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Dexter Central Students who earned 100% of their Accelerated Reading Goal had their names entered into a drawing for a gift bag valued at \$50. The winners were 3rd grade-Myles Keena, 4th grade- Ryan Strickland, and 5th grade- Jordan Holden.

**Pictured left to right is Jordan, Ryan, and Myles.
Congratulations!!!**

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News Release Submitted

by Corey Mouser, Asst. Superintendent

Dexter, Missouri - Dexter R-XI Schools announced the release of a new, district-wide mobile communications application from School Connect, a leading developer of mobile applications for K-12 school systems and institutions. Brought to the district by Jostens, the free mobile and web app is available for Apple and Android mobile devices and online, and keeps the entire school community connected to the district's information they need in one convenient location. The launch date will be March 17, 2014

Understanding the busy schedules of parents, students, and patrons, the district's official mobile app from School Connect enables smartphone and tablet users to keep track of important district information and receive notifications from the district, faculty, and staff, all in real-time via push, text, and email messaging. The mobile app enhances community engagement by providing users with access to information like school activities, grade books, notes from teachers, athletic schedules and scores, lunch menus, and school calendars, when and where they choose to view.

The School Connect mobile app is a secure and flexible communication platform that allows the district to easily manage, control, and deliver content that enhances the school-to-community communications process. Features for Dexter

R-XI Schools' official mobile app include:

- ? Push, text, and email messaging from both the district and school site levels
- ? GPS mapping and navigation
- ? School calendars
- ? Tap screens for email and phone for district staff
- ? Multiple language options, including Spanish
- ? Lunch menus, athletic information, and much more

The communication service was brought to the district at no cost through a partnership between School Connect and Jostens, a leading provider of products, programs and services that help people tell their stories, celebrate important traditions, and recognize achievement.

School Connect and Jostens understand the importance of keeping the school community connected and are providing app development and hosting services to the school district for free with no download charges for mobile users. The district app is financially supported by school-friendly and approved sponsors.

“School Connect is excited to be working with Dexter R-XI Schools to help reach the district’s goals for effective and accessible communications throughout the entire school community,” said Dr. Nick Migliorino, founder and president, School Connect, and former educator. “People are busier than ever and rely on their mobile devices to be connected to what matters most. School Connect allows schools and community members to stay connected through a free and robust mobile platform that will continue to evolve based on their needs.”

The Dexter R-XI Schools, School Connect app will be available to download and use for free for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) users, and online via the web app on March 17, 2014

About School Connect

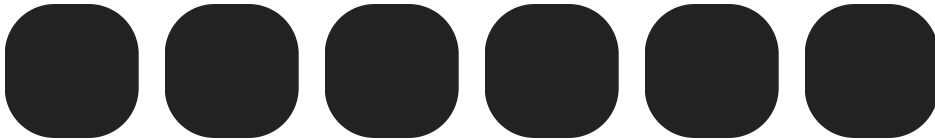
School Connect provides communication services to school districts through Apple and Android apps distributed by Jostens at no cost to districts or users. School Connect is a part of Jostens, a leading provider of products, programs and services that help people tell their stories, celebrate important traditions and recognize achievement.

It is free to use and to administer, so no funds were spent by Dexter R-XI Schools to provide this service, making information easily accessible through mobile devices

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Jacob Robinson Selected as Honorable Mention

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*Written by
Dee Loflin, SMT Manager/Editor*

Dexter, Missouri – High school senior Jacob Robinson has been selected an “Honorable Mention” student in the 2014 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri’s top academic students in the graduating

class of 2014. Dan Pollock made the announcement this month. He is the principal of Dexter Senior High School.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a program sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals. Schools across Missouri were invited to nominate candidates for this statewide recognition. The selection is based primarily on a formula using the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT score. Each student nominated had to first meet criteria of an "Academic Decathlon", which included ten "events" designed to assure the academic strength of the student. To meet the decathlon requirements, the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,900, be ranked in the upper 10% of the class, and have taken upper level courses in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. The student must also have excellent attendance, be an exemplary school citizen, and be involved in the school activity program.

Jim L. King, Executive Director of the principals' association said, "Students who are selected to this program have taken a rigorous course of study and have maintained the highest academic standards. The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals wants to celebrate the achievement and success of these students and their schools."

