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First Grade Positive Bus Referrals for September

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored first grade students with Positive Bus Referral certificates for the month of September.

Each student showed great character on the school bus for the month and are nominated by their bus driver. Congratulations to all of the students.

Shown in the photo front row from left to right: Sean Honeycutt, Haleigh Parish, Dylan McCord, and Victoria Hernandez. Back row from left to right: Makandah Buchanan, Lorin Northern, Hayden Heckman, Keaton Buchanan, Evelyn Dvorak, and Kaydan Hart.

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Sidney Booker Honored with Positive Office Referral Award

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors Sidney Booker with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3 R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Sidney was nominated by her kindergarten teacher Ms. Leah Cecil. She also received a certificate, a golden loop and a free taco from Taco Bell.

Sidney is the daughter of Mark and Kristi Booker.

Congratulations Sidney!

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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.

With funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Danforth Foundation, Parents as Teachers began in 1981 in Missouri as a pilot project for first-time parents of newborns. Recognizing the program's benefits and cost effectiveness, the Missouri legislature provided state

funding in 1985 to implement Parents as Teachers programs in all Missouri school districts. Since 1985, Parents as Teachers has expanded to all 50 states and six other countries.

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