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DMS Tribune: a PTSA publication

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A Message from our PTSA Co-Presidents:

Dear Dickerson Families,

Hard to believe that the first 9 weeks are over, and the holidays are upon us. It has been a busy and exciting few months at Dickerson with lots of activities for our students. September kicked off with a powerful presentation of Rachel's Challenge. Students and parents heard about the short but inspiring life of Rachel Scott who was the first victim at Columbine High School. Students were encouraged to start a chain reaction by doing something nice for someone. Each good deed was written down on a paper link and then assembled into a chain which was hung in the media center. On November 11th student representatives from each grade attended Rachel's Challenge at the Dome along with other schools in the metro area in hopes of creating the largest chain in the world.

The Hygiene products which parents paid for through their pre-sale purchases and at Meet and Greet were delivered to all the classrooms in September. Teachers were glad to receive paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer and band aids. More supplies will be delivered later this year.

In October, the 6th and 7th graders enjoyed high energy dances with good food and friends. Conference week proved to be one of our busiest weeks of the year with our successful Book Fair, and we also sponsored Red Ribbon Week where we reminded students of the importance of staying away from drugs. Our Appropriations Committee met and made decisions on how to spend the \$10,000 appropriation budget. And finally, we placed an order for the furniture in the Media Center. The Media Center is excited to be receiving two new couches and two new chairs in a few weeks.

The upcoming holidays remind us of those in need, and we will once again hold our board game drive for Powers Ferry Elementary starting on Friday, December 2nd as well as a sweater and coat drive for the homeless the week of November 14-18.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for your continued help with all the great programs offered at Dickerson. Your commitment and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Paulette Farley and Paty Holdmeyer, PTSA Co-Presidents

E-News Available to Dickerson Families

The Dickerson E-News program is a weekly electronic news blast available to all Dickerson parents and faculty.

If you would like to receive periodic electronic updates of school events and activities, simply log on to the PTSA website: www.dickersonptsa.org, and follow the links for E-News at the top of the home page.



A Message from our Administration:



November 3, 2011

We are very excited to offer a school wide bully prevention program this year. Dickerson is using the Olweus Bully Prevention Program, calling it the *DMS Challenge*. The program was developed by Dr. Dan Olweus of Norway and has been used in countries all over the world. Olweus is a research based program showing positive results in many schools.

As you may know, we had Rachel's Challenge assemblies for every grade level recently to kick off our own *DMS Challenge*. Rachel was the first person killed at Columbine High school. She had often expressed through her discussions and her writings, a message of kindness to others. Her family has taken that message to motivate others around the world.

"The goal for Dickerson is to increase awareness of bullying with consistent and accurate messages from staff about appropriate behavior and to support the Dickerson challenge of promoting kindness."

Despite all of our efforts, many students experience some form of bullying. Dickerson students may not encounter extreme physical aspects of the behavior; however the nonphysical or verbal bullying can be quite devastating. Social exclusion, rumors, taunting, and negative gossip are some examples of nonphysical bullying. In addition, recent advances in electronic devices have helped promote online bullying or cyber bullying. Some examples or methods of cyber bullying include instant messaging, emailing, texting and posting information on social networking sites. This type of bullying happens quickly and can spread to hundreds with little time for reflection.

The goal for Dickerson is to increase awareness of bullying with consistent and accurate messages from staff about appropriate behavior and to support the Dickerson challenge of promoting kindness. Class meetings will be held regularly throughout the year to discuss various aspects of the topic. Teachers will meet with the same group of students to enhance group relationships. An emphasis will be placed on empowering bystanders to stand up for victims rather than engage in negative bullying. Hopefully we will alter school norms and see an increase in kindness and a decrease in bullying.

Please talk with your sons and daughters about the DMS Challenge as we continue our initiative. Questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us!

[Carole Brink](#)

[Patricia Alford](#)

[Cory Stanley](#)

TO LEARN MORE, CLICK ON A PICTURE BELOW TO LINK TO THE WEBSITE.



Lunch Note



Please remember that fast food is not allowed in the DMS lunchroom. Please send in a healthy lunch from home if your student is not buying a lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Administration

COUNSELORS'

ORNER

By Dickerson Counselors: [Lynn Rosado](#), [Dr. Candace Pearce](#), and [Brandi Underwood](#)

Welcome to the Counselors Corner section of our Tribune! We hope this season of changing leaves and transition into cooler weather finds you and yours happy and well.

