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# Has It Been 100 Days Already!

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## Has It Been 100 Days Already!

*By Annabeth Miller,  
ShowMe Times Editor*

With 100 jumping jacks, drawing what they would like at age 100, and counting 100 seconds and 100 fruity cereal pieces, the kids in the first grade at Southwest Elementary celebrated 100 days of school Tuesday.

First-grade teacher Shannon Putnam said that students did all sorts of things centered around 100 to celebrate the 100th day of classes.

“It’s a fun way to celebrated 100 days of school,” Putnam said. “We’re over the half-way mark! There’s 75 school days left this year!”

Students showed off their drawings of what they thought they would look like at age 100 – complete with toothless smiles, grey hair and walking canes. Putnam said that 100 seconds was longer than some thought it would be, and counting all the way to 100 was a big skill to master. The students even watched a short video about 100 days of school.

Since the first-grade classes learn many skills like counting to 100. The students participated in special activities all day. And made special “100” hats for the day.

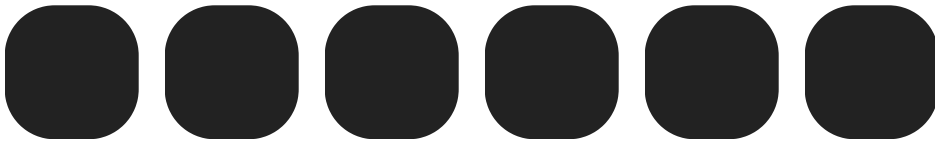
“It’s a fun day – and encourages learning,” Putnam said. As Cadet Teacher Daniel Fitts helped distributed cereal loops, the students prepared for the end of the 100th day of class by counting out 100 “game pieces” of cereal – a tasty way to end the 100th day of school!

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## DHS Student Elected Area FFA Officer

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*By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor*

A Dexter High School student has been elected an area officer in the future Farmers of America.

Christin Sitzes was elected as the Area 16 FFA Reporter for the 2012-2013 academic year. Christin is active as an officer of the local FFA chapter at DHS. She was selected from a group of FFA members from the FFA chapters in Area 16. The candidates were interviewed by the current year's Area FFA officers

Chelsey Massey from the Dexter FFA is currently serving as an Area FFA Officer. Colton Averett and Jackson Hubbard attended the interviews and served as voting delegates.

Christin will be installed into her office on March 12 at the Area 16 Banquet at Poplar Bluff High School.

FFA is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

There were more than 25,000 FFA members from 324 FFA chapters in Missouri during the 2010-2011 school year. The organization's motto is:

- Learning to Do;
- Doing to Learn;
- Earning to Live;
- Living to Serve.

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*Photo Above: Dexter FFA Members who attended Area FFA Officer Elections include Colton Averett, Chelsey Massey, Christin Sitzes and Jackson Hubbard. (Photo by FFA Advisor Ronnie Shipman)*

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# Enter The Year Of the Chinese Dragon!

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## Enter The Year Of the Chinese Dragon!

*By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor*

This is the Year of the Dragon in Chinese culture, and first grade students in Shannon Putnam's class at Southwest Elementary in Dexter recently celebrated the festive occasion.

The Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity of the year for the Chinese. It lasts for 15 days and in China it is known as "Spring Festival" because it marks the end of winter.

Chinese New Year is celebrated in countries and territories with significant Chinese populations, such as Mainland China, Indonesia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam and in Chinatowns around the world.

The Dexter students had a chance to sample some Chinese cuisine including fried rice, tried their hands and talents at Chinese art, and learn more about the world's most populated nation. Several students brought in items from China, and the youngsters had a chance to see Chinese money, fans and more.

While the students worked, Putnam went on to say, "Like Americans, the Chinese also have a zodiac calendar. However, unlike Americans, who base their symbols on birth months, the Chinese base their zodiac symbols on the birth year."

There are 12 symbols: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, Pig and Dragon. Each symbol is observed every 12 years.

A person born in the Year of the Dragon is said to be magnanimous, stately, vigorous, strong, self-assured, proud, noble, direct, dignified, eccentric, intellectual, fiery, passionate, decisive, pioneering, artistic, generous and loyal. Can be tactless, arrogant, imperious, tyrannical, demanding, intolerant, dogmatic, violent, impetuous and brash.

