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Dexter, Missouri – Wouldn't be nice to wear your pajamas to work once in a while? T.S. Hill Middle School students agreed and thought Friday was a good day to do just that.

The students were celebrating National Jr. Beta Week. Each student was allowed to wear their PJs to school if they paid \$1. The money raised is going to The Kenny Rogers Center in Sikeston.

"We are so proud of these students who donated," stated Scott Kruse, Principal at T.S. Hill Middle School in Dexter. "They raised \$270.00 and that was really good."

The JR Beta Members also brought a box of cereal this week to class to collect for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission.

Kruse also noted, "I'd like to thank all the students who participated and what an awesome student body we have at T.S. Hill Middle School."

The middle students are part of a great student body and they have really stepped up this year to perform community projects and other wonderful happenings. Way to go!!

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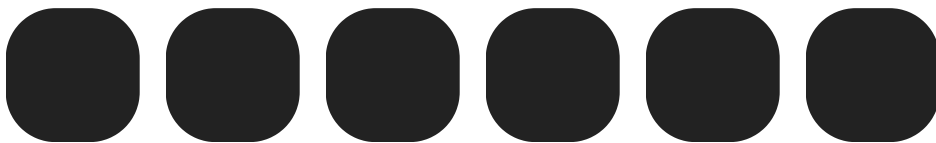
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DHS Band and Jazz Band Winter Concert

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Dexter, Missouri – The Dexter High School Instrumental Music Winter Concert was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, featuring the DHS Varsity Band and Jazz Cats.

They are under the direction of Mr. Scott Rybolt and Mr. Jim Wade.

Mr. Rybolt led the concert with the Varsity Band playing “Flashing Winds” by Jan Van Der Roost. Followed by a Triad which was supposed to be three young ladies; however one was out sick and Mr. Wade found a quick replacement. Though he did not pass as one of the ladies, he did play extremely well. Thank you Mr. Adam Clark for filling in on such short notice.

The next song played was “A Lovely Rose” by Chen Qian, which was the most beautiful piece and very well arranged. Their final musical arrangement of the evening was “Prelude, Siciliano and Rond” by Malcolm Arnold.

The DHS students are preparing for contest that is approaching very soon.

After about a 10 minute intermission, the Jazz Cats were ready to perform. Their first piece was “Switch In Time” by Sammy Nestico. Each musical rendition features someone playing a solo part or several students playing solos throughout the song. They are all quite talented and give up many afternoons to practice their music.

The Jazz Cats also perform at many of our home basketball games and recently attended the SIU Carbondale Jazz Festival. They received 1st Place Band, 1st Place Combo and All Section Awards. Their next performance will be at the North County Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 13th and then later on May 2nd in the high school auditorium for the Spring Concert.

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Dexter, Missouri - One typical Wednesday morning at T.S. Middle School a student started something extraordinary and it has evolved into one of the most attended weekly gatherings.

About a month ago, the First Baptist Church in Dexter had DNOW, a popular youth group event that spanned over a weekend. The youth, both middle school age and high school age, had an opportunity to grow in fellowship with other students and encounter the Lord. Students were together all weekend and stayed in host homes based on their grade and gender.

Each student participated in several impacting sessions, worship experiences and had time

for discussion. They also enjoyed valuable time with their friends and the crazy activities kept them entertained.

T.S. Hill Middle School student, Gavin Northcutt, attended the event and wanted to bring those teachings, devotional experiences, and prayer to other kids of his age so they would have the opportunity to feel and know the Lord as he does. With some help from a few classmates, they organized a prayer group. Asked the school if they could use a classroom in the mornings before school as it would make it easier for students who wanted to come to do so.

On the first day there were 87 students who crammed into a classroom big enough to hold them. They started at about 7:50 a.m. on a Wednesday morning and began with Gavin talking about how to get better acquainted with the Lord and what they hoped to accomplish from these morning prayer meetings. Students who attended would gain a sense of togetherness and through spiritual leadership have a better understanding of how and what faith truly means. Gavin is a shining example of how faith has helped him lead this group of spiritually minded students.

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Each week a different student gives a short devotional lasting about 15 minutes. They ask if there is any one needing to be placed on the prayer list and then the students are asked if anyone has something to say or questions for the group. Remember it is all student based, this is not lead by the faculty. Scott Kruse, Principal of T.S. Hill Middle School, is on hand as other teachers are throughout the building during the morning hours.

At the end of their meeting, they prayed for strength and guidance and that the group would continue to grow in love and unity.

Now four weeks later, they are still meeting, still speaking about God, still praying and the group has grown even larger. This morning with volleyball and baseball practices and other school related activities, there were 100 students sitting in chairs, on the floor and standing along the wall in the back.

Each listening intently to Janie Lindsey who was today's devotional leader. She spoke of getting the word out about having Christ in your life. She spoke of how each student would be challenged daily and they could lean on one another for guidance and support. Not to be bullied or pressured into doing something wrong. She read a few verses from the Bible and just before the bell rang for everyone to go to class, all 100 students stood up, gathered into a very large circle, weaving in and out around the chairs, held hands, bowed their heads and Janie lead them in prayer. "Amen," the students said and with that

they single filed out of the classroom, walked to the gym to get their books and headed to class. The community should be extremely proud of them and what they are accomplishing.

Any student at the T.S. Middle School may participate each Wednesday morning. This is not a requirement, nor is it a school related activity. These students meet on their own and have chosen to have a morning prayer group for anyone to attend. They also stand-up and say a prayer daily just before they eat their lunch. Amazing! Truly inspirational!

"We have a great bunch of students at T.S. Hill Middle School!" stated Scott Kruse, Principal. "The devotion group is student led and represents everything good about young adults. I asked them to not let this idea fade away and it is obvious they are committed to seeing this become tradition; something for all middle school students to look forward to and being included."

We have more photos of these extraordinary kids doing extraordinary things on the ShowMe Times Facebook page. Come check it out!

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