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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - A group of Poplar Bluff students not only got to view the solar eclipse in totality, but met famous theoretical physicist Dr. Michio Kaku and sent an experiment to the edge of outer space, all in the same day.

“This day was the culmination of why I became a teacher,” Junior High science teacher Ashley Woolard reacted. “I was able to become a page in these students’ stories. When these kids tell their grandkids about the 2017 eclipse, they will say they were in Mrs. Woolard’s science class.”

Woolard’s team at Junior High, along with Tana Bringer’s Middle School pod as well as Kathy Miller’s AP physics class at Senior High—about 200 students total—participated in the NASA sponsored event on Monday, Aug. 21, hosted by Southeast Missouri State University at Houch Field in Cape Girardeau.

The participating teachers, representing 17 area school districts, were invited after attending an eclipse workshop during the Collaborative Regional Education Academy in June at SEMO. The professional development was one of several voluntary opportunities made available to teachers over the summer, according to R-I Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson.

For the space portion of the program, classes placed items in test tubes to be launched in a high-altitude weather balloon 20 miles up. The High School chose seeds to test germination rate, Junior High selected antibiotics to check potency on a staph culture, and

the Middle School experimented with the toy Orbeez to discover how the environment affects the molecules. The balloons included cameras and will be tracked with GPS locators once the payloads return to Earth.

Later that evening Kaku was booked to deliver a keynote address about the future at the Show Me Center, and decided to make an appearance at the university's former band practice field during the day to visit with students.

Back in Poplar Bluff, the R-I campus community participated in activities related to the Great American Solar Eclipse, watching the stream provided by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and documenting the moon's coverage of the sun in science journals.

Pictured: The PBHS AP physics class awaits a total solar eclipse, which is when the moon completely covers the sun and the sun's tenuous atmosphere, the corona.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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DHS FBLA Fundraiser - Krispy Kreme Donuts

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is selling Krispy Kreme donuts. They are raising money to attend the Missouri State Conference in Springfield as well as the National Conference in Maryland.

Each student must sell 10 - 15 dozen depending on which conference they hope to attend.

They are also planning a education trip to Six Flags on October 7, 2017. Six Flags at Eureka Springs, Missouri gives behind the scenes tours to Future Business Leaders of America students.

The cost per dozen is \$9.00. Orders will be taken until Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Delivery of donuts will begin on September 14th.

Please help these students reach their goal.

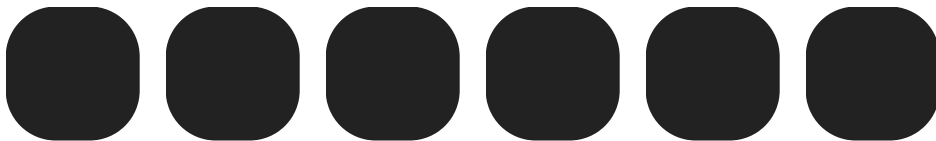
Contact Mrs. Guy at the Dexter High School by emailing sguy@dexter.k12.mo.us if you are interested in order or need to contact a FLBA student to order.

Shown in the photo are FBLA officers Austin Carmack, Jake Rice, and Kolby Musgrave.

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Students Earn Positive Office Referral Certificates at Bernie Schools

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Bernie, Missouri - Kellie Owens, Bernie R-12 School District has announced the students who received Positive Office Referrals for week August 28, 2017

Students who earn such an honor also received a Subway Sandwich Gift Card and a POR Certificate.

Lacey Young is a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Arnold's classroom. Mrs. Arnold referred Lacey for working hard in reading.

Zechariah Davis is also a 3rd grade student in Mrs. Arnold's classroom. She referred Zech for always using great manners and says that he is always the first to help whenever needed.

Elijsha Brown is a 3rd grade student that was referred by Ms. Snider. Ms. Snider referred Elijsha for always being very kind and helpful to the other students in the classroom.

Joshua Weathers is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Huber's class. Mrs. Huber referred Joshua for working hard every day. Mrs. Huber says Joshua is always on task and when he finishes his work, he will begin reading.

Destiny Tropf is a 6th grade student in Mrs. Noe's class. Mrs. Collier referred Destiny. Destiny helps staff members, works hard, has a positive attitude, and displays responsibility. Destiny is always doing her best and is always ready to help others!

