith is the Bernie Parents As Teacher's Student of the Month for May.

Kayden is the three-year old son of Josh and Charity Smith. He enjoys watching cartoons, playing with his big brother Jonny, and helping his mommy. The family's favorite parts of participating in the PAT program are receiving new books and discovering new things in the monthly activities that Mrs. Casey Arnold has for them during their visits.

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## Keller Library Summer Reading Program Begins Wednesday

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Keller Library Summer Reading Program is slated to begin Wednesday, June 15th at 11:00 a.m. with Magic in Motion by Marty Hahne, the Reading Magician.

The theme this year is "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" with the program running through July 20th. Each Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. the library will host a special guest. All ages of children are invited to attend. The program this year will incorporate games, sports, fitness, and wellness in addition to stories and live turtles.

The library staff have been busy decorating the community room. Refreshments will be served at each program with an ice cream sundae social to be held at the final Summer Reading Program.

The Summer Reading Program is funded by The Friends of the Library. The programs for the 2016 Keller Library Summer Reading Program are:

June 15th - Magic in Motion by Marty Hahne, The Reading Magician

June 22nd - Karate Kickin' by Carrillo's Martial Arts

June 29th - Nature Olympians by Animal Tales

July 6 - Ready, Set, Tumble and Cheer by Courtney Potts of Dexter Tumbling and Cheer

July 13th - Slow and Steady Wins the Race by Dee Loflin and her Turtle Family

July 20th - Motion Commotion with crafts and ice cream sundae social

The idea of having the summer reading program is to encourage students to read over the summer. Prizes will also be given to youngsters as an incentive to read more books.

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## Masonic Lodge Breakfast Slated for June 18th

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Masonic Lodge #311 in Dexter will have their annual "All You Can Eat BIG Country Breakfast" on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Eggs, sausage, bacon, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, milk, coffee, and orange juice will be served. Adults are \$6.00 each and Children are \$3.00 each.

The Masonic Lodge is located at 500 South Walnut Street in downtown Dexter. Proceeds will go to benefit those in need.

"We contribute to organizations that have a need at Christmas in addition to helping those in need by visiting homes during that time," commented Ken Swearengen, worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge. "Our main focus does seem to be children and donations to things such as Shriner's Hospital programs."

**Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 18th!**

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