



DWMS PTSA

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Dates To Remember:

- Reflections Entries Due: November 17
- 6th Grade Mixer: November 16 1:40-3:00 pm
- 7th Grade Mixer: November 17, 1:40-3:00 pm
- Orchestra Concert: November 17; 7:00 pm
- 8th Grade Mixer: November 22, 12:40-2:00 pm
- NO SCHOOL : November 18
- THANKSGIVING BREAK: November 23-25
- PTSA Board Meeting: December 8, 6:00 pm
- Reflections Showcase: December 8, 6:30-8:00 pm
- PTSA Unit Meeting: December 8, 6:50 pm
- 7/8th Grade Vocal Concert: December 8, 7:00 pm
- 6/7/8th Band & Jazz Concert: December 12, 7:00 pm
- Staff Appreciation Lunch 6th Grade, December 16
- WINTER BREAK: December 22-January 2
- NO SCHOOL: January 16
- Friday Fun Night January 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

Message from the President

Shelly Throckmorton
PTSA President

It's hard to believe that it's November and December is just around the corner. My kids are already counting down the days to Winter Break! The last few months of school have been busy, busy, busy - for both the DWMS staff & PTSA and I'm delighted to say that everything has gone exceptionally well.

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and in this season of thanks, I know we have so much to be thankful for here at Delta Woods. We have wonderful teachers and staff, supportive parents, and awesome kids! My special thanks go out to the following PTSA officers and chairs:

Sheila Gray & Lisa Smithpeter, who knocked it out of the park with the PE Wear & Sportswear; *Rebecca Young* did a superb job coordinating Parent Lunch Week; *Megan Clarkson & Karen Resch* helped pull off another fantastic Friday Fun Night; *Stephanie Atchity & Jill Pace* planned a very successful "United We Stand" Generations Celebration; *Jamie Conaty* did double duty by organizing our A+/AP Parent Presentation AND a full week of Red Ribbon activities!; *Cheri Ingram & Cassi Connors* put on a delicious BBQ luncheon for our DWMS staff - made possible by the generous donations of our 8th grade parents; *Erin Smith*, entered information from hundreds of student directory forms into the Student Directory template; and *Heather White* has been hard at work on the Reflections Art Program.

Our school is lucky to have these ladies and the other members of our PTSA board willing to

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COOK'S CORNER

Steve Cook, Principal

As I began writing this morning it was 75 and sunny at DWMS, but by the time I sat down to finish my thoughts this evening, the cold reality of November had struck. The Weather Channel is even predicting a light wintery mix for later on. This is a great reminder for all of us to start preparing for the possibility of snow. In case of inclement weather, registered district patrons will receive a school reach phone call if/when school is cancelled. Please discuss a plan of action with your child for days when school may be let out early due to bad weather.

The month of October is always a very busy time of the year. We kicked things off with another hugely successful Generation's Day. A special thanks to our PTA volunteers for organizing this event. We served over 600 donuts and almost 1000 cups of coffee!

Our fall sports teams once again represented DWMS in all-star fashion. The girls' volleyball team won a tournament and pulled off several close victories against

Message from the President continued.....

generously volunteer their time for the benefit of our kids. And, of course, I can't forget those fabulous parent volunteers who answer the call for help whenever it goes out. While many may debate whether it takes a village to raise a child, it definitely takes a village to pull off a successful school event!

2012 will be here before we know it and there's no better time than right now to think about how you're going to make it you and your family's best year EVER! Enjoy the time spent with family and friends over the next few weeks. My best wishes go out to all for a healthy and safe holiday season.



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their cross town rivals. The boys and girls cross country teams also brought home several team and individual awards. The highlight for both teams, rather than practicing in the mornings at 6:00 a.m., had to be the 34 team invitational in Independence. Under the lights at Blue Springs South, our Boys A football team completed an undefeated season. The team broke many school records this season. The team will be honored at our winter sports assembly on November 22, with the unveiling of a DWMS undefeated banner.