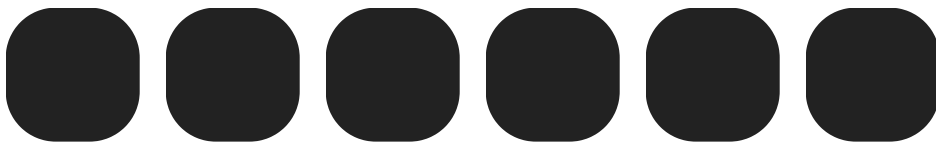
Maddieson Riddell is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Arnold's class. Maddieson was referred by Mrs. Baker for picking up trash off the playground during recess without being asked to.

Rhemy Reinhardt is a 5th grader in Mrs. Collier's class. Mrs. Collier referred Rhemy for always working hard, paying attention, participating in class, and says he always does his very best.

Shown in the photo from left to right are Lacey Young, Zechariah Davis, Elijsha Brown, Joshua Weathers, Destiny Tropf, Maddieson, and Rhemy Reinhardt.

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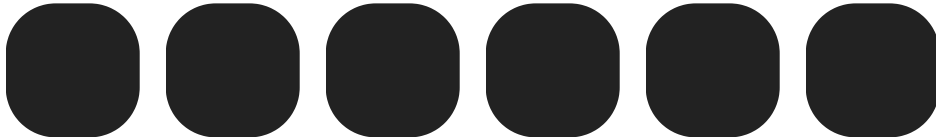
Asia was referred by Mrs. Garner. Asia was working hard and was responsible.

She walked from Mrs. Dowdy's room and was still and quiet all the way to the bus.

Congratulations Asia!

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Dexter School Board Minutes - Tuesday, August 22, 2017

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Dexter School Board Minutes - Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter R-XII School Board met at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Below are the minutes from that meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge The Board President announced the meeting to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members with everyone being present. He then led in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

Approve Tax Rate: The Board approved the tax rate of \$3.46 for the 2017-18 school year.

Public Comments: There were no public comments made.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

A. The board approved bus routes for the 2017-18 school year as presented by Mr. Gavin Miller.

B. The board approved the local compliance plan for special education as presented by Mrs. Amy James.

C. The board approve the district testing schedule as presented by Dr. Williams.

Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Counts discussed the success of the district student registration day that was held on July 31, 2017.

B. Dr. Williams discussed the district guest speaker for the back to school professional development. Annette Breau spoke to the staff for the second year.

C. Mr. Counts presented the Special Education Determination Category the district received from DESE. The special education department is rated 1-4 with 4 being the highest

and Dexter received all 4's with an overall rating of 4. Mrs. James and all the special education staff should be commended for all their efforts to achieve this rating.

D. The building principals gave their reports to the board.

E. Mr. Counts reported to the board on the district's enrollment and how it will be monitored throughout the year. He also discussed a potential Alumni Association and a Dexter

School Hall of Fame

F. The September board meeting was set for Tuesday, September 26, 2017 due to the Stoddard County Fair Parade on September 19th.

In Closed Session:

1. The board employed the following substitutes teachers for 2017-18:

Teresa Elfrink

Linda Hill

Teresa Mick

Loretta Morrow

Jessica Freeman

Carrie Mosbey (Jessica Lambert only)

Lori Murphy (MS Gifted only)

2. The board employed the following paraprofessionals for 2017-2018:

Tamme Richardson

3. The board approve the substitute teacher list for the 2017-18 school year.

4. The board employed the following for the Middle School

Head Volleyball Coach - Kacey Christian

5. The board employed substitute bus driver for 2017-18

Doug West

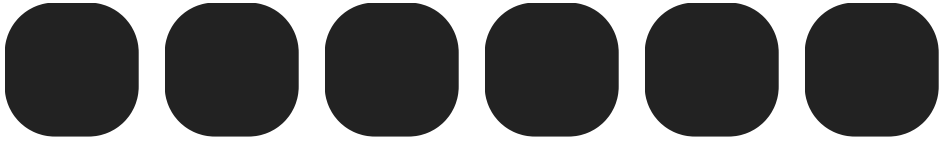
6. The board employed substitute bus aide for 2017-18.

Casey Layton

Items presented to the board for informational purposes for future meetings or for discussion include:

None at this time

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