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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors students with Positive Office Referral certificates for week of August 28, 2017.

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.

Pictured are back row from left to right: Aliyah Hadley and Alyssa Moore; front row from left to right Michael Webb and Lyla Bell Garner.

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3D Projector Brings Lessons to Life

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Observing blood travel through a beating heart, dissecting a diamondback rattlesnake and assembling an automobile engine are all possibilities in a 3D learning environment that is being simulated for students through new technology.

A 3DAV rover, valued at over \$14,000, was delivered this month to the Poplar Bluff Middle after a string of grants and donations were secured by the STEM department, which stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“If kids didn’t have to come to your classroom, would they?” This is a driving question STEM teacher Cody Young often asks himself. While it is difficult to take a student body of 1,200 on a field trip, he noted, virtual reality has made these experiences possible.

The rover is a portable 3D projector and theater system built inside a wheeled AV cart, according to the website of Vizitech USA, which was founded by a retired brigadier general for the U.S. Army before he expanded the business to education. The holoprojected images are transmitted into the classroom through active glasses students are supplied

At the end of last school year, Young landed a 50/50 grant through the Georgia-based company’s nonprofit foundation, Tek4Teachers. His former colleague Keri Jameson, now an instructional coach at Junior High, also wrote a successful grant for \$1,500 through the

Poplar Bluff Public School Foundation. The remaining funds came from a business donation by Whitworth’s Gift Chest Jewelers, the Parent Teacher Organization, and individual solicitations collected by the Student Council.

“Mr. Young has done a great job in bringing together community and school to show the importance and value of what the rover can do and how it will benefit our students,” said Dr. Brad Owings, Middle School principal. “This piece of equipment, along with the software, allows students opportunities that they otherwise wouldn’t have.”

While the technology complements the 3D printer, Bloxel video game builders and Sphero robotic toys that are utilized to teach STEM concepts, Young says the mobility of the cart will allow the unit to be checked out to all Middle School classrooms. The rover comes with over 3,000 lessons broken down by grade level strand, according to the instructor, who believes it will help improve MAP test scores.

“This is how kids learn,” Young stated. “It brings lessons to life in a way books can’t, and increases their understanding about topics they’re learning.”

Pictured: Students (from left) James Gambill, Braden Belknap, Bryce Millner, Molly Maurer, Ian Pierce and Ava Kingree, and STEM teacher Cody Young stand behind the rover, sporting special 3D glasses.

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Stoddard County Honor Guard Teaches Flag Etiquette

Bloomfield, Missouri - A big thank you goes out to our fourth grade boys, the Stoddard County Honor Guard, and Mrs. Skaggs.

Two members of the Honor Guard, Brad Williams (Army Veteran) and Mike Williams (Air Force Veteran) trained volunteers from fourth grade on flag etiquette and protocol.

These boys are responsible for raising and retiring the United States flag and Missouri flag every day.

Photo by Heather Mayo

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals Pre-School and Kindergarten

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals Pre-School and Kindergarten

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.

Kamden Hartline is in Mrs. Beaird's class. Kamden was referred by Mrs. Garner. Mrs. Garner referred Kamden for using great manners and holding the door open.

Paisley Roberts is a Kindergarten student in Mrs. Mayberry's class.

Mrs. Bennett referred Paisley for being kind to another student during library.

Kasen Blevins is a Kindergarten student in Mrs. Mayberry's class. Mrs. Williams referred Kasen for being helpful and kind to a student and trying to make him feel better.

Maddox Williams is a preschool student in Mrs. Dowdy's class. Mrs. Dowdy referred Maddox for being responsible and pushing in everyone's chair without being asked.

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Rotary Club Awards Scholarship to Poplar Bluff Resident

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Justin Darnell of Poplar Bluff, a Three Rivers College student, was awarded a \$1,000 Rotary Club of Poplar Bluff scholarship for the fall semester, administered by the Three Rivers Endowment Trust.

Pictured are, from left, Club President Rozetta Little; Steven Lewis, a club member who is an instructor at Three Rivers College; Darnell; and Michelle Reynolds, director of development at Three Rivers College.

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