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DHS Class of 2017 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter High School Class of 2017 Salutatorian is Reagan Miller and the Valedictorian is Janie Lindsey.

Regan has a 4.32 grade point average and is the daughter of Travis and Laura Miller and Steve and Tracy Watkins.

She has been a member of the top 10% all four years, National Honor Society and Dexter Honor Society. She finished 2nd in the math competition at the Sr. Beta state convention. Reagan is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Stoddard County Young Republicans Club, Scholar Bowl Team, and Art Club. She also participated on the Lady Cats' Tennis Team and the Track and Field Team.

Reagan will be serving our country at the United States Naval Academy and will become a Naval Officer.

Janie Lindsey is the Class of 2017 Valedictorian. She has a 4.34 grade point average and is the daughter of Elaina Lindsey and Kevin Lindsey.

She has been a member of the Top 10% all four years, National Honor Society, Dexter Honor Society, and won the 2017 DHS Math Award. She is also a member of the Student Council, Sr. Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, Teens Against Smoking Coalition, Art Club and was a volunteer for Special Olympics - Missouri. Janie also participated on the high school volleyball team.

Her future plans are to attend Southeast Missouri State University - Cape Girardeau and pursue a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Microbiology and Cellular/Molecular Biology.

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DMS Students Make Blankets for Autism Students

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter Middle School FACS teacher, Mrs. Brittany Watkins, worked with her students this year to make weighted lap blankets for younger students who have Autism or sensory issues.

The lap blankets are filled with beans and are very soft. Some even have a textured material.

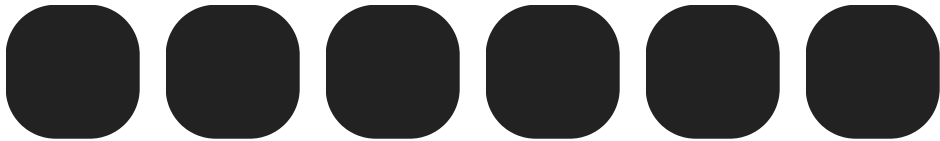
Weighted things like weighted blankets, weighted lap pads and weighted vests have been found to be very calming for some children with autism. Many occupational therapists recommend appropriate weight for individuals with autism and sensory issues who can be overstimulated or anxious. Weight can also help some kids with autism or ADHD focus and pay attention in the classroom or during mealtime.

Pictured are from left to right DMS FACS students Bailee Boyer, Layken Smith, Kaden Ritter, and Andrew Morgan along with Carsen Jones who loves his blanket.

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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.

BACK ROW: Bailey McCoy, Kaila Sanders, Logan Webb, Eli Earnheart, Scarlett Moore, and Alanna Tidwell.

FRONT ROW: Bryer Saylor, Jackson Duncan, Elias Marines, and Mason Monroe.

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BACK ROW: Baron Greer, Greta Guethle, Haleigh Greely, Faith Midkiff, and Sidney Booker.

FRONT ROW: Landon Crader, Peyton Dudley, Jace Hueckel, Blaze Murphy, Chase Guling, and Isaac Winchester.

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BACK ROW: Jacob Hurdle, Brenden Rutledge, Trey Pedigo, and Dylan Harris.

FRONT ROW: Lillie Hartline, Sunnie Hamlett, and Hannah Moon.

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