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# DHS Book Fair a Success - Meeting Their Goal in ONE Day!

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## DHS Book Fair a Success - Meeting Their Goal in ONE Day!

**Dexter, Missouri** - The first ever Dexter High School Book Fair went extremely well. So well in fact that they met their goal of \$1,500 worth of merchandise, which is approximately 300 books before the start of school on Tuesday morning. What an awesome event!!! They ended up doubling their goal by just a little!!!

On Friday, five students received their special Mockingjay-themed cupcakes. A total of 24 students who purchased \$5 or more from the book fair were awarded cupcakes.

Shown in the photo (Left to Right): Katlyn Houston, Hannah Long, Shyann Jines, Kathryn Reiker, and Mackinlee Rogers.

*Mockingjay* is the latest book made into film from the The Hunger Games series. It is the first of two cinematic parts based on the novel and the final book in the Hunger Games trilogy written by Suzanne Collins.

“This is the first event of its kind and I have been blown away by how amazing our community has been in supporting this,” DHS Library Media Specialist Krystal Hobgood said. “We have so many prizes to give away to the students and I know they will be thrilled. I owe that all to the support of our community.

Way to go Dexter High School!!

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## Dexter High School Students Earn All-District Honors

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### Dexter High School Students Earn All-District Honors

**Dexter, Missouri** - The Dexter bands had the 2nd highest number of students in All-District Band this year and the highest amount of students in All-District Jazz Band.

"We are both very proud of all of our middles school and high school students that auditioned this year," commented Scott Rybolt, Director of the Dexter High School Band.

Congratulations to the following students for making the All District Band – Kerrigan Brady – Alternate Flute; Erin Lauters – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Clarinet; Courtney Scholl – 12<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet; Johnna Hinklin – 16<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet; Victoria Meritt - 18<sup>th</sup> Chair Clarinet;

Morgan Ross – Alternate Bass Clarinet; Lacey Midget – 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Contra Alto Clarinet; Toni Curran – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Alto Saxophone; Gina Magarian – 10<sup>th</sup> Chair Trumpet; Emily Johns – 6<sup>th</sup> Chair French Horn; Brooks Propst – 3<sup>rd</sup> Chair Trombone; Ethan Gillum – 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Tuba; Addison Moore – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Percussion Option 1, and Sean Rybolt – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Percussion Option 2.

Congratulations to the following students for making the All District Jazz Band - Toni Curran – 1<sup>st</sup> Alto Saxophone; Alyssa Teets – 2<sup>nd</sup> Alto Saxophone; Erin Lauters – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tenor Saxophone; Dylan Long – Baritone Saxophone; Gina Magarian – Lead Trumpet; Layla Brown – 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet; Brooks Propst – Lead Trombone; Jonni Hill – Alternate Piano; Sean Rybolt – Bass; Addison Moore – 1<sup>st</sup> Drums, and Matthew Chesser – 2<sup>nd</sup> Drums .

All-District Band performance will be held in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, November 15th. Students will practice most of the day and perform at 7:00 p.m. Parents and the community are encouraged to attend.

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# Haley Cabral is Veterans Day 8th Grade Essay Contest Winner

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Each year T.S. Hill 8th grade Middle School students are asked to write an essay in their Social Studies class. Mrs. Jessica DeMent is the director of this annual project.

Haley Cabral was chosen from all of the 8th grade Social Studies students at T.S. Hill Middle School and with that honor was selected to read her essay at the annual Veterans Day Observance Program held at the Bearcat Event Center.

Below is her essay! Congratulations Haley! The Veterans and the Dexter community is proud and honored to have heard your essay on Tuesday!

### ***What Does Freedom Mean to My Family?***

#### ***What Does Freedom Mean to Me?***

"What is freedom? That was the question that was posed to me. At first, I wasn't very excited about writing an essay. But as I put more thought into the subject, I became more and more enthusiastic about the idea of being able to express my gratitude to all of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in order for America to be the free country that it is today.

In America, we enjoy many freedoms every day of our lives. For instance, we have freedom of speech and religion. It is our choice to marry who we want, and we have the right to vote for our leaders. All of these choices have been purchased through the sacrifice of veterans.

Many of the things we have in America are because of our veterans. I feel safe in my home and in my community. I have few restraints in the choices that I make every day. This is because I know I am protected by our men and women in uniform. They protect me even though they've never met me.

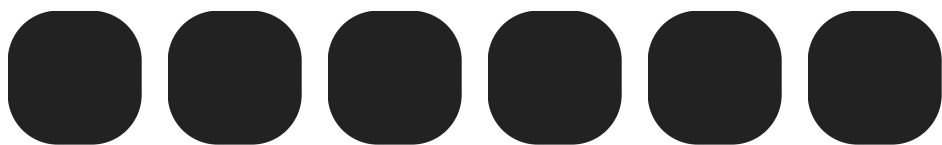
I am very grateful to the veterans for all of the sacrifices they have made so that we can be free. Many people in our country have lost loved ones as they have served our country, preserving our liberties.

In conclusion, we owe a lot to all of our veterans. We should never forget all of the sacrifices that our veterans have selflessly made so that we can be a free country. So the next time that you are listening to music, the next time you are picking out your clothes, or the next time you are going to church, don't forget how lucky you are to have all of the privileges that you do. There are people around the world who would die for these rights that we take for granted, and we have these freedoms because of the men and women in uniform who have fought and died to keep them. Thank you, veterans, for fighting for our rights and our freedoms."

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## 2014 Veterans Day 5th Grade Poster Contest Winners

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Each year the fifth grade students at Central Elementary School are given the task of creating a patriotic poster and are then entered into a contest.

Students at Central Elementary in the 5th grade classrooms worked very hard on their posters to commemorate the military and Veterans. They wanted to show Veterans how much they appreciate them and these students know that without each Veteran's sacrifice they would not have the right to express themselves through art.

One winner is selected from each fifth grade classroom. SPC Katie Alsup, Missouri Army National Guard representative and Sheila Alsup, American Legion Auxiliary President announced the winners of the 2014 Patriotic Poster Contest.

**Shown in the photo are front row from left, Kaytlin Tomes, Gerica Harris, Grace Teffertiller, and Abby DeMent.**

**Back row, left to right, Braxton Greenfield, Cayden Mansker, Alexis Robinson, Bethany Bradley, and Tori White.**

Each student received a necklace and their very own dog tag. Congratulations on your fantastic artwork!

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## Veterans Day Coloring Contest Winners

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### Veterans Day Coloring Contest Winners

**Dexter, Missouri** - SPC Katie Alsup, Missouri Army National Guard along with Sheila Alsup, American Legion Auxiliary President and Mrs. Kristie Banken announced and awarded the winners of the Poppy Coloring Contest during the Veterans Day Observance Program at the Bearcat Event Center on Tuesday.

Each year students read an informational book about Veterans Day and the symbolism of the Poppy flower during Mrs. Banken's Art Class. The students were then asked to color a Poppy in honor of all Veterans. Winners were selected from each classroom.

The winners of the 2014 2nd Grade Poppy Coloring Contest are shown in the photo above.

**They are from left to right front row: Jackson Caveness, Joe Passely, Cale Robinson, Kinley Kennedy, and Lawson Blocker (overall winner).**

**Back row from left to right are: Isabella Pittman, Caroline Stone, Annalisa Bradley, Cameron Bell, Elizabeth Bolin, and Landon Fraley.**

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