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# Making It Happen

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Two district employees who work together to enhance student engagement received regional recognition in the field of educational technology integration at Poplar Bluff Schools.

Senior High Instructional Coach Stephanie Kuper was named Outstanding Young Educator and R-I Chief Technology Officer Aaron Badgley received the Technology Advocacy & Support award at the Midwest Education Technology Community conference held Tuesday through Wednesday, Feb. 13-14, in St. Charles.

Networking opportunities including that of the annual METC conference is where Kuper initially linked up with the Poplar Bluff instructional technology department, ultimately accepting a position with the district this school year.

“I wouldn’t have left my role for any other school,” Kuper stated. She previously served as an instructional technology specialist at the Regional Professional Development Center in Cape Girardeau, where she provided training for R-I faculty under the Missouri Collaborative Work program, laying the groundwork for teaching students to become assessment capable learners.

“Her (job) interview was one of the quickest interviews ever. We knew going in that Stephanie had a skillset we couldn’t pass on,” Badgley recalled. Badgley took his

administrative post during the 2014/15 school year upon working his way up in the department, and helped advance the district's instructional coach positions.

With the technology expansion and infrastructure upgrades that came after the district launched its 1:1 laptop initiative five years ago, the positions now held by Kuper and her Junior High colleague Keri Jameson were created to help instructors develop research-based learning strategies and model lesson plans.

“I knew that the instructional part was something that was going to be challenging for me when I took the job, that's why I'm fortunate to be a part of a skilled team that allows me to spend time outside of technical aspects of the job,” Badgley explained. The goal of his team in the IT department is to keep the technology running smoothly in the background so learning remains on the forefront, he noted.

Kuper, who nominated Badgley for the tech support award, pointed out that many schools are behind because they have Google Hangouts or Skype blocked and other restrictions placed on extensions, while Poplar Bluff is fortunate to have an administration that sees the educational value of such tools.

“Aaron is unlike any other ‘district tech guy’—if a teacher says, ‘I need this... in order to...’ Aaron bends over backwards to help make it possible,” Kuper wrote in her submission. “He is an advocate for technology in education and ensures that the district is doing it right.”

EducationPlus Consultant Jonathan Lee of the Greater St. Louis area nominated Kuper for the outstanding educator honor based on their collaboration through the RPDC. Following classroom teaching for several years, Kuper was on the forefront of receiving Google and Apple certifications in education in order to be versatile in helping teachers throughout the region. Now refining the building-wide culture at PBHS is her focus.

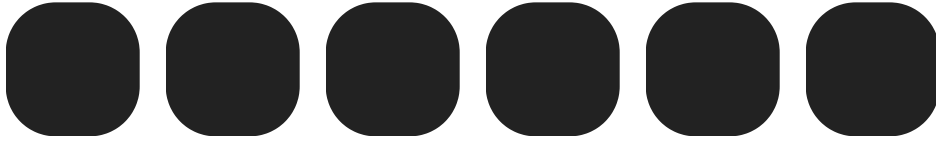
“When I was a teacher in the classroom, I was impacting the lives of 120 students,” Kuper said. “I learned my true passion is helping teachers with new ideas and best practices, that way so many more students are impacted.”

Pictured: Stephanie Kuper and Aaron Badgley display the ‘Making IT Happen’ awards they won at the METC conference earlier this month.

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## Prospective Students Are Invited to Attend Show Me Days at SEMO

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Prospective students and their parents are invited to attend Show Me Day on Saturday, April 7, on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University.

“Show Me Day is an opportunity for individuals interested in Southeast to visit our campus and see the wide variety of academic programs and services we offer,” said Lenell Hahn, director of Admissions.

“Students can learn about Southeast’s admission process, meet with faculty from our academic departments, and interact with current Southeast students,” Hahn said. “We are thrilled to have students and parents here to explore and experience our vibrant and

growing campus community. We want them to get as much information as possible during the day so they feel confident when they choose Southeast.”

The day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. in the Show Me Center. Students are then invited to browse through a Student Life Fair after they register from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The fair will allow prospective students to meet Southeast students and staff from areas such as Campus Ministries, Career Services, Dining Services, Greek Life, Academic Support Centers, Residence Life and the Honors Program.

The day will officially begin at 10 a.m. with a presentation by the director of Admissions, followed by an introduction of Southeast admissions staff and student leaders. Prospective students will also have an opportunity to meet Southeast’s Redhawks mascot, Rowdy. Following the presentation, an Academic Fair will take place in the Student Recreation Center east gym, and will feature informational displays of the University’s various academic departments.

After participating in the Academic Fair, prospective students may attend presentations on financing their education, living on campus, diversity and inclusion, and transferring to Southeast. Show Me Day will conclude with a tour of campus and the opportunity to dine during lunch in Towers Café.