A special thanks to all of our parents that attended Parent Teacher conferences. As a building we had 65% attendance. Many of our parents for the first time took advantage of enrolling in our on-line Power

School. This is a wonderful way to stay informed of your child's grades and school announcements. Please contact Kathy Rhoner for details if you are currently not taking advantage of this service. She will be happy to help you out. If you were unable to attend conferences and still feel it is necessary to meet with a teacher please contact them directly to make arrangements.

Finally, as a reminder, the Blue Springs School District was awarded the 2011 State Boys and Girls Soccer Championships. Please mark your calendars that students will not have school on November 18th. This day will now be made up on February 21st which was originally scheduled to be a day off for students.

Box Tops Briefs

Our third year of collecting Box Tops for Education at Delta Woods is off to a great start, with over 5000 already brought in by students and staff. That's over \$500 for teachers to use for projects, labs, materials, and technology in our classrooms. There are several easy ways that you can continue to support this program. First of all, clip, collect, and send Box Tops that are found on hundreds of products. Each student who brings in a Box Top this year will be entered in a drawing in May. Next, check out the website <http://www.btfе.com> to play games and enter to win Bonus Box Tops for our school. You can also earn Box Tops by shopping online through the website. The website includes a complete list of Box Tops products, coupons, and recipes.

Thank you for your help!
Mitsi Salisbury



Delta Woods is A+ Ready

On Thursday, October 13, Delta Woods PTSA hosted an informational program to the 8th grade parents.

We had 60+ in attendance! Jim Breske, Counselor and A+ Coordinator at the Freshman Center, spoke about the A+ program, and how it will affect students if they choose to participate. Kathy Asbury, Counselor at Delta Woods, informed the parents about dual credit courses, AP courses, and technical career opportunities offered in the District.

Thank you to our Counselors, Parents and PTSA for supporting these wonderful programs.

Fall Mixers!!

Red White and Boom!

November 16, 1:40-3:00 pm (6th grade)
November 17, 1:40 - 3:00 pm (7th grade)
November 22, 12:40 - 3:00 pm (8th grade)

Delta Woods Making Good Choices



Red Ribbon Week is a time to inform students to make good choices and lead an alcohol, tobacco, and drug-free life. Also, making good choices is key to the ABC's of life.....Attitude, Behavior, and Character. Red Ribbon week was held at Delta Woods, October 17-24.

The week was filled with Making Good Choices:

Monday: "How many times to say NO to Drugs!" The students and staff received red ribbons, and the students began a contest guessing how many twizzlers were in a jar during their lunch periods.

Tuesday: "Honor the Pledge" Every student and staff signed a pledge and was given a sticker to wear! The Pledges were hung in each pod as a reminder of their good choices!

Wednesday: "Don't Let drugs TWIST your mind!" Students were given a Twizzler!

Thursday: "SOCK it to Drugs Day!" Students wore their craziest socks they could find.

Friday: "Use your head wear RED, you are the future make it drug-free!" Students received a Sonic coupon for a free small cherry limeade.

After a week of students submitting their best guesses for the Twizzler contest, a winner was announced on Friday. There were 187 Twizzlers in the jar and Jada Paris won with an exact guess of 187! Luke Province and Colleen Olgren were both runner up winners, each with a guess of 185. Thank you to all the students and staff for a GREAT Week!!!

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Over 250 students enjoyed a live dance party provided by Mobile Mix 93.3 and DJ Sean, dodgeball, basketball, Guitar Hero, Wii Dance Party & of course, the concession stand! Dylan Hailey proved he was the DWMS Guitar Hero king with the highest score of the night and Lane Clarkson had the 2nd highest score. Both received iTunes gift cards for their impressive scores.

Thank you to all the awesome parents who volunteered to help the night of the event! Our next Friday Fun night is January 27th, with some new surprises planned.



Interested in discounts from: T-Mobile, Office-Max, Hertz Rentals & Sharp Electronics.....just to name a few?

