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# DMS Sponsors Lead the Largest Beta Club in the State

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**Dexter, Missouri** - "Leading the largest Jr. Beta Club in the state of Missouri is no easy task," commented Scott Kruse, T.S. Hill Middle School Principal. "This team of teachers works behind the scenes to organize and lead students. It takes each and every one of them."

Kruse recognized the following teachers at the Jr. Beta Student Induction Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2016. Mrs. Boles, Mrs. Cato, Mrs. Delay, Mrs. Thurlkill, Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. DeMent, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Monroe, Mrs. Muckerman, and Mrs. Stickles for the endless dedication to their students.

"Our lead Beta Club sponsor, Mrs. Langley, was named National Jr. Beta Sponsor of the Year at the National Convention in New Orleans, LA over the summer," continued Kruse. "No one works harder, puts in as much time, and cares as much about seeing a Club succeed than Mrs. Langley. The award could not have gone to a more deserving person and we would like to once again recognize our Jr. Beta Leader!"

In December students will participate in the State Convention at Poplar Bluff, from there those that qualify will travel to the National Convention in Orlando, Florida in 2017.

This year they are running Miss Abbie DeMent at State Jr. Beta Secretary. Two years ago Irene Huang was elected State Jr. Beta President and last year Kyla Propst was elected

State Jr. Beta Chaplain. "We are confident in Abbie's chances of representing Missouri!"

Candles were lit during the ceremony. Cacie Ramsey lit the white candle, Kristi Boles lit the red candle, Taryn Duncan lit the blue candle, Kristin Miller lit the black candle, Jessica DeMent lit the gold candle. Mrs. Nancy Langley held the induction and pledge.

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Jr Beta Induction at T.S. Hill Middle School was held on Friday, October 28, 2016 at a special ceremony held for parents, special guests, and teachers.

There were 105 new inductees for a grand total of 282 Jr Beta Members, the largest group in the state of Missouri.

Mr. Gavin Miller, Asst. Principal welcomed everyone and introduced 8th grade student and Jr Beta member Courtney Northcutt to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Keiton Buck lead everyone in singing of our National Anthem and what an amazing job Keiton did.....brought tears to the eyes of many with his rendition of our nation's anthem!

This is the fifth year for the T.S. Hill Middle School Jr Beta program and it has proven to serve a purpose and fill several needs at the school.

"This is our 5th year of Jr. Beta at T.S. Hill Middle School," commented Scott Kruse, DMS Principal. "It has become obvious to our students, teachers, parents, and this community that Beta Club makes a powerful positive impact on our school and student body. it is exciting to be able to say this positive impact can now continue into High School with the implementation of Sr. Beta."

The students have sponsored canned food drives, Old School Chili Suppers, hosted formal Winter dances, and worked on several service projects including a flower garden improvement at Southwest Elementary School," commented T.S. Hill Middle School principal Scott Kruse. "They have picked up trash throughout our district campuses, hosted a paper product drive for Mother-to-Mother program, as well as providing an amazing Christmas for area families in need through the support of the Daily Statesman's Operation Santa."

"At last year's state convention, our members attended and competed against other Missouri Jr. Beta members in categories such as artwork, photography, speech, essay, group talent, poetry, recycled art, quilting, wreaths, banners, web design, handmade jewelry, t-shirt design, living literature, quiz bowl, academics and more."

The students were inducted on Friday were invited to join the Jr. Beta Club, not based on a specific skill or talent. They are not selected because of superior athletic ability or musical gifts. It's not a popularity contest!

"This club emphasizes and recognizes students who understand the importance of things like: Achievement, Character, Leadership, and Service," stated Kruse.

Almost 300 students have worked hard in the classroom and are all meeting Honor Roll standards. They must continually focus on their academics in order to remain a member of Jr. Beta.

Jr. Beta students consistently show their teachers and administrators that they understand what it means to do the right thing. Students must represent the school, their club, and their community in only the best ways.

Jr. Beta members are leaders in their school and their community. They set the example and are the role models for other students to emulate and follow. Through the Jr. Beta Club they have the opportunity to be recognized for their positive attitude and efforts.

The Beta Club motto is, "Let us lead by serving others." That's exactly what the T.S. Hill Middle School Jr. Beta Club members do is to lead their school by serving the community and their fellow classmates.

