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Jefferson City, Missouri - Fighting wildfires, delivering relief supplies and medical evacuation are only a few ways flight is used to save lives. Young people throughout Missouri are invited to illustrate these and other lifesaving flights as part of the 2014 International Aviation Art Contest.

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Transportation and several other national and international organizations, the contest inspires youth to explore aeronautics, engineering and science as they illustrate the theme, "Flying Saves Lives."

Children between the ages of 6 and 17 can participate. Entries are judged in three age classes for creative use of the theme. Entries from Missouri youth will be evaluated by MoDOT employees. The winners will advance to national and possible international levels of the contest.

All artwork for the state competition must be postmarked by Friday, Jan. 17, 2014. For the mailing address and official rules, contact MoDOT's Aviation office.

Call (573) 526-2169, send an email to s.hall@modot.mo.gov or visit the national sponsor's site, www.nasao.org

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The Most Valuable Student Scholarship- The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2014

competition.

Rules for the scholarship:

- Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply.
- Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks.
- College students are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify.
- Male and female students compete separately.
- Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The Most Valuable Student scholarship deadline is **December 6, 2013**.
- Applications must be submitted to the Elks Lodge closest to the student's permanent U.S. address.

Applications must advance through local, district and state competitions to reach national judging. The weekend of April 25 to 27, 2014, the 20 top finalists will participate in a Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they'll interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000.

The Chicago office of the Elks National Foundation will announce the 500 national winners, and notify them in writing, by late April 2014. (Many local Lodges, districts and state Elks associations award their own scholarships through this program. These scholarships are not to be confused with the 500 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships.)

All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award conditional upon the full-time enrollment of the winner in an accredited U.S. college or university.

Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year,

Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or

university.

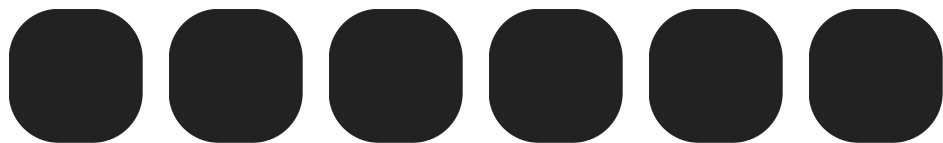
For more information on this scholarship, visit the Elks website at:

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

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Dexter, Missouri- The Dexter High School choir students will be performing Disney's High School Musical on Thursday, November 21st through Saturday, November 23rd.

Tickets can be purchased each night at the door, through the high school office, or by Mrs. Sepulvado. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for Dexter students age five and up. Children four and under will be free.

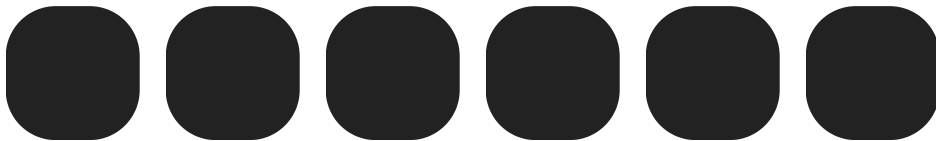
The performance on November 21st and 22nd will begin at 7:00 p.m. The performance on Saturday, November 23rd will begin at 5:30 p.m. The High School Musical performance will be held in the auditorium of Dexter High School.

Please come out and enjoy the DHS Choir performance of Disney's High School Musical!

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Dexter, Missouri - There was lots of activities for the students to participate in at at both Central Elementary and Southwest Elementary Schools last week. The students participated in National Young Readers Week. Even Dexter's Mayor Joe Weber signed a

proclamation.

Special "Celebrity" guests were invited to read to students throughout the week. Students participated in several reading contests.

There were four different contests.

1. **Guess Who's Reading-** The students had to guess the teacher in the photo, but he/she had a book covering their face. There will be a winner from each grade. Each winner will receive a \$25 Barnes and Noble Gift Card. The winners were: *Madelyn Haynes 5th grade, Magi McBride 4th grade, and Cole Gibson 3rd grade.*

2. **Prize Baskets** full of Central School Store goodies- The boy and girl in each grade level who earned the most points will receive a prize basket full of school store goodies!

3. **Shredded Book Contest-** Students were asked to guess the number of pages in a shredded book. The student in each classroom that guessed the closest received a small prize.

4. **Daily....**10 students in each grade level received a McDonald's coupon if they were at 50% of their AR goal and had 85% accuracy.

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Dexter, Missouri - Join the Stoddard County schools by "Taking the Pledge" for National Education Week! **Click here!** It's easy!

What is American Education Week?

American Education Week—November 18-22, 2013—presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The weeklong celebration features a special observance each day of the week. They include:

Monday, November 18: Kickoff Day

Nationwide Kickoff. Across the country, schools will celebrate excellence in education by hosting kickoff events and activities.

Tuesday, November 19: Parents Day

Schools will invite parents into the classroom for a firsthand look at what the school day is like for their children.

Wednesday, November 20: Education Support Professionals Day

Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn. Check out these charts to see [how hard ESPs work](#) to serve students in public schools and [how committed ESPs](#) are to both their jobs and their communities. Also watch the "It's More Than Just a Job" videos below to learn more about ESP careers.

Thursday, November 21: Educator for a Day

Community leaders will be invited to experience the day as educators and experience the challenges of teaching and the needs of students. Learn more about this program through the [Educator for a Day Promotional Kit](#).

Friday, November 22: Substitute Educators Day

Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education. [Learn more](#) about these professionals and take a look at [resources and tips for substitute educators](#).

Be a part of the annual celebration of American Education Week and Raise Your Hand for Student Success. Take this pledge and show your support for quality public education for all of America's children. All of our students have a right to an education that prepares them for college and 21st century careers.

I pledge to RAISE MY HAND for:

- Every child in America to have access to quality public education, regardless of family income or where they live.
- All educators to be respected and treated as professionals and participate in key education policy discussions.
- Parents, families, communities, and educators to come together and create partnerships to foster environments that are conducive for student learning.
- Elected officials to do their part to ensure adequate tools and resources for all schools, include educators in key policy discussions, and make sure that students have access to a world class education—from pre-k and beyond.
- Public schools to have smaller class sizes, up-to-date textbooks, and safe and clean environments.

Signing this pledge, I commit to being an advocate for great public schools for every student, and I will tell my relatives, friends, and colleagues to “Raise Your Hand for student success.”

Stop by your local schools and thank a teacher today!

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