

School District Happenings

- Dr. Paul Kinder, Superintendent of the Blue Springs School District, was recently named the Missouri Superintendent of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Administrators. The announcement was made during the Missouri School Boards Association's fall conference. Under Dr. Kinder, our school district has focused on student achievement. We have been recognized the past 6 years for Distinction in Performance by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. We have also earned a perfect score for the Annual Performance Report for the last five years, an honor only given to seven other Missouri School Districts.
- 8th grade math teacher, Kendal Koch, was recently recognized as the Blue Springs School District's Teacher of the Month for September 2006. Kendal is a tremendous asset to our building, and students are very fortunate to have him as their teacher.
- 8th Grade teacher, Linda Brock, is a recognized state facilitator and consultant in reading and writing.

Did you know?

- If you have ever driven past Delta Woods on a beautiful Saturday, all of those cars filling the parking lot belong to teachers throughout the metropolitan area participating in the Missouri Math Academy sponsored by the Kauffman Foundation. 8th Grade math teacher, Chris McMullen, is very instrumental in this program that emphasizes deepening middle school math teachers' knowledge of the subject and developing new ways to teach math to students.

Special Thanks

Congratulations to Jennifer Medina for her hard work, time, and effort to make our fall play, *Annie*, a huge success. We also want to thank Shirley Atkinson, our staff, and parents who volunteered so many countless hours!

School Safety

With the recent issues regarding school safety, it is important that I share with our patrons just a few of the things we do or have done to ensure that safety is our number one priority at Delta Woods.

- An electronic doorbell system to our building has been installed.
- Parents needing to come in the building are asked to wait while students are passing in the hallways.
- All staff practice safety drills on a regular basis.
- We have identified a specific location for mobile students in case of an evacuation.
- We have a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) on site.

COMPASS (Character Education)

Our COMPASS club and staff sponsors Matt Hackett, Mitsi Salisbury, and Kelly Knudsen spent an evening cleaning up the area around our sign and planting bulbs to beautify our building.

Veteran's Day: Veteran's from the Blue Springs Chapter presented our Student Council officers with a new flag on Veteran's Day.

NETTREKKER

Nettrekker is a web-based search engine exclusive to the students at DWMS. This can be accessed at home and allows students to search the Internet safely and more accurately. The address is <http://nettrekker.com/frontdoor/>. Students have been given a password and user name. You can also access it by contacting the media center.

Spring MAP Dates: March 26-April 27. Specific DWMS testing dates within this time frame will be coming home closer to our scheduled dates.

DWMS 2006 MAP Scores

	State Average	Delta Woods
<i>Communication Arts 6th</i>	43	62
<i>Communication Arts 7th</i>	43.9	71.8
<i>Communication Arts 8th</i>	42.5	59.4
<i>Math 6th</i>	44.6	63
<i>Math 7th</i>	43.8	63.8
<i>Math 8th</i>	40.7	52.9

Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

November 22-24	No School
December 21-January 2	No School
January 15	No School
March 5-9	Spring Break

HOMEWORK HOTLINE

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877-0777

Thanks for your continued support of Delta Woods! Steve Cook