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2nd Annual Dexter High School Book Fair

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Dexter, Missouri - The 2nd Annual Dexter High School Book Fair is slated for Monday, October 19th – Friday, October 23rd.

The book fair theme this year is “Reading is so much fun, it’s scary!”

Students, faculty and staff may shop in the library the following times:

Monday - Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

A special time for parents will be THURSDAY, from 1:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and on FRIDAY from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. School will dismiss early on Thursday and will not be in session on Friday. Perfect time to pick up a few Christmas gifts!

Students, parents, and faculty members may also shop online or by using the Scholastic Book Fair’s mobile app. The online book fair will run from Monday, October 12th until Sunday, October 25th.

There will be a variety of books and items to choose from in the library. Additionally, by browsing online, or by using the Scholastic Book Fair’s app, shoppers will find anything from children’s activity books, to cookbooks, to how-

to-books. Items purchases via the website, or the app, will be shipped to the highs school library.

All DHS students and staff who purchase items totaling \$5.00 or more from the book fair will be entered into our prize drawing. Drawings will be held throughout the day on Monday, October 26th.

The first TWENTY-FOUR students who purchase books totaling \$5.00 in the library will enjoy a delicious treat!

The first 100 students who purchase items totaling \$5.00 in the library will receive coupons for FREE treats at McDonalds and Taco Bell!

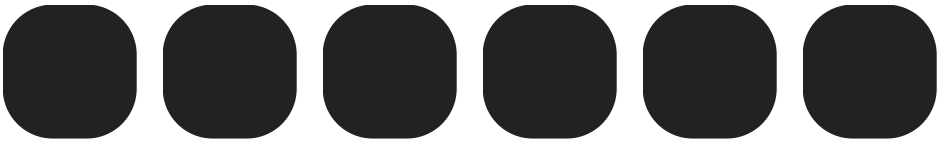
The next 100 students who purchase items totaling \$5.00 in the library will receive a coupon for a FREE treat at Taco Bell!

Prizes include: Mrs. Bruce’s famous cake pops, candy-filled insulated tumbler cups, signed copy of Anna Dressed in Blood, Gift card to Hickory Log, gift cards to BWW, gift card to Casey’s General Store, free pizzas from Casey’s, free passes to Malco Trio Cinema in Sikeston, and free passes to Wehrenberg Theater in Cape Girardeau.

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DHS Marching Band Earns Several Top Honors

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Charleston, Missouri - The Dexter Marching Bearcats recently traveled to Charleston for the annual Southeast Missouri Band Directors Association Band Festival.

They competed in several categories winning 1st Place in the parade competition.

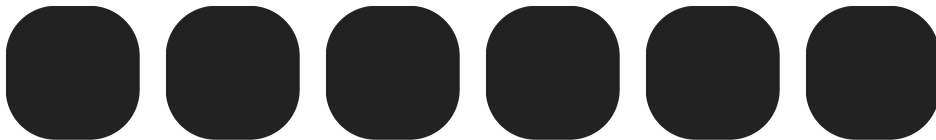
They also received Outstanding Music, Outstanding Marching, Outstanding Drum Majors, and Outstanding Percussion and 3rd Place performance in field competition.

Congratulations DHS Marching Bearcats on a job well done!

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Bernie PAT Student of the Month for October

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Bernie, Missouri - Mason Williams is also a Bernie Parents as Teachers Student of the Month for October.

Mason is the three year-old son of Heath and Laura Williams.

Mason enjoys playing outside with his big brothers, Logan and Preston, and his kitty Ruger. He also likes to go hunting with his daddy. During the family's PAT visits, Mason enjoys any activity involving blocks and balls!

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold at 573-293-5335, ext 293 or find them on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website. For more information click [HERE](#).

Our Vision

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

Our Mission

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

Our Values

The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.

All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations. An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

History

In 1981, Missouri pioneered the concept of helping parents embrace their important role as their child's first and best teacher. Today, Parents as Teachers continues to equip early childhood organizations and professionals with information and tools that are relevant—and widely applicable—to today's parents, families and children.

The Parents as Teachers leadership team and Board of Directors is engaged in a three-year [strategic plan](#), which positions the organization as a valued partner to support the organizations and professionals who serve families and children, especially those most vulnerable.

The concept for Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading and writing.

Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve school readiness and parent involvement.

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Bernie, Missouri - Jase Carter Kirkpatrick is one of the Bernie Parents as Teachers Students of the Month for October.

He is the two year-old son of Ben Kirkpatrick and Sarah Boyle.

Jase loves playing with his Thomas choo choo train, reading, and playing with his mommy and daddy.

Jase's favorite part of their PAT visits is sitting with his daddy and naming pictures out of Mrs. Casey's big picture book. His favorite pictures are the trains and big trucks.

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Dexter, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School was well represented in the Stoddard County Fair Art Show and the Delta Fair.

Lydia Whitaker won Best in Show for her drawing at the Delta Fair and won 1st place in Drawing at the Stoddard County Fair.

Allisyn May won 2nd place in Drawing at the 2015 Stoddard County Fair Art Show.

Tyler Holt won 1st place in Mixed Media at the 2015 Stoddard County Fair.

"I am very proud of my student," commented art teacher Stephanie Monroe.

Shown in the photo from left to right are Allisyn May, Tyler Holt, and Lydia Whitaker.

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