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Lake Road, Junior High Nationally Recognized

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Lake Road and Junior High have been selected among only four schools in Missouri and 123 in the United States as national showcase award winners under the Capturing Kids' Hearts, program officials have announced.

“You and your team have created an outstanding environment for students and staff to learn and grow together,” Kelsie Acres of the Flippen Group stated. “During our team’s visit to your school, the positive energy and welcoming tone was evident from the moment they arrived.”

The Texas-based Flippen Group, which administers the professional development, recently scheduled site visits to the nominated schools, interviewing the campus community and gathering quantitative and qualitative data on improvements.

Capturing Kids' Hearts teaches processes in order to increase students' connectedness with both peers and adults on campus, according to a press release from the company. Junior High first piloted the program during the 2013/14 school year. Now a district-wide practice, Lake Road began implementation in 2016.

A repeat national showcase award winner, Junior High shifted its focus this year to building relationship capacity with students, instating kindness week by initiating an Instagram challenge, and creating a shoutout or affirmation wall. The school continues to offer Teen Leadership I and II as an elective.

“I felt like our teachers have a firm foundation so we thought we’d work with the student body, building on the additional training we have received from the Flippen Group” as a result of this honor, PBJHS Principal Candace Warren commented.

Having achieved gold-level recognition under the school-wide positive behavior support program, Lake Road teaches and reinforces expectations in order to improve student behavior. Office discipline referrals are currently on track to be lower than last year, which was already a hallmark year since starting PBIS. While Lake Road has always had classroom expectations, Principal Erica Weadon said having students actually create their own social contract—one of the tools taught under Capturing Kids’ Hearts—leads to more buy-in.

“I believe it’s helped with our classroom climate, bringing us closer as a community. After you do it so long, it becomes your culture,” Weadon explained. “Now we hold each other accountable for all those [directives] and at some point, you no longer have to hold people accountable—it’s just what they do.”

Pictured: Sean Dunphy, Flippen Group leadership development strategist, observes classrooms and interviews students during a site visit last month at Lake Road.

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Dexter Public Schools Summer School Program Information

The Dexter Public School District summer school program will begin on **Tuesday, May 29** and end **Friday, June 22**.

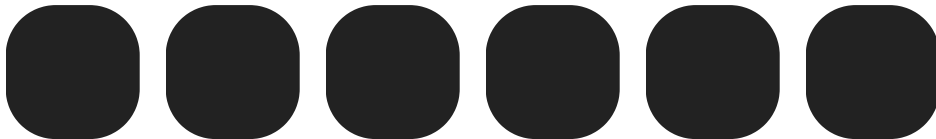
Summer school will begin at 7:45am and end at 2:45pm.

Breakfast will be served from 7:15-7:45am; breakfast and lunch are free during summer school.

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CTA Retirement Tea Set for Monday, May 7th

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Dexter, Missouri - CTA Retirement Tea is set for Monday, May 7th at 4 p.m. in the Bearcat Event Center lobby.

The public is invited for punch, coffee, cake, and cookies as Dexter Public Schools honors the district's retirees!

The following will be honored Marrienne Bruce, Teresa Kapelski, Connie Heil, Nancy Write, Kendra Ward, Tania Reiker, Dr. Michelle Williams, and Dottie Parrish.

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DHS State Contest Results for Band and Choir

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Gold Ratings

Jillian Avery - Bassoon Solo

Shelby Haynes - Flute Solo

Meg Simmons - Vocal Solo

Silver Rating

Kruse Trio - Meg Simmons, Madeline Parker and Addie Kruse

Nate Mangum - Tenor Saxophone Solo

Mattilyn Williams - Vocal Solo

Clarinet Sextet - Amber Scott, Nevaeh Johnson, Brittany Baldwin, Bronwen Young, Hannah Gibson, and Victoria Bess

Junior Trio - Arianna Carter, Natalie Sitze, and Macy Roper

Coby Powers - Vocal Solo

Sean Rybolt - Marimba Solo

Williams Sextet - Bailee Williams, Madelyn Webb, Olivia Collins, Faith Owens, Rae-Ann Riddle and Mattilyn Williams

Erica Parris - Vocal Solo

Brass Quartet - Layla Brown, Travis Propst, Layne Medler, and TJ Wade

Zack Cartwright - Vocal Solo

Nate Bryant - Vocal Solo

Sitze Sextet - Erica Parris, Natalie Sitze, Arianna Carter, Madeline Parker, Maddie Slaton, and Macy Roper

Logan Wyman - Vocal Solo

Tyler Robinson - Bass Clarinet Solo

Bronze Rating

Macy Roberts - Vocal Solo

Powers Trio - Olivia Collins, Mattilyn Williams, and Coby Powers

Justin Viers - Vocal Solo

Arianna Carter - Vocal Solo

Maddie Slaton - Vocal Solo

Madeline Parker - Vocal Solo

Kyla Propst - Vocal Solo

Percussion Ensemble - Kolby Musgrave, Sean Rybolt, Seth Harris, Matt Chessser, and Brad Freeman

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Klocke Named Member of Southeast Board of Regents

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Tina Klocke of South St. Louis County, Missouri, chief financial officer and chief operations officer for the Clark-Fox Family Foundation, has been appointed by Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens and confirmed by the Missouri Senate to serve as a member of the Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents.

Klocke's term will run for a period of six years through spring 2024. She is expected to be sworn in during the Southeast Board of Regents meeting May 11. She replaces Tom Meyer of Cape Girardeau, whose term on the Board expired Jan. 1, 2018.

"I am very pleased to have Mrs. Klocke, who is a dedicated Southeast alumna and accomplished businesswoman, join the Southeast Board of Regents. We look forward to working with her in her new role as Regent," said Dr. Carlos Vargas, president of Southeast Missouri State University. "I also would like to thank Tom Meyer for his dedicated service to the Board over the past six years and for his contributions to Southeast during his tenure."

Klocke is an accomplished finance and operations C-Level executive with a distinguished career and a record of success in the start-up and leadership of public and private corporations generating \$30 million to \$500 million in annual revenues. Hired during the start-up of Build-A-Bear Workshop as one of its three original full-time employees, Klocke is respected for helping Build-A-Bear Workshop become a leader in the retail make-your-own stuffed animal business.

Since stepping down from her roles of chief financial officer and chief operating officer at Build-A-Bear Workshop in 2015, Klocke has continued to make an impact on the St. Louis region by serving as a mentor and advisor to start-ups throughout the St. Louis entrepreneurial community. She serves on a variety of boards supporting state and local educational institutions, including Central Institute for the Deaf, Cor Jesu Academy Advisory Board, St. John Vianney High School and the Southeast Missouri University Foundation. In 2007, Klocke was named one of the 25 Most Influential Women by the St. Louis Business Journal.

Prior to joining Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc., she was controller for Clayton Corporation, a manufacturing company, where she supervised accounting and finance functions as well as human resources. Earlier, she was controller for Love Real Estate Company, a diversified investment management and development firm. She began her career in 1982 with Ernst & Young LLP.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in accounting from Southeast Missouri State University and, in 2009, was presented with an Alumni Merit Award by the Southeast Alumni Association.

Klocke and her husband, are the parents of two sons, Jim and Michael. Both her husband and son, Jim, are Southeast alumni.

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