The following T.S. Hill Middle School Students were inducted into the JR Beta Club:

*Addyson Aaron ,Destiny Ahrens, Myah Al-Balawi, Xander Alms, Grant Ayers, Abigail Baldwin, Gaje Baran, Ciara Barber, Clayton Bell, Cassie Bess, Owen Bewley, Kaden Bias, Peyton Boles, Kayleigh Bridges, Brooklyn Brown, Tristan Bryant, Keller Buck, Kobe Cagle, Caitlin Cash, Draven Cato, Drew Chamberlain, Jackson Christian, and Kasen Clark.*

*Rachel Cobb, Isabella Cook, Brooklyn Courter, Shelby Curran, Sarah Dachs, Alexis Davis, Shelby Dawson, Makenna Dean, Makinsey Deuster, Mikayla Dodson, Ellen Dowdy, Ryan Duncan, Gabrielle Dunivan, Destiny Durham, Parker Evans, Izaac Feather, and Jaden Feece.*

*Jonathan Floyd, Kamdyn Fortner, Hannah Frazier, Cole Gibson, Caitlin Giles, Madison Glaus, Brianna Granger, Destiny Griffin, Hannah Guy, Alyson Hamlett, Isaac Hann, Eric Harmon, Nathaniel Harris, Kathryn Hawkins, Corey Hawkins, Jayci Holcomb, and Alexis Holden.*

*Alise Howell, Braxton Huey, Logan Jones, , Logan Josupait, Reece Justice, Myles Keena, Kaeden Kennedy, Truman Krapf, Owen Lacy, Alliye Lee, Carly Long, Aiden Lopez, Amber Madigan, Chaney Mansker, Abrianna McPherson, Jacob Medler, Kylan Moore, Cole Nichols, Alexa Noles, and Elise Noles.*

*Miranda Norman, William Norris, Hayden Odell, Ashley Peters, Alyssa Pollard, Blaine Prance, Tristin Pullum, Abigail Rash, Dalton Reed, , , Skylar Reeves, Morgan Ryan, Abbie Sandage, Grace Sepulvado, Kellsie Shelton, Molly Simmons, Destiny Snell, Christopher Stone, Hannah Summers, and Seth Teel.*

*Abigail Thompson, Thomas Wade, Emma Wamble, Seth Warren, Kaylee Watts, Kaeli Wells, Hannah West, Calysta Whitaker,, Clayton Whitaker, Aslyn Wirz, and Brock Wyman.*

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## First Grade Students Earn Positive Bus Referral Awards

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First Grade Students Earn Positive Bus Referral Awards

**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honored Shae Renfro and Rylee Short with Positive Bus Referral certificates. Both students are in the first grade.

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.

Each student received a certificate and a free gift certificate for a taco from Taco Bell.

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## Southwest Elementary Positive Office Referrals

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**Dexter, Missouri** - Southwest Elementary honors several students with the Positive Office Referral certificate.

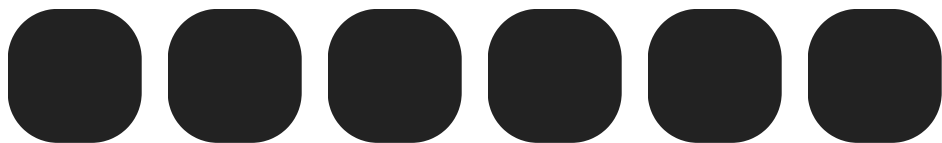
This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Shown in the photo top row from left to right: Cori Lovelady, Kindergarten; Addilyn Williams, Kindergarten; Makinley Crosby, Kindergarten, and Evelyn De La Rosa, First Grade. Front Row from left to right: Saturnino Martinez, Second Grade; Jessie White, Second Grade; Jacob Feece, First Grade, and Aliyah Hadley, First Grade.

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## First Missouri Bank Donates Chromebooks

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**Dexter, Missouri** - T.S. Hill Middle School received a generous donation from First Missouri Bank.

The Dexter R-XI School Districts would like to thank them for the support of the purchase of a Chromebook cart and 30 Chromebooks.

"The teachers and students are excited about the addition of these tools to enhance educational opportunities," commented Amy James. "Teachers are eager to utilize the Chromebooks to engage their students in learning activities."

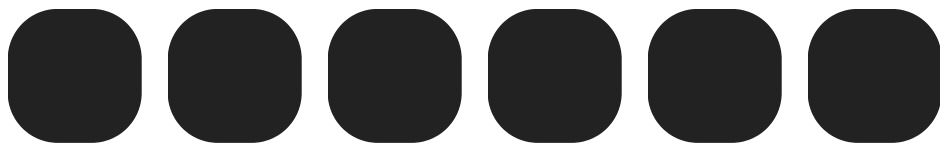
This technology is taken advantage of on a daily basis.

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