As we approach the midpoint of this school year, we encourage you to assess your child's progress. If you are pleased with current grades, that is excellent. If you are not pleased, now is the time to evaluate what is working and what is not. Several quarters remain to improve grades for the year.

Grade 6:

Moving beyond the first months of middle school is a welcomed transition for our sixth graders! Students are settling into their roles as learners, and will be encouraged further after participating in a Career Cruising lesson aimed at discovering our unique learning style. Ms. Underwood and Ms. Rosado will explore that lesson with all sixth grade students between Thanksgiving and winter breaks.

Sixth grade students have the opportunity to participate in a small group called "Skills for Success". This is a five week group that meets Fridays on a rotating schedule. Students are asked to complete a Needs Assessment to help the facilitators hone in on specific areas. Last year we addressed memorizing, organizing lockers and backpacks, budgeting time, and test taking skills and study skills.

Grade 7:

ITBS and CogAT testing are behind us! You will be advised when the results are available. We appreciate that you helped be sure students were on time and ready for action!

Seventh grade students also have the opportunity to participate in "Skills for Success". Like Grade 6, students complete a Needs Assessment so that we focus on the weakest areas. This program begins this week, and it will run through most of the school year.

Grade 8:

All 8th grade students now have set up an online Career Cruising portfolio. Results were shared at the recent parent conferences. Have your son or daughter show you the actual site and what is currently saved in their individual portfolio to date.

Pebblebrook Performing Arts will come to Dickerson for an informational meeting soon. If you have a son or daughter with talent in dance, vocal, drama, or technical stage skills, have them stop by the counseling office to sign up for this important meeting. Auditions will be held later at Dickerson.

High school registration will start in the beginning of March. Continue to watch for eblasts and check my blog for important dates.

Honor Roll Criteria

See pages 11-14 for a list of Honor Roll recipients.

Principal's Honor Roll: All A's in all classes and S's in conduct.

Honor Roll: A's and no more than two B's in all classes and S's in conduct.



The most important thing that you can do to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands. By frequently washing your hands, you wash away germs that you have picked up from other people, from contaminated surfaces, or from animals and animal waste.

What happens if you do not wash your hands frequently?

You pick up germs from other sources and then you infect yourself when you

- ◆ Touch your eyes
- ◆ Or your nose
- ◆ Or your mouth.

One of the most common ways people catch colds is by rubbing their nose or their eyes after their hands have been contaminated with the cold virus. You can also spread germs directly to others or onto surfaces that other people touch. And before you know it, everyone around you is getting sick! In addition to colds, some pretty serious diseases -- like hepatitis A, meningitis, and infectious diarrhea -- can easily be prevented if people make a habit of washing their hands.

When should you wash your hands?

You should wash your hands often! Probably more often than you do now! Because you can't feel germs, smell germs, or see germs with the naked eye, you really don't know where they are hiding. It is especially important to wash your hands:

- ◆ Before, during, and after you prepare food
- ◆ Before you eat, and after you use the bathroom
- ◆ After handling animals or animal waste
- ◆ When your hands are dirty, and
- ◆ More frequently when someone in your home is sick.



It is estimated that one out of three people do not wash their hands after using the restroom. So these tips are very important when you are out in public.

What is the correct way to wash your hands?

- ◆ First wet your hands and apply liquid or clean bar soap. Place the bar soap on a rack and allow it to drain.
- ◆ Next rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces.
- ◆ Continue for 10 - 15 seconds or about the length of a little tune like Happy Birthday, or Yankee Doodle. It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs.
- ◆ Rinse well and dry your hands.
- ◆ Try not to touch surfaces until your hands are completely dry.

Washing your hands regularly will not only keep you healthy, it can even save money on medical bills. Because it costs less than a penny, you could say that this penny's worth of prevention could save you a \$50 visit to the doctor.

[Anna Misdorn](#) RN, School Nurse

FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that we have 3 Dickerson parents a day helping to make sure that the Front Office runs smoothly? These parents each take a shift once a month to help with late arrivals, forgotten items, running errands in the building, un-jamming lockers and helping with early dismissals. Their help allows the front office staff to be more focused on their daily tasks. We all work together to help give you and your student the best front office experience possible. Thanks for taking the time to help!

**[Michele Reale](#) and [Lisa Frits](#),
*Office Volunteer Chairs***

BOOK FAIR

A BIG thank you to all our parents, volunteers, students, and staff who harvested their imagination at the 2011 Dickerson Book Fair! Because of your support the Media Center was able to purchase \$3,000 worth of books. Thank you for another successful DMS Book Fair. Happy reