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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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## Bus Driver's Compassion Appreciated by Staff & Students



Duncanville ISD bus driver Michael Lynch noticed something was wrong with a couple of elementary school students on September 8.

## New Truancy Law Required Code of Conduct Change

Changes to truancy law in Texas required Duncanville's Board of Trustees to adopt changes to the Code of Conduct. Those changes were passed at the board's July 13 meeting. Other revisions to the Code of Conduct are also included and can be viewed on the district's [website](#).

## Acton Principal to Director Position

Two brothers he picked up from Merrifield Elementary boarded his bus crying. He noticed one was injured. After his routes were finished, Lynch drove all the way back to the school to share his concerns with Merrifield principal, Linda Sorenson. Sorenson said she knows what a challenging job it can be to drive a school bus, and she praised Mr. Lynch for going “above and beyond.”

“After talking with him, I could see that he truly is driving a bus because of the connections he can make with our students, Sorenson said. “How rare is that these days!” Sorenson thanked Director of Transportation, Brian Merchant for his choice of driver for that particular route. “Thank you for putting [Mr. Lynch] with those students. He will make a difference in their lives.” Read [more](#).



### National Testing Day is Coming Up!

Duncanville High School sophomores and juniors can take the **PSAT** for FREE during school on Wednesday, October 14 at DHS. Read [more](#). Students can also participate in FREE prep courses for the math portion of the **SAT** at a choice of two off-site locations. More information [here](#).

### Brandenburg Students Received Service Award for Wheelchair Fundraising Campaign



Acton Principal, Erica Reyes, is Duncanville ISD’s new Director of Language Acquisition. The Board of Trustees announced Reyes’ promotion at its Monday, September 14 meeting. Reyes has been principal at Acton Elementary School since 2010, and she has been with the district for 13 years. In her new role, Reyes will oversee Duncanville ISD’s English as a Second Language program in order to increase student achievement. Duncanville ISD is in the process of devising a plan to continue the current level of excellence at Acton Elementary School. Reyes will remain in her role there until a new principal is found.

### Cross Country Took First Place in Glen Rose

Students in Brandenburg Intermediate School's Rotary Club received a service award for their project that benefited The Wheelchair Foundation. Club members organized wheelchair races during their gym classes. Fellow students paid \$1.00 each to participate. The rotary students raised \$300, and they were able to provide two wheelchairs for students in Africa. The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides wheelchairs to those who need one, but cannot afford it.



## DHS Students Participated in Public Safety Community Forum



Two DHS Youth and Government students, Sharif Long and Malia Clayton, tested the skills they have developed with public speaking and debate this week when they served as moderators at a community forum. Sharif and Malia were moderators Wednesday night at a Youth Forum at Community Missionary Baptist Church in DeSoto where they asked questions of a panel of police chiefs. Duncanville Police Chief Robert Brown was one of the panelists addressing the youngsters' questions about public safety and the community concerns regarding officers' use of force. Sharif and Malia are both DHS sophomores and did a great job representing the school district.



The Duncanville High School varsity boys and girls, and junior varsity girls cross country teams beat out 30 other schools to take first place at the Glen Rose Invitational at Dinosaur Park on Wednesday, September 16. The junior varsity boys team took second place. See results [here](#).



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