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Dexter, Missouri - Two Dexter students have been selected for inclusion in the Southwestern Division of the American Choral Directors Association 2016 Honors Choir. Both will perform at the Kauffman Center in Kansas City in March of 2016.

Jamie Sepulvado is the choral director of Dexter Public Schools and is a member of the association as well. Only the association's members may submit candidates for the select choir.

The auditions were very specific in nature. Candidates were required to submit audio tapes that demonstrated their vocal range. Each submission included the contestant's singing of "My Country Tis of These," along with the top five notes and bottom five notes of their vocal ranges.

"The auditions are through audio tapes that are submitted to the committee," explained Sepulvado. "I selected seven students to submit tapes."

Sepulvado received word that two of her students made the cut. One of those students is Sepulvado's daughter, Grace, a fifth grade student at Central Elementary. The other student is Tres Hampton, sophomore at Dexter High School.

The Southwestern District comprises of seven states - Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Hampton was selected for inclusion in the Men's Choir Grades 9 - 10. Sepulvado was selected for grades 5 - 7.

"This is a huge accomplishment considering it is for the REGIONALS honors choir," stated Sepulvado.

Tres and Grace will travel to Kansas City, Mo. March 7-10 to rehearse and perform at the beautiful Kuaffman Performing Arts center! The theme for this year's event is, "Then Sings My Soul."

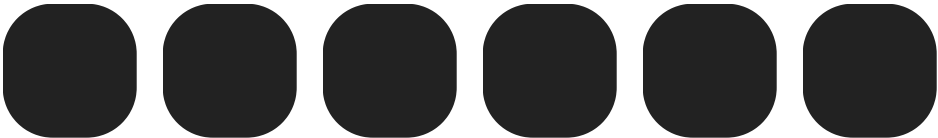
Grace is the daughter of Chip and Jamie Sepulvado and Tres is the son of James Hampton and Erin Brown.

Congratulations Grace and Tres!

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3rd Grade Honor Roll

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4th Grade Honor Roll

BRENDAN JOHN BALANCE, ALEXIS BENNETT, RYAN BURNETT, TYSON CARMODE, PARKER CARTER, KATARRAH CHURCHILL, LILLYN CROCKETT, MYA DARNELL, LEVI DEMENT, HOLDEN DUER, KAYLIE FARMER, RJ FARMER, MARIE FEES, PRESTON FITZPATRICK, PIPER FREEMAN, LUKE GENTRY, GRACEN HAMPTON, NATHAN HARRIS, MATTHEW HONEYCUTT, BROOKLYN HUGGINS, GABRIELLE INGRAM, PEYTON JARRELL, AMELIA JENKINS, TRISTAN KING, MAKENZIE KIRKPATRICK, BROOKE LASATER, BROOKLYN LINK, ANNA LIU, ABBIE LLOYD, ASHTON LONG, SHANE MATTHEWS, KENNEDY MCCORMICK, JULIA MCFADDEN, ADALINE MEDLEY, ALLEXIS JOY MERCADO, CHANSE MILLER, DALTON NOBLE, ZACHARY PARRISH, DANTE ROBINSON, KELBEY RODGERS, CY SCOTT, SOPHIA STEVENS, BROOKLYNN TABER, MACIE TEMPLEMIRE, KIARA TERRY, CAMRIN

THURSTON, ASHTIN VINCENT, RAIDEN WATERS, CARSON WILLIAMS, RHYDER WILLIAMS, BREE WINCHESTER, EMMA KATE WORLEY, LUKE WORLEY, RYAN YOUNG

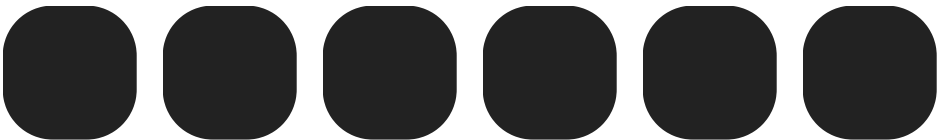
5th Grade Honor Roll

AUSTIN AKIN, GRANT AYERS, CIARA BARBER, OWEN BEWLEY, KADEN BIAS, PEYTON BOLES, DEREK BRADLEY, TRISTAN BRYANT, DRAVEN CATO, DREW CHAMBERLAIN, JACKSON CHRISTIAN, RACHEL COBB, CHRISTIAN CRAWFORD, AVERY LORNE CULP, SHELBY DAWSON, MAKENNA DEAN, CHRISTIAN DOBBELARE, ELLEN DOWDY, GABRIELLE DUNIVAN, CHASE ELDER, PARKER EVANS, IZAAC DONALD FEATHER, JADEN FEECE, COLE GIBSON, CAITLIN ELAINE GILES, MADISON GLAUS, BRIANNA GRANGER, JUDE GRIFFIN, HANNAH GUY, ERIC HARMON, NATHANIEL HARRIS, JAYCI HOLCOMB, ALISE HOWELL, LOGAN JONES, LOGAN JOSUPAIT, REECE JUSTICE, MYLES KEENA, TRUMAN KRAPF, CARLY LONG, AMBER MADIGAN, HUNTER COLE MAYNARD, COLE NICHOLS, HAYDEN ODELL, HAILEY PENNEBAKER, ALISHA PITTMAN, ALYSSA RAE POLLARD, BLAINE PRANCE, ABIGAIL RASH, ERIC RIDDLE, GRACE SEPULVADO, MOLLY SIMMONS, DESTINY SNELL, HANNAH SPENCE, HUNTER STAFFORD, JIMMY STEPHENS, MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER STONE, TATUM TAYLOR, CALYSTA WHITAKER, BROCK WYMAN

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Thrower Gives Inspirational Message at D.A.R.E. Graduation

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School senior Lauren Thrower presented an inspirational message about how drugs affect families to 5th grade students during the 2015 Dexter Central Elementary D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony held at the Bearcat Event Center.