*Photo Above: Molly Simmons proudly shows a postcard from a set of Chinese postcards given to her by her father. (Photo submitted by SMT Reader and teacher Shannon Putnam)*

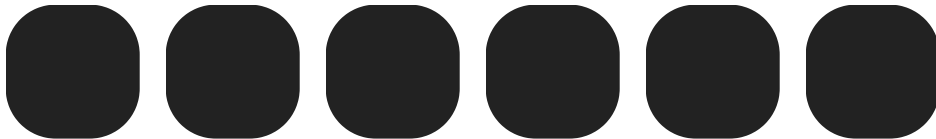
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*Photos by Shannon Putnam - thanks Shannon!*

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# New SEMO Regent Confirmed By State Senate

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*By Annabeth Miller, SMT Editor*

A Cape Girardeau businessman has been confirmed as the newest member of the Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents.

Thomas Meyer was confirmed Jan. 25 as a member of the SEMO regents. He will serve a term on the board until 2018. Meyer was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon in December to the position on the Board of Regents. This is Meyer's first term on the board. Senator Crowell served as Meyer's sponsor during the gubernatorial appointment process in the Senate.

"Tom is an active member of our community and has worked tirelessly to promote its growth," said Sen. Crowell. Crowell "His experience as a member of the Southeast Missouri University Alumni Association and commitment to furthering the success of the university will make him a great addition to the board."

Meyer is president and owner of Exit Realty-Thomas Meyer Associates, a realty company based in Cape Girardeau. Meyer graduated from Southeast Missouri University in 1975 and served as president of the Southeast Missouri University Alumni Association from 2009 to 2011. He is also a member of the Southeast Missouri University Foundation, SEMO Veterans Corporation of Alumni and SEMO Student Veterans Organization, among others. He was recently elected as the Chairman-Elect of the Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce.

The Missouri Senate gave its confirmation to Meyer's appointment on Jan. 25. Meyer will serve a term on the board until 2018.

*Photo Above: State Rep. Terry Swinger, D-Caruthersville, with new Southeast University Region Thomas Meyer and his wife, Mary. (Submitted photo from Rep. Swinger)*

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## Central Students Earn Academic Honors

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### Central Students Earn Academic Honors

The Honor Roll for the second quarter of the academic year has been released by Dexter's Central Elementary School. The Honor Roll is organized by grade level and teacher class.

*Congratulations to all the students on this academic achievement!*

**3rd Grade**

**Mrs. Dodson:** McKayla Annesser, Sydney Asberry, Shelby Bishop, Keiton Buck, Ryan Collier, Kaylee Ellsworth, John Fortner, Keller Hatton, Jebidiah Hubbard, Kyllie Kendrick, Sara Midgett, Shaylin Moore, Makenna Rodgers, Riley Slusher, Bronwen Young, MeKenzie Yount

**Mr. Clark:** Nathan Bryant, Gage Coleman, Austin Daniels, Sarah Fyke, Corey Hawkins, Madelyn Haynes, Nevaeh Johnson, Karlee Keirse, Sierra Leibowitz, Hannah Midgett, Riley Moore, Mariah Munoz, Seth Pennington, Payton Phelan, Clay Prance, Kyla Propst, Emma Wamble, Logan Weaver, Mattilyn Williams

**Mrs. Waddle:** Chelsea Bennett, Blake Carrillo, Bailey Chamberlain, Carter Dorton, Benjamin Dyle, Andrew Ellinghouse, Carlee Garner, Kyler Grimm, Samantha Isbell, Luke-Ethan Mason, Layne Medler, Cameron Putney, Hannah Pyles, Ervin Wengerd, Gaige Willems

**Mrs. McLaughlin:** Alexis Davis, Sandrine Dumas, Avvie Jones, Nate Mangum, Jerann McGowan, Adison Moore, Courtney Northcutt, Ronnie Palmer,

Clara Pullam, Serena Romero, Jacob Sadler, Gracie Tinnin and Tara Williams.

