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First Grade Students Earn 3Rs Flag for November

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Dexter, Missouri - The First Grade classroom earned the Southwest Elementary Positive Behavioral Support Reward Flag for November 2018.

School Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS) award is presented at the start of each month at Southwest Elementary. One classroom in each grade is recognized for exhibiting the high character with regard to observing the school's 3R's.

The 3R's stand for being Respectful, Ready to Learn and Responsible. The class with the highest attendance average, combined with the fewest disciplinary measures and general good character are awarded a 3R red flag to be posted in their classroom for the next month. The students are also awarded "Cat in the Hat" capes to wear and parade around the gym before returning to class. This year's theme is Dr. Seuss!

Back Row: Nina Whited, Warren Parris, Lucas Huey, Jayda Shafer, Teagan Childers, Sophia Jones

Middle Row: Brendan Hadley, Elizabeth Gentry, Maebri Jordan, Abigail Lutmer, Emberlyn Skiles, Taylan Deprow, Jack Lee

Front Row; Carl Smart, Russell Boatright, Ayden Bass, Christian Colove, Jocelyn Young

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Kindergarten Students Earn 3R's Flag for November

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Back row - Archer Menley, Sophia Cox, Isaac Rice, Jack Simmons, Kendall Calvert, Cody Madsen

Middle row - Owen Blair, Inman Turner, Blake Monroe, Ian LeBeau, Lyndan Allen, Dakota Glore, Jackson Penberthy

Front row - Laney Levart, Gracyn Fowler, Aniston Slavings, Khloie Foster, Kadie Morgan, Rachel Kinder, Cailey Mason

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Holiday Bike Donation Program

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Thirty bicycles were given away to students at Eugene Field prior to the holiday through a newly forged partnership between Academy Sports + Outdoors and the Poplar Bluff Police Department.

Police officials selected the elementary school, and educators worked in a roundabout way to identify students based on need. Principal Jennifer Taylor factored in attendance and behavior in order to make the final selections.

The lucky recipients were surprised during a special assembly held Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the gymnasium featuring a musical performance by the GLEEders. Families were invited to help celebrate and transport the bikes home.

This is the second year Academy Sports included Poplar Bluff Schools in the holiday bike donation program, which dispersed over 5,500 Ozone 500 bikes and helmets across its service area, according to store manager Gene Hux. The national sporting goods chain chose Lake Road Elementary to incentivize in 2017.

Winners included: Janet Battles, Alison Bell, Savannah Bell, Jordan Boening, MacKynzie Cluck, Harmony Cornett, Natalie Daves, Olivia Doernhoefer, James Foreman, Jeanie Harget, Jamaria Johnson, Raven Johnson, Emma Lindsey, Noah Longhibler, Rayne Luellen, Brycen Lutman, Madelynn Martin, Justin May, Bryden McElhaney, Jasmine Odle, Adyn Payne, Kale Pearman, Brianna Reed, Makenzie Schrimsher, Roy Schrimsher, Ali Skinner, Damarion Sutton, Payten Thurner, Manuel Tutor and Kaylin Walker.

Pictured: Alison Bell of the first grade is called forward to receive her new bike.

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

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Lake Road Receives Congressional Record

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Poplar Bluff, MO - U.S. Rep. Jason Smith delivered a Congressional Record to Lake Road on Tuesday, Dec. 18, to commemorate the elementary school's recent National Blue Ribbon honor.

Smith informed the students, grades 1-4, that the 8th Congressional District is the largest in Missouri and there are only three current Blue Ribbon Schools within it. The Blue Ribbon award is the highest honor an educational institution can achieve.

“It does not matter where your family was born or in what zip code you were raised,” said the congressman, “if you work really hard and get a good education, you can achieve anything you want to achieve.”

The Salem man received a reaction from the student body when he informed them they are his bosses. During the Q&A portion of the assembly, Smith shared how he has met all of the living presidents, working in Washington, D.C.

Afterward, Blue Bell Creameries treated the school to ice cream. A tradition of the Memphis based company, Blue Bell treats all of the Blue Ribbon schools within its service area. According to branch manager David Luiken, Lake Road was the first school to receive such a visit in Missouri.

Pictured: Lake Road students learn about decisions lawmakers make that impact them including what is on the lunch menu.

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

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Hannah Smith Named 2019 DHS Winter Homecoming Queen

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Dexter, Missouri - Dexter High School held their 2019 Winter Homecoming Queen Coronation on Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Bearcat Event Center.

Blair Rogers was named second alternate. She is the daughter of Robin Northern and the late Aaron Rogers.

Chaylea Mosby was named first alternate. Chaylea is the daughter of Angela Mosby.

Hannah Smith was named Dexter High School 2019 Winter Homecoming Queen.

Hannah is the daughter of Theresa Burnett and Delmar and Linda Smith.

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