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DMS to Host Blood Drive on Monday

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Dexter, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School will host a Blood Drive on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. All donations help increase the scholarship monies donated to the Dexter High School by the American Red Cross. This blood drive is open to the public and anyone is encouraged to give blood and save three lives each!

No appointment is necessary; however if you can go online to schedule your appointment it will decrease the time you have to wait. The need is great this time of year and the American Red Cross needs blood NOW!

A decline in donations occurs from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day when donors are busy with family gatherings and travel. However, patients don't get a holiday break from needing lifesaving transfusions. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.

Platelets and type AB plasma also needed

Platelet donors and those with type AB blood are also continually needed to help ensure patients receive the lifesaving blood products they need. Platelets – a key clotting component of blood often needed by cancer patients, surgical patients and bone marrow recipients – must be transfused within five days of donation, so donations are constantly needed. Donors with type AB blood are urged to give blood or platelets to restock the plasma supply. Type AB donors have the universal plasma type, which can be given to patients of all blood types.

How to donate blood

The free Blood Donor App – available in app stores by searching for American Red Cross or by texting BLOODAPP to 90999 – not only makes appointment scheduling easy, but donors can also access their digital donor card and be notified when their donation is distributed to a hospital. Donors can also visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors in the Missouri-Illinois Blood Services Region can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCross](https://twitter.com/RedCross).

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Students Earn Positive Office Referral Awards

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors students with Positive Office Referral certificates.

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

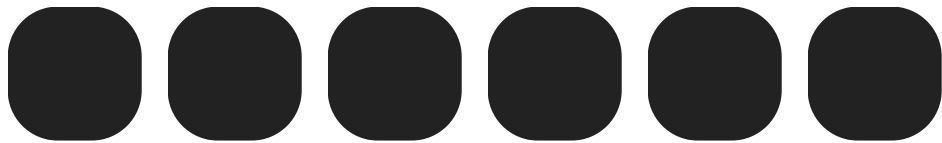
Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Shown in the photo front row from left to right: Jiles Monroe, Peyton Dudley, Kayleen Kingston-Horn, Sawyer Thurlkill, Hunter Spain, and Braxton Graves. Back row from left to right Parker Keena, Lila Grimes, Alexis Underwood, Breanna Childers, Alaina Ford, and Corbin Olsen.

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Volunteers Needed to Create Prom Night Experience

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School Prom is set for Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. with Project Prom to follow. Mrs. Patterson is in need of student volunteers to help with decorations. Parents are welcome to help as well. The more everyone can accomplish prior to prom the better experience high school students will have and the memories will last forever.

Below is a Prom Night work schedule and if anyone parent wants to volunteer please contact Judy Patterson at Dexter High School.

You don't have to work every night, maybe you can only work a couple of nights, but every extra hand is welcome to join in the fun! Want to relive some of your glory days of prom? Come out and paint, build, design, and create a wonderful atmosphere for your high school student to remember for years to come!

Prom Work night Schedule 2017

March 28th-6:00 pm behind BEC

March 29th -6 pm behind BEC

March 30th- After school behind BEC

April 2nd- 5 pm behind BEC

April 4th -6 pm behind BEC

April 5th-6 pm behind BEC

April 6th- After school behind BEC

April 11th-6 pm behind BEC

April 12th-6 pm behind BEC

April 18th- 6 pm behind BEC

April 19th-6 pm behind BEC

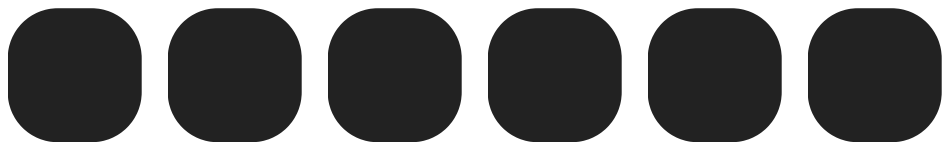
April 20th - 5 pm in the BEC (Everyone that can, should be there at some point. Parents welcome as well! We will work until around 11 pm)

April 21st - Prom workday!!!! 8:15-??? BEC

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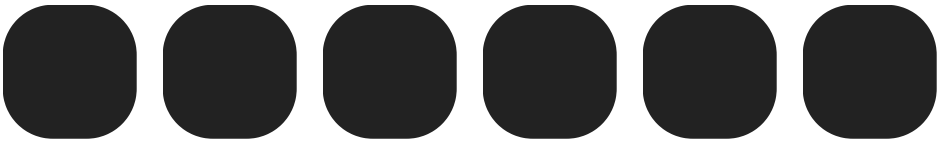
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