**Mrs. Strong:** Cade Allen, Thomas Chamberlain, Colton Evans, Jordan Holden, Alanie Lacy, Donovan Lerma, Jalen Lonergan, Jynna Mangrum, Jacob Medler, Ivan Meyer, Justice Murray, Victoria Ross, and Estella Shiverts

**Mrs. Nichols:** Emily Battles, Ryder Boles, Jaycee Chappell, Ashlyn Cunningham, Elissa Dvorak, Evan Grobe, Makayla Harris, Austin Jones, Chloe McRoy, Erica Miller, Tyler Montgomery, Kylee Morgan, Harley Page, Damon Stearns, Khrystionna Widener, and Jakob Wilson.

**Mrs. Ward:** Hannah Bryant, Dylan Costigan, Peyton Driskill, Kaylee Honeycutt, Joshua Kaufman, Audrey Martin, Molly Murphy, Aerrin O'Neal, Destiny Rice, Michael Smith, Justin Viers, Madison Vincent, and Thomas Wade

#### **4th Grade**

**Mrs. Whiteman:** Jade Baran, Luke Becker, Mason Keena, Olivia Grace Milam, Josiah Payne, Chandler Shipp, Ava Zandarski

**Mrs. Cindy Warren:** Ryder Foster, Shelby Haynes, Lancaster Hill, Hanna Lime, Makayla Maze, Brice Moore, Nidhi Patel, Blair Rogers, AnnMarie Slaton, Spencer Warren, Logan Wyman

**Mrs. Rinehart**: Alexis Burns, Carson Hankins, Irene Huang, Emily Jarrell, Shelbi Miller, Abbi Montgomery, Kolby Musgrave, Meadowe Scott, Dillon Schafer

**Mrs. Dawn Warren**: Madeline Ayers, Kirsten Bess, Colby Christian, Austin Guy, Mya Jackson, Landree Markham, Abby McCormick, Macyn Okan, Bailey Pullum, Jack Scruggs, Drew Soule, Dawson Tilley, Genevieve Turner, and Alexa Werneck.

**Mrs. Heil**: Adreyaunna Davis, Alex Fitzpatrick, Dalton Granger, Haden Hillis, Erika Holloway, Nick Horn, Trent Hester, Ann Marie Long, Audrey Lutmer, Maci Rauls, Catalina Romero, and Travis Waldner

**Mrs. Terry** : Shea Baker, Victoria Bess, Jaden Cato, Sarah Mooy, and Hailee Mayfield

**Mrs. Simmons**: Hayley Bridges, Clair Comfort, Katelyn Frields, Addison Green, Madilyn Hampton, Garrett Henson, Madyson Lowman, Allisyn May, and Margo Nea.

### **5th Grade**

**Mrs. Moore**: Abby Dorton, Braxton Foster, Tierra Frederick, Savannah Gourley, Christopher Graves, Hallie Keathley, Maycie Martin, Erin McKay, Alyssa Morrison, Lexi Renken, and Taylor Watson.

**Mrs. DeMent**: Mackenzie Boyt, Sophie Freeman, Maddie Jacques, Coby Powers, Joe Rice

**Mrs. Guethle**: Anna Bishop, Luke Boyer, Demi Cecil, Zarah Olson, James Robinson, Adi Schumer, Emily Smith

**Mrs. Stone**: Madison Bryant, Brittney Hanner, Macy Roper, Joshua Sitzes, Sarah Smith, Caleb Stearnes, Alex Swinger, Makenna Wilson

**Mrs. Lummukka**: Tristan Ash, Jaclyn Christian, Nathan Gargas, Emily Grobe, Eric Hahn, Kelby Hill, Erica Parris, Jaden Ross, and Lilah Stites

**Mrs. Allen**: Zach Burns, Hailey Cabral, Ashlyn Christian, Garrison Collier, Malia Cook, Alizabeth Green, Brooke Hessling, Alyssa Maze, Hunter Norman, Jerrica Porter, Brock Simmons, Tristan Williams

**Mrs. Bolin**: Rylee Allen, Payden Coronado, Rylie Frizzell, Jake Harris, Allison Kayler, Hunter Lawrence, Mckenna Lawrence, Maci McBride, Makayla Pyle, Rae Ann Riddle, Rheannon Riddle, Gabe Rimel, Jaron Ritter, Natalie Sitze, Harley Smith, and Jacob



Smith.

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