Jacob is a senior at Dexter High School and the co-founder of End Poverty in Stoddard County. He has been accepted to Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Dartmouth is a member of the Ivy League and consistently ranks among the world's greatest academic institutions. Jacob plans to pursue a medical degree and work in the field of neurobiology.

Congratulations Jacob on your accomplishments. Your hard work and continued studies will make you a very successful person. The Dexter community is extremely proud of you and we wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

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T.S. Hill Middle School Hosts Winter Band Concert

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T.S. Hill Middle School Hosts Winter Band Concert

*Written by
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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter Middle School Band performed in the middle school gym on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. The members of both the Dexter Middle School seventh and eighth grade bands were excited to perform as this music brought some songs the parents would know and brought Spring along with them.

The first song, conducted by Mr. Wade was "Y.M.C.A.". As the crowd shuffled in their seats eager to move, but too embarrassed to try YMCA with their hands. The concert had an enjoyable start which was quite prominent.

Following the "Y.M.C.A.", Mr. Wade directed "Locomotion". Mr. Jinkerson, the new Middle School band director for next year, was excited to conduct his first piece of pop music. He started off by saying how excited he was to have received the job for next year and to work with all the children with music in the future. He conducted "Takin' Care of Business" as well as the always popular "Smoke on the Water".

He then let Miss Shupbach take the stand. She is a student teacher from Southeast Missouri State University, who much like Mr. Jinkerson has a job ready for her at the end of this year at Bell City taking the place of Mrs. Wade. She directed "Radioactive", a

newer piece in this set.

Mr. Rybolt took the stand. For the first song, he chose "Low Rider". For the final song explained his love of Bon Jovi music when announcing "You Give Love a Bad Name".

Several of the 8th grade students were not on hand for the concert as they were attending the annual Science Fair competition on the Southeast Missouri State University campus in Cape Girardeau.

All in all the concert was a blast and the students really enjoyed performing for their parents and friends. We look forward to listening to their spring concert as well.

Shown in the photo above are the 7th grade concert students. Below are the 8th grade concert students.

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4th Grade Mark Twain Award Nominees

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4th Grade Mark Twain Award Nominees

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Dexter, Missouri - The purpose of the Mark Twain Award is to provide children of Missouri with a recommended reading list of literature that will enrich their lives. The winner of the Mark Twain Readers Award is selected annually by students in grades four through six throughout Missouri.

Shown in the photo above are the 4th grade students who read at least 4 of the 12 book nominees. There are 26 students. They also attended the party and voted for their favorite book.

Students will be casting their votes at the Mark Twain, Truman, and Gateway Voting Parties. Each of these Voting Parties is divided into different age groups. The Gateway books are focused on the high school students (9-12th grade), while the Truman books are more associated with the junior high readers (6-8th grade), and the Mark Twain books are more open to the elementary readers.

Central Elementary students just celebrated their Voting Party. To be able to attend the party and cast their vote, the students were required to read at least four of the twelve books on this year's Mark Twain Award Nominees.

The winning book and author of each of the Award Nominee categories will be announced in April at a Missouri Association of School Librarians conference that will take place in Tan-Tar-A.

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Book Nominees for the 2013 - 2014 school year are:

Close to Famous, by Joan Bauer. Viking Juvenile.

Missing on Superstition Mountain, by Elise Broach. Henry Holt and Co.

Will at the Battle of Gettysburg, by Laurie Calkhoven. Dutton Juvenile.

Barn Boot Blues, by Catherine Friend. Amazon Children's Publishing.

Hidden, by Helen Frost. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

The Underdogs, by Mike Lupica. Philomel.

13 Gifts, by Wendy Mass. Scholastic Press.

In Front of God and Everybody, by K.D. McCrite. Thomas Nelson.

The Unwanted, by Lisa McMann. Aladdin.

Sparrow Road, by Sheila O'Connor. Putnam Juvenile.

Wonderstruck, by Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press.

Pie, by Sarah Weeks. Scholastic Press.

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"I had a total of 60 students that were eligible to vote this year, and 19 that read all 12," stated Camie Richard, Central Elementary Librarian. "That is a record number of voting students."

Congratulations to all of the students who read their books. Reading can be fun!!

Thank you Camie Richard for the awesome photos!

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