All PTA members receive these discounts from National PTA. Join DWMS PTSA to find out how to get these member benefits for adult members. Student members receive special discounts for Friday Fun Nights.

Your membership dues help pay for:

Mixers; Generations Day; Student directories; Reflections; Staff Appreciation and other school-wide PTA sponsored programs and assemblies.

We encourage business members to join us, every PTA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization so your membership is tax deductible!

Help us meet our goal!

Membership total = # of students
Membership forms are available from the office or by email from dwms_ptsa@hotmail.com.

Questions? Contact Gusti Lamb, VP of Membership at: gustilamb@gmail.com

United We Stand - Generations Celebration 2011

Thank you to the volunteers, Jennifer Johnson and our students for helping make the Generations Celebration a success. We would also like to thank Steve Cook and his staff along with the lunchroom and custodial staff for their help and support.



Students did a great job of helping prepare for this wonderful event, as well as helping that morning. The Compass Club kids provided assistance setting up the night before and decorating the cafeteria. Our guests for the morning were greeted by our student Ambassadors and these students also helped with directions and setting up chairs.

Guests had the opportunity to experience a variety of things during their visit. Donuts and coffee were available in the cafeteria to enjoy while students & guests worked on trivia questions. Students were able to take their special guest(s) on a tour of the school. Many took the opportunity to stop by the Book Fair and make a purchase. Their generosity is much appreciated by the Media Center. Those that made into our main gym, were able to enjoy the Women's Choir. Those students directed by Mrs. Atkinson, gave a beautiful performance.

To cap the morning off, Mrs. Hecht and the Gatorvision crew created a wonderful presentation, highlighting several of our DWMS teachers and students showing their patriotic spirit. Special thanks go to the art teacher, Ms. Johnson and her students who did a fantastic job preparing the beautiful centerpieces.

Thanks again to all those volunteers and grandparents/special persons that attended!
Jill Pace & Stephanie Atchity

The PTA Reflections program "Diversity Means..." deadline has been extended until November 17th.

Every participant will have their name placed in a drawing for one \$50.00 Simon Mall gift card, and two \$10.00 iTunes cards plus their work will be showcased at a DWMS meeting & district meeting!

Last year DWMS had great success at the State Level; a First Place winner in Dance Choreography, second and third place winners in Literature, & a fifth place winner in Photography plus several Honorable Mentions. We have a lot of talent at DWMS and this is a great way to showcase YOURS! Plus, it's a wonderful addition to any resume or college application. Rules and entry forms are available in the office.

Projects need to be turned in by the end of the school day on November 17th to the office. Winners will be drawn at the assembly on November 22nd. Questions?? Contact Heather White: ichmwhite@aol.com

DISTRICT NEWS & HAPPENINGS

BSSD Programs Finalists in Battle of the Brains Contest

Burns & McDonnell has named the top 20 finalists in its Battle of the Brains competition and two are from the Blue Springs School District. "The Space Place" from Cordill-Mason Elementary and "Project Lead the Way Science City ER" BSHS/BSSHS entries are both in the running for \$50,000 grants.



www.battleofthebrainskc.com
from November 11 thru
5 p.m. on November 18.

BSSD Raises Nearly \$25,000 for United Way

The Blue Springs School District raised \$24,845.24 for United Way and the Community Services League during the month of October. The District has a long history of donating to the United Way and Community Services League and various fundraisers were held at all District Buildings. The total donations will be divided between United Way and CSL. Once again this year the BSSD and our students, parents and staff displayed a commitment to giving that benefits the entire community.

Missouri Comets Holding Clinic at Blue Springs South

The Missouri Comets Major Indoor Soccer League team will conduct a soccer clinic from 9 to 10:30 a.m. November 19 at Blue Springs High School. The clinic will be conducted by Comets players and coaches and feature an autograph session. Athletes grades 1 to 8 are eligible. Fees are \$10 for pre-registration and \$15 the day of the clinic. Camp participants are also allowed free admission to the Championship games that day at South. Game tickets can be purchased for \$7. In the event of inclement weather, the clinic will be moved indoors, if necessary.