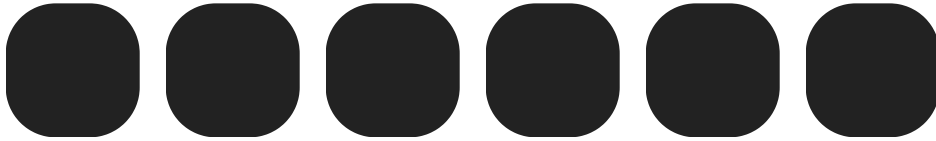
“Southeast is fortunate enough to have award-winning dining facilities, and we want our guests to experience the quality and value offered to our students,” Hahn said.

Students interested in learning more about Southeast can visit a number of special events from 1-3 p.m. These will include open house events for the Department of Art, College of Education, Department of History, Department of Polytechnic Studies, Harrison College of Business departments of Accounting, Economics and Finance, and Management and Marketing, Jane Stephens Honors Program, Rust Center for Media, and the Catapult Creative House. Tours of the River Campus and Greek Hill also will follow lunch.

To register for the event, visit [semo.edu/showmeday](http://semo.edu/showmeday). For more information please contact Marlee Russell, special events ambassador, in the Office of Admissions at (573) 651-5945 or [showmeday@semo.edu](mailto:showmeday@semo.edu).

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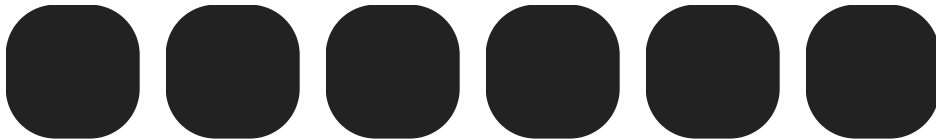
Dexter, Missouri - Bud Shell Ford in Dexter has teamed up with Dexter High School for a "Drive 4 Ur School" fundraiser this Saturday, April 7th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Bearcat Event Center in Dexter.

For everyone who test drives a new Ford vehicle, Ford Motor Company will donate \$20, up to a maximum of \$6,000 to Dexter Middle School for the Junior Beta Club.

Must have be 18 years of age or older, have a valid driver's license and insurance.

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## DMS Weekly Events - March 26th - March 31st

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Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School - This listing of T.S. Hill Middle School activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with C.A. Counts, Superintendent, Scott Kruse, Middle School Principal and the Dexter Public Schools for your convenience.

We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

If you would like to submit information and a picture of a student and his/her accomplishments, send it to [dloflin@showmetimes.com](mailto:dloflin@showmetimes.com) or call (573) 380-3318.

Calendar

#### **Monday - March 26**

Jr. Beta Coffee Sales Continue

Red Cross Blood Drive- Middle School Gym

#### **March 26-27**

Bernie 8th Grade Tournament TBD

#### **Tuesday - March 27**

Track @ E.P.

Baseball @ NMCC 4:00

#### **Wednesday - March 28**

Truman Trip-Cape Girardeau Bus 8:30

#### **Thursday - March 29**

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at Middle School 6:00

**Friday - March 30**

NO School

**Monday - April 2-3**

NO School

**Future Dates**

**Thursday April 5**

Baseball @ Advance 4:00

Volleyball @ Bloomfield 6:00

**Friday April 6**

Baseball vs. EP 4:00

**Saturday April 7**

FORD Drive 4 Ur School

SCAA Volleyball Tournament begins

**Monday April 9**

SCAA Volleyball Continues

Track @ Kennett 4:00

**Tuesday April 10**

SCAA Volleyball Tournament Finals

Baseball vs. Charleston 4:00

Talent Search Pizza Party

**Wednesday April 11**

Track @ Kelly 4:00

**Thursday April 12**

Track @ Sikeston 4:00

Baseball @ Bernie 4:00

**Friday April 13**

Journalism Tour-KFVS12



**Monday April 16**

Headed to the Top-Memphis Redbirds baseball game

**Tuesday April 17**

5th Grade Invite to Open House-Langley and Kruse

Baseball vs. Bloomfield 4:30

**Wednesday April 18** Track @ Kelly 4:00

**Thursday April 19** 5th Grade Open House 6:00 MS Cafeteria

**Saturday April 21** East Prairie Baseball Tourn. TBA

**Monday April 23** MAP Testing begins

**Tuesday April 24** Baseball vs. Qulin 4:30

**Wednesday April 25** Track @ Chaffee 4:00

**Saturday April 28** SCAA Baseball Tournament

**Monday April 30** CRASH presentation/performance by Rich Redmond

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