

INFORMER

DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

January | 05 | 2016

Kennemer Student Wins District Spelling Bee

A seventh grade student from Kennemer Middle School out-spelled 20 competitors to win Duncanville ISD's district spelling bee Wednesday, December 16. Uyen Nguyen correctly spelled "cacophony" to take first place.

Miss Nguyen will represent Duncanville ISD at the Dallas County Spelling Bee in February.



Explore Duncanville ISD's Bilingual & English as a Second Language Programs



Duncanville ISD's Bilingual/ESL Department invites parents of English Language Learners to parent night on February 4, 2016 in the Duncanville Education Plaza boardroom at 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Click [here](#) or call 972-708-2075 for more information.

Pantherettes Ranked #1 in State; Win Sandra Meadows Tournament Championship



DHS Seniors Chosen as Leadership Workshop Counselors



Three DHS seniors were selected to serve as junior counselors for an upcoming Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC) Advanced Leadership workshop. These mid-winter retreats are designed to allow experienced student leaders to interact with top TASC leadership and others for motivation and advanced training. Damian McElwee and Kennedy Stidham were selected to participate in a January workshop, and Esteban Andrade will attend a workshop in February.

The Duncanville High School Pantherettes outscored five teams to take home the championship title at the 65th annual Sandra Meadows Tournament. The Duncanville tournament has a long history of being one of the top girls basketball tournaments - drawing top teams from around the country.

In the tournament, which took place during the winter break December 28-30, the Pantherettes soundly defeated nationally-ranked teams by double digits. In the first three rounds of play, Duncanville beat out Lakeview Centennial, Highland Park and Denton Guyer by 39 or more points.

The Pantherettes beat Plano West in the fourth round, where they defeated No. 5 Blackman from Murfreesboro, TN, with a final score of 64-43.

Pantherettes Zarielle Green and Tae Davis were named to the All-Tournament Team. Madison Townley was selected as the Outstanding Defensive Player, and Ciera Johnson was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The Pantherettes are ranked No. 1 in Texas and are 23-0 for the season.

Some fans are looking for the 2015-2016 Pantherettes to bring home a state championship.

"With good health, with fair officials and with luck it can be," said Duncanville Athletic Director and Head Girls Basketball Coach Cathy Self-Morgan. "We've got all the other elements that make it a complete team."

See pictures and read more [here](#).

Students Learn to Speak Computer-ese



Brandenburg Intermediate Celebrates Twin Day

Students and staff at Brandenburg Intermediate School hosted its "Twin Day Fellowship Luncheon" in December. The

event happens twice a year at Brandenburg - once before winter break and again before the end of school. During this time,

students enjoy lunch with their staff twin and other twins and then participate in an afternoon scavenger hunt. In the winter, the staff can choose any student in the building. In the spring, any students who are referral free are

eligible. Renae Shedd, the Discipline Instructor on campus, began the event 5 years ago, and it has become quite a hit.

"Our staff is always on board to do whatever it takes to keep our students engaged as we strive to continue to build relationships," said Mrs. Shedd.



In December, many students in Duncanville ISD celebrated Computer Science Week by participating in a nation-wide event called the Hour of Code.

Students worked independently or in groups to learn, understand and solve tasks through programming. Coding not only teaches our students problem-solving skills, but it also strengthens skills in logical thinking, self-management, team building, and mental flexibility. Coding is not limited to Computer Science week. It can be done at any time. [Code.org](https://code.org) offers free online courses that can be completed at school or home.



Share this email:



[Manage](#) your preferences | [Opt out](#) using **TrueRemove™**
Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.
View this email [online](#).

Phone: 972.708.2000 | 710 S. Cedar Ridge
Duncanville, TX | 75137 US

This email was sent to lbarager@duncanvilleisd.org.
To continue receiving our emails, add us to your address book.

