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Dexter, Missouri - On Wednesday, July 20, 2016 students from Dexter High School, T.S. Hill Middle School, and Central Elementary traveled to Jefferson City, Missouri to sing with other students selected from all over the state for Honors Choir. Students submitted recordings to the Missouri Choral Directors Association chair.

The students rehearsed the entire day and prepared for a concert that evening for parents and guests.

"There was a record number of students from Dexter that were selected this year for the 7th and 8th grade Honors Choir and the 4th - 6th grade Honors Choir," commented Jamie Sepulvado, Dexter Public Schools Choral Director. "We had 9 students from 4th, 5th, and 6th grade selected and 8 students from 7th and 8th grade selected."

"Out of hundreds of auditions across the state submitted these students were recognized as some of the very best," continued Sepulvado. "I am extremely proud of the musicians and young leaders I have in these grades. Their behavior and performances were top notch!"

In the 7/8 grade choir the following students were selected Justin Viers, Bryston Pemberton, Cole Barker, Keiton Buck, Dalton Granger, Jeb Hubbard, Sydney Patrick, and Nate Bryant.

In the 4-6 grade choir top row left to right (yellow shirts) we have Drake Channell, Jerica Harris. Middle left to right is Abby DeMent, Kennedy Robertson and Ryan Strickland. Front left to right is Gracie Hanners, Mia Williams, and Mackenzie Raley.

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Assembly of God Church to Host FCA Breakfast

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Dexter, Missouri - The First Assembly of God Church will host the Fellowship of Christian Athletes breakfast. Athletes should be ready to eat at 7:20 a.m. and will have plenty of time to get to school on time.

Due are \$15, you will need to pay Coach Lovelady or Coach Allen as soon as possible. This is a great opportunity for all athletes to get involved.

The First Assembly of God Church is located at 911 Brown Pilot Road behind Southwest Elementary School.

The FCA Vision

To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

The FCA Mission

To present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

The Four C's of Ministry:

Coaches Ministry, Campus Ministry, Camp Ministry and Community Ministry

The FCA Values

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

Integrity

We will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately, and publicly.

Serving

We will model Jesus' example of serving.

Teamwork

We will express our unity in Christ in all our relationships.

Excellence

We will honor and glorify God in all we do.

Below is the 2016 Church Breakfast Schedule

September 2nd - First Christian Church

September 9th - Church of Christ

September 16th - Faith Lutheran Church

September 23rd - First United Methodist Church

September 30th - Risen Church

October 7th - Lighthouse Christian Center

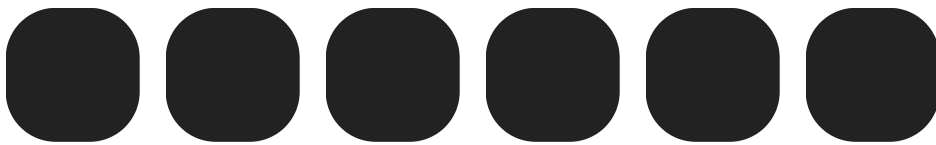
October 14th - Liberty Hill (at First Baptist Church)

October 21st - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Bernie 5th and 6th Graders to Host Chess Club

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Bernie, Missouri - Bernie 5th and 6th grade will have a Chess Club. Meetings start next week on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 12:30 in the school cafeteria.

The students that signed up for this club will get permission slips to take home this week that are due back Friday, August 26th.

The chess club will be held every Wednesday during lunch recess for the entire 1st quarter.

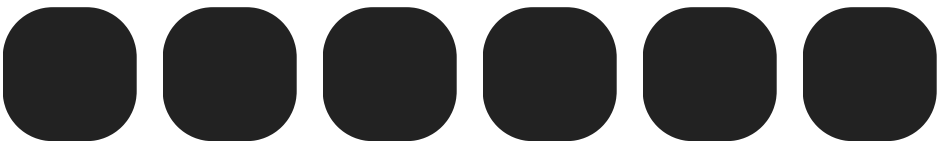
Why get your children involved in Chess? It's a game of strategy and help develop a student's mind. The game of Chess improves concentration and memory as well as enhances reading and math skills. It also fosters logic, critical thinking, and creativity.

National Chess Day is Saturday, October 12th. It's a great time to dust off the board or go online and play a game of strategy and logic!

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Schools Encouraged to Participate in MoDOT's

Annual Bridge Competition

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Southeast Missouri Schools Encouraged to Participate in MoDOT's 13th Annual Bridge Building Competition

Registration Deadline: September 6th

Sikeston, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is sponsoring its 13th annual bridge building competition for high school juniors and seniors in the Southeast District. The competition challenges students to design and construct the most efficient model bridge using limited materials-15 pieces of balsa wood, thread and glue.

Schools must register by Sept. 6 to compete in the competition. Contest information and registration forms have been mailed to area high schools. If a school is interested in participating and has not received the registration paperwork by Aug. 29, they are encouraged to contact MoDOT. Schools may register online or via email. The online registration form is available at: www.modot.org/southeast/BridgeBuildingCompetition.htm. Completed forms may also be emailed to anita.clark@modot.mo.gov and gretchen.hanks@modot.mo.gov.

The bridge kits will be delivered to the participating schools Oct. 3 and 4. Completed bridges will be picked up from participating schools Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

Bridges entered in the competition will be tested Nov. 17 at Cape West 14 Cine in Cape Girardeau. The lightest bridge to carry the greatest load will ultimately be declared the winner. Prizes will also be awarded for the most aesthetic bridge and to the winner of the electronic bridge competition.

Prizes donated by area businesses and organizations will be awarded to the top bridge building winners.

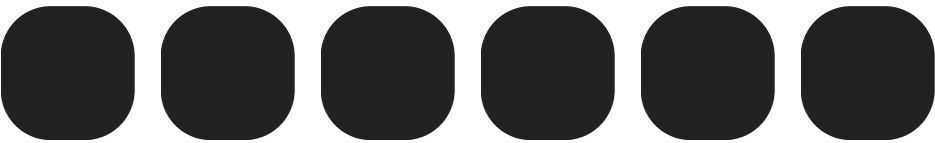
In addition, MoDOT has partnered with Arkansas State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, University of Missouri-Columbia and Southern Illinois University to offer seniors interested in civil engineering up to \$10,000 in scholarships.

For more information about the bridge competition, please contact Senior Highway Designer Anita Clark at (573) 472-5294 or anita.clark@modot.mo.gov, Senior Highway Designer Gretchen Hanks at (573) 472-5295 or gretchen.hanks@modot.mo.gov, or MoDOT's Customer Service Center toll-free at 1-888 ASK MODOT (275-6636). Photos and videos from prior competitions are available at www.modot.org/southeast/programs/BridgeCompetition.htm.

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2016

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Below is the press release from Superintendent Mitch Wood.

The public tax rate hearing was held at 5:50 PM.

Call to Order - President

Roll Call – All members were present

Pledge of Allegiance – Board

Approved Consent Agenda

Board Agenda

Minutes of July 26, 2016, Regular Board Meeting

Payment of Bills

Budget Amendment ECSE Bus Lease

Public Comments - None

Old Business

None

New Business

2016–17 Tax Levy

The Board approved the 2016-17 tax levy for the Dexter R-XI Schools as follows:

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>1.3469</i>
<i>Special Revenue Fund</i>	<i>1.4400</i>
<i>Debt Service Fund</i>	<i><u>_.6231</u></i>
<i>Total Levy</i>	<i>3.4100</i>

2016–17 Bus Routes

The Board approved the 2016-17 bus routes as presented.

2016-17 District Testing Schedule

The Board approved the 2016-17 district testing schedule as presented.

2016-17 Professional Development Plan

The Board approved the 2016-17 professional development plan as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Policy Reviews – Mr. Wood reviewed MSBA Policies 2016B update.

These will be up for approval during the September board meeting.

Annual Secretary Board Report/Audit – The 2015-16 audit

report and Annual Secretary Board Report will be presented to the

board during the September meeting. Mr. Wood discussed the front

page of the ASBR which gives a brief summary of the district

finances.

Annette Breaux – Professional Development. Dr. Williams shared the survey which was given to the staff. She stated, “Annette Breaux was well received by the faculty and staff to the point that we are going to try and get her back for part II of her presentation.”

Student Registration Day –Enrollment was discussed, the total enrollment to start the year is **2137** compared to **2154** last year.

Facilities Update – Mr. Wood gave a facilities update on projects that were completed over the summer and also the progress of some of the existing projects.

Building Principal's Report – An administrator from each building gave a report on happenings in their buildings.

In Executive Session

Approved Addition to the Sub Teacher List: Bill Hampton

Accepted Resignation of paraprofessionals; Lauren VonRuden and William Vance.

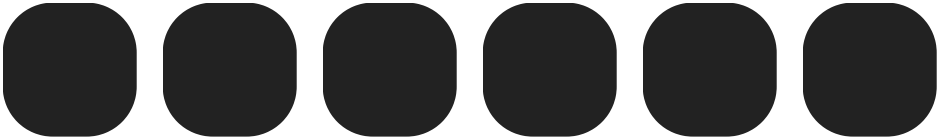
Accepted Resignation of Southwest Secretary, Donna Mason.

Approved the employment of paraprofessionals, Victoria Sayer,

Tracy Botsch and Kasidy Twaddell for 2016-17.

The September board meeting date was moved to September 19, 2016 @ 6:00 pm.

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