Entry forms and early registration fees must be received by November 16. Forms are available at both BSHS and BSSHS and on the Comets web site, www.missouricomets.com. For more information, call (816) 224-1315.

PTA Takes Action.....

Tips for PTA Healthy Lifestyles Month

November is PTA Healthy Lifestyles MonthSM, and PTA provides parents a wealth of information on how to promote healthy lifestyle choices.

Parents can download PTA Healthy Lifestyles: A Parent's Guide as well as a toolkit developed in partnership with celebrity chef Jamie Oliver at PTA.org/goodchoices. Both resources provide tips to parents on how to eat healthy and stay active as a family. The Parent's Guide is also available in Spanish.

PTA Responds to Negative Portrayal of PTA Members

On October 26, National PTA President Betsy Landers issued a letter to Paul Lee, president of ABC Entertainment, to respond to the network's casting of PTA members in a negative light.

Recent episodes of the series "Desperate Housewives" and "Suburgatory" used PTAs as a way to poke fun at the lives of some families. Landers wrote that there are millions of families that are fighting to ensure their children have a high quality education. She stated that ABC should "educate its viewers about PTA, as well as the significance and positive effects of family engagement."

Landers also wrote that "As a major network with enormous reach, ABC has a responsibility to its viewers and the American public to call positive attention to everyday champions of children and the state of education."

Fiber One Bars Recalled

National PTA® and Consumer Reports have partnered to provide you with monthly safety tips and product recalls alerting you of possible dangers in your school or home.

General Mills has issued a recall of their Chocolate Flavor Fiber One 90-Calorie Chewy Bars after a production error resulted in a limited number of improperly labeled individually wrapped bars. Consumers allergic to peanuts should not consume Fiber One 90-Calorie products from five-count boxes bearing the "Better If Used By" date of "19May2012BV" on top of the box.

For more information on these recent food recalls and for more safety information go to ClickCheckandProtect.org.

Missouri PTA passes Resolutions at State Convention

Missouri PTA held its yearly state convention on October 14-16, in Columbia, Missouri. During General Meeting sessions, the voting body passed resolutions on "Class Size", "Improved Infrastructures Around Schools" and "Distractive Driving". The "Distracted Driving" resolution calls for laws restricting the uses of hand held devices while driving. This resolution was unique because it was submitted by Missouri PTSA students and was presented by students! To see these resolutions as a whole go to: <http://mopta.org/legislation/resolutions.html>

**Join the PTA Takes Action Network: Federal Policy Update and PTA Action Alerts at: <http://www.pta.org/takesaction/>

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Mixers:

6th - Maria Dempsey & Tiffany Klosener

7th - Jamie Conaty & Colleen Bock

8th - Maria Dempsey & Teri Reardon

Treasurer: Teresa Wedel

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7th - Elizabeth Loos & Lori Worden

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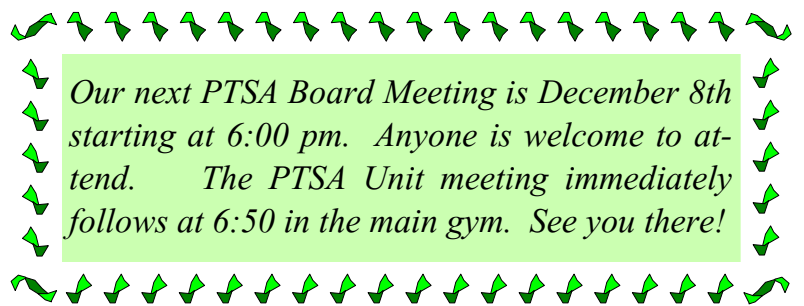
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ALL DAY CROP—SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
9:00AM—9:00PM

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