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Stuff A Truck - 5th Grade Top Donors

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Dexter, Missouri - The fifth grade students of Jennifer Bolin brought in more food items than any other fifth grade class with a total of 445 items.

Judy Patterson, Dexter High School Counselor, heads the "Stuff A Truck" campaign each year to collect non-perishable foods for the Stoddard County Gospel Mission.

Over 5,000 food items were collected from Dexter's Southwest, Central, Middle and High Schools and donated in the 2014 Stuff A Truck competition.

Mrs. Bolin's 5th grade students are Annie Banken, Aubrey Bequette, Taylor Conduct, Lance Davis, Raleigh Hawk Evans, Brooklynn Franks, Matthew Hardin, Andie Kruse, Tyler Lopez, Miller McLaughlin, Avery Neely, Lexis Newell, Kenton Pope, Michael Shiver, Dylan Sitze, Karsyn Smith, Ryan Strickland, Grace Teffertiller, Cole Tilley, and Mia Williams.

The students were treated to a McDonald's Happy Meal party for their efforts and generosity.

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Central Elementary Calendar January 6th - 9th 2015

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Dexter Central Elementary School - This listing of future activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with Dr. Sharp, Superintendent and the Dexter Public Schools for your convenience.

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Tuesday, January 6

Students first day back.

Walk-throughs Special Services

Wednesday, January 7

Walk-throughs Special Services and technology.
Block III students will be begin their semester class

Thursday, January 8

Walk-throughs grade 5.

Friday, January 9

Walk-through for grade 5.
Report cards go home.

FUTURE DATES:

Tuesday, January 13

Walk-throughs for Title I teachers.

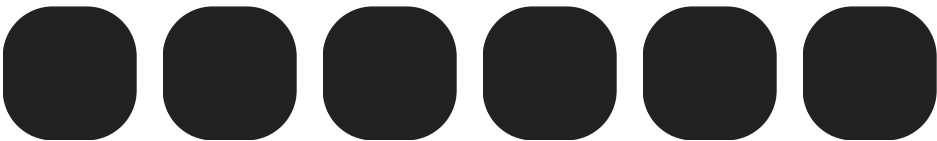
Wednesday, January 14

“House” meetings for the first time this quarter from 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Walk-throughs for select third grade teachers.

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Southwest Calendar for Jan 6th - Jan 9th 2015

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Tuesday, January 6th

School resumes – students return

Wednesday, January 7th

Tier 2 meeting @ 2:30 pm

P.D. Committee meeting @ 3:30 Board room

Thursday, January 8th

Tier I meeting @ 3:30 pm

Friday, January 9th

Report cards go home with students

Fire Drill- 10:10 am

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 14th- Tier II meeting @ 2:30 pm
January 15th- Staff meeting
January 16th- drill
January 19th- NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Day
January 26-30th- KDG OLSAT testing
January 29th- Book Fair- Parent Night

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Teacher? Coach? or Both? by Kelby Hill

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Dexter, Missouri - Chris Bolin's middle school journalism class has created the first ever school newspaper at T.S. Hill Middle School. The DMS Press has already published a couple of newsletters since classes began in August. The students really enjoy writing, taking photos, and seeing their peers read their

newsletter.

The ShowMe Times will feature various articles written by middle school students and will feature them on our website.

Kelby Hill is a Sports Reporter for the DMS Press and published this article entitled, "Teacher? Coach? or Both?".

"Here in T.S. Hill we have quite a few teachers that also serve as athletic coaches. After interviewing two of them, Mr. Lummukka & Mrs. Hahn, I learned that juggling teaching and coaching can at times be very difficult. But also can be very rewarding with the relationships and memories made from both."

Mrs. Hahn is the head coach of both the 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams and teaches 6th grade physical science. After interviewing her I learned quite a few interesting things about tackling both coaching and teaching and also a few things about herself. Mrs. Hahn began teaching after she had kids and began coaching because of her love for sports and her own competitiveness. Mrs. Hahn looks at both coaching and teaching as about the same thing because, "You're really just trying to help your student or player reach their full potential whether that be on the court or in the classroom."

When asked if she treats her players the same on and off the field she says she has high expectations for all the kids but that academics should come first and sports should be a complement to our academic program. Even after a sore loss Mrs. Hahn says, "I try to keep my problems that affect my life outside of the classroom out of class", but her energy level after a big win "might be a little higher than usual."

Mr. Lummukka is an assistant football and a middle school track coach and teaches health and advanced health. I also had the opportunity to ask him a few of the same questions. Mr. Lummukka has the opportunity to both coach and teach a few of his students. This lead to the question of, "Is it easy being a student's coach and teacher?" He replied with, "The easy part is the relationship. In the classroom you get to know kids and you're with them every day and I think that's great but, I also think there is a different dynamic on the field or on the court. You get to know who they are, their goals, maybe where they come from. I think there is a balance between

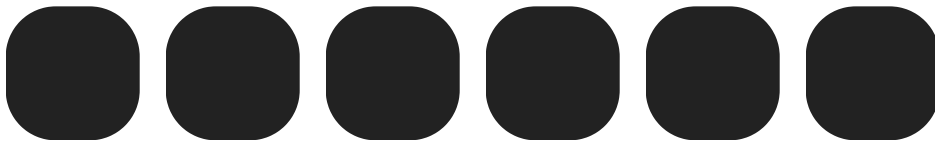
those two.” When Mr. Lummukka was asked if his student athletes’ work ethic affected how he thought of them on the field he replied with, “Yes, I think that’s the most important thing, work ethic.” He looks for qualities like showing up, paying attention, being coachable, and handling correction properly, in both coaching and teaching.

Although coaching and teaching can at times be stressful, they are a very rewarding experience. Mr. Lummukka and Mrs. Hahn both greatly enjoy their jobs. Our student athletes at T.S. Hill are very thankful for our great staff of both teachers/coaches and athletes.”

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Alexis Smith Accepted to Vanderbilt University!

DECEMBER 18TH 2014 BY DEE LOFLIN

Alexis Smith Accepted to Vanderbilt University!

Dexter, Missouri – It's always impressive to be admitted to attend a college or university, but to be accepted to one of the top schools in the country is quite the honor. Alexis Smith has always dreamed of working in the medical field and she is one step closer to accomplishing her goal.

Alexis Smith received her letter of acceptance to Vanderbilt University! She was selected from the largest, most qualified early decision 1 applicant pool in Vanderbilt's history. She will major in Mathematics with a pre-med track and once she has earned her Bachelor of Science degree will apply to medical school and become a Pediatric Neurosurgeon.

"It feels incredible to be able to say I am officially a Vanderbilt Commodore!" stated Smith. "I am speechless!" Alexis wanted to thank everyone who helped her along her journey and believed in her dream. Vanderbilt Class of 2019 is a dream come true for her.

Alexis is the 17-year-old daughter of Gabe and Brooke Smith. She is the student body President at Dexter Senior High School and is active in the Robotics Club, Rotary Interact, TARS, FLC, Future Business Leaders of America, and Scholar Bowl. She has also participated in Cross Country all four years of high school.

Smith is also in Dexter Honor Society and Top 10%. She attended Missouri Girls State last summer and attended Washington University – St. Louis Scholars summer program. Alexis is a National Merit Semi-Finalist and is in the running to be a finalist.

She is the co-founder of End Poverty in Stoddard County, a non-profit group with a mission to help those in Stoddard County with food, coats, and clothes.

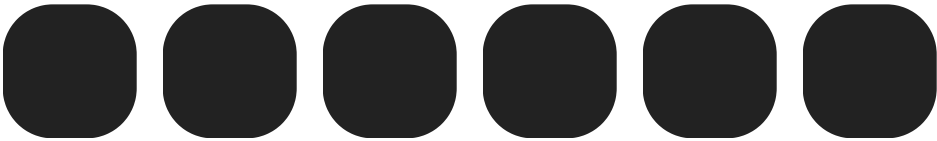
Alexis will graduate in May at Dexter Senior High School and move to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt University is a private institution that was founded in 1873 and is ranked among the top 20 institutions in the United States. In 2013, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions accepted 11.97% of applicants, thus making Vanderbilt one of the most selective universities in the United States.

Congratulations Alexis Smith! The Dexter community is extremely proud of your accomplishment and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

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