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District Celebrates February's Made with Pride in Duncanville Honorees



Lamont Taylor, a music teacher at Alexander, is the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Teacher selection for the month of February. Mr. Taylor created an elementary school drum line consisting of third and fourth graders. The drum line at Alexander has become a "big deal" around campus and the students take their role seriously. The Alexander drum line was given the honor of leading the Duncanville Christmas parade. Students at Alexander Elementary always look forward to going music class because of the engaging lessons Mr. Taylor provides.

Board Approves New Athletic Director



Clint Harper joined the Duncanville ISD family last week as the district's new athletic director.

"I am very excited to be in the City of Champions," Mr. Harper told the Board of Trustees at Monday's regular meeting. "I cannot tell you the pride and honor I feel standing here in front of you."

Mr. Harper comes to the district from Marshall ISD,

Beyond teaching music, Mr. Taylor teaches students about teamwork, collaboration and having good character. He is a great mentor to students and is a work colleague everybody enjoys being around.

Maria Posada, formerly in Student Services, is the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Staff selection for the month of February.

Maria is consistently kind, compassionate, and respectful of the students, parents, and district staff members who come to Student Services for assistance. Parents and staff are appreciative of her compassionate and efficient manner. She put in extra effort to help families enroll their students as we transitioned to the new Skyward student management system in the fall of 2016.

Chanciss Wesson is the Made with Pride in Duncanville – Student selection for the month of February.

Chanciss has maintained an “A” average for the semester while at the same time being an active member of the DHS volleyball team. She leads by example, and many people in her class find her enthusiasm and dedication both inspiring and motivating. Chanciss was a manager for the volleyball program for three years. She has served the program in many aspects: as the loudest supporter on the bench, participating in practice and volunteering with middle school players. Chanciss is a diligent student and has participated in the school’s mentoring program for the last two years. She has grown into a responsible young lady who gives back to the people and community around her.

where he was the athletic director and head football coach. Prior to that, he was in Leander ISD as a head football coach and campus coordinator. Mr. Harper earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Hardin-Simmons University. At the close of the board meeting, Mr. Harper shared his personal experience seeing Duncanville teams competing at a high level and winning championship over the years.

“I saw how great the program was in Duncanville, where you are building champions. That’s something I’m very passionate about...not just on the court and the football field, but we are going to build champions for life.” Mr. Harper is scheduled to start his new job on February 27.

STEM Exploration Day Stokes Students' Passion for Science and Math



Some elementary students spent an entire day last week learning about science, technology, engineering and math as the district held its STEM Exploration Day at Kennemer Middle School.

DHS Art Student Advances to State



DHS junior Hannah Ismail will compete at state following the 2017 Visual Arts Scholastic Event (VASE) earlier this month.

The program, which accepted applications from third and fourth graders, was developed to encourage students' passion for STEM-related careers (science, technology, engineering and math). Students participated in STEM activities including DNA extraction, robotics, rocketry and aviation. The program is sponsored by: Dallas County 4-H STEM Youth Development affiliated with Texas A&M University & Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program and Lockheed Martin.



Her sculpture 'Hippopotamus' won an Area medal. Twenty-five students from the DHS Visual Arts Department competed - earning 19 medals.

Upcoming Events:

Spring Open House, grades PK-6, February 28, 6:00 p.m.
Spring Break, March 13-17
Board of Trustees, monthly meeting, March 20, 7:00 p.m. at Duncanville Education Plaza, 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville

Playoffs Begin for Panthers Boys Basketball



The Panthers ended their regular season last week with a 24-7 record and now move on to the playoffs. They'll face Waco Midway (27-6) in the first round of playoffs at West High School on Tuesday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m.



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