Holding back tears she spoke about her brother's addiction and how the D.A.R.E. Program influenced her life while dealing with a family member who was in and out of rehab. She was happy to tell the audience he is now drug free and working full time in the family owned business, Dexter Queen.

"I am extremely proud of my brother," Lauren told the crowd. "I see that it is a daily struggle for him and for anyone who is addicted to drugs or alcohol."

Lauren is an inspiration to us all, not only with her beautiful words of inspiration, but her talent far exceeds that of a high school student. She is a strong young lady who warmed the hearts of everyone in attendance with her singing the song "Hero" for students, teachers, parents, special guests and this reporter! She brought tears to many.

Thank you Lauren for all that you do for this community and for being such a good role model to students.

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We Honor the Brave, A Tribute to Veterans

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Dexter, Missouri - On Thursday, November 12, 2015 the Southwest Elementary School 2nd Grade students held a Fall Musical in honor of veterans. Each dressed in red, white, and blue and presented a tribute to local veterans.

Under the direction of Mr. James Eldreth, the students sang a medley of songs including *American, Land of the Free, Yankee Doodle, The Open Sea, On Land, on Sea, and in the Air, Flying, and Veterans Day Rap.*

The Boy Scouts presented the Colors and students entered the gym with an instrumental piece "Semper Paratus", the U.S. Coast Guard Song.

For the grand Finale the students performed America, Land of the Free. Announcer Jonas Shoemaker yelled the names of each song: "The United States Coast Guard", "The United States Army", The United States Navy", "The United States Marines", and the "United States Air Force with solos by Lauren Sindle "The Caissons Go Rolling Along", Hailey Merrick "Anchors Aweigh", and Klaire Essner "Marines' Hymn."

Taps was played at the end of the performance by trumpeters James Eldreth and Adam Clark.

After Taps the children marched out of the gym to an instrumental piece "Off We Go Into

the Wild Blue Yonder", the U.S. Air Force Song.

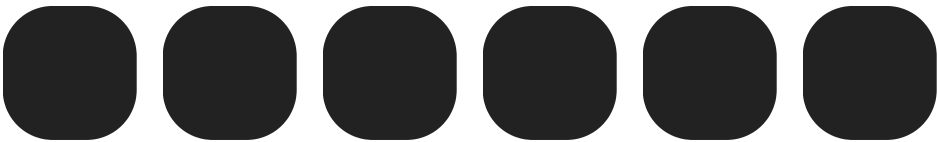
What a great celebration and the students learned much about patriotism and veterans during their rehearsals for the big show.

If you would like a video of the "We Honor the Brave" musical contact Mr. Eldreth by November 20th at Southwest Elementary. They are only \$10 and all proceeds go to purchase instruments and materials for the Southwest music classroom.

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DHS to Present Shrek The Musical JR

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Dexter, Missouri -It's a "big bright beautiful world" for everyone's favorite ogre in ***Shrek The Musical JR.***, based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film. Nasty will be nice and Dexter will be ogre-the-moon when Dexter High School students present their production of ***Shrek The Musical JR*** beginning November 19, 2015, it was announced on by Freddie Gershon, CEO of Music Theatre International (MTI).

The family-friendly musical comedy follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save a princess from a dragon. However, it turns out that in order to ultimately succeed, Shrek must battle an even bigger obstacle: learning how to believe in himself and open his heart to others.

"Shrek's unique story of discovery encourages each of us to examine our prejudices, review what we believe to be our limitations and work to better understand ourselves and others. The actors and crew in this production have embarked on a similar journey, as students and teachers with many different interests have learned more about themselves and each other while collaborating towards the common goal of presenting this musical," says Gershon.

Dexter High School will present *Shrek The Musical JR* on November 19th and 20th at 7:00 p.m. and November 21st at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Dexter High School Auditorium.

Shrek The Musical JR follows an ogre named Shrek who has learned the hard way that "people hate the things they cannot understand." For many years he has protected himself from the hurtful actions of those who are scared of him by living as a recluse in a cozy cesspit. One day, his peaceful swamp is disturbed by new tenants: fairytale misfits – including Pinocchio, the Ugly duckling, the Wicket Witch, Peter Pan, the Three Little Pigs, and the Big Bad Wolf – have been banished there by the villainous Lord Farquaad. In order to gain back his land, Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad to rescue the feisty princess Fiona from a tower guarded by a fierce dragon. Setting off with his faithful companion, Donkey, Shrek begins the journey of a lifetime filled with adventure, romance, and hilarity.

Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students and may be purchased at the door. For more information, please email Jamie Sepulvado at jamie2@dexter.k12.mo.us or Julie Rybolt at jrybolt@dexter.k12.mo.us.

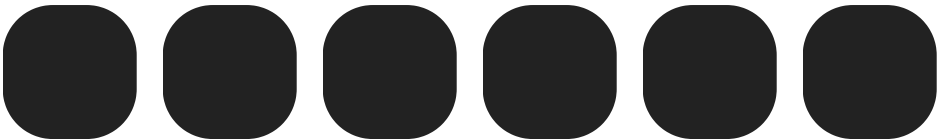
Shrek The Musical JR is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). They are one of the world's leading theatrical

licensing agencies, granting schools as well as amateur and professional theaters from around the world the rights to perform the largest selection of great musicals from Broadway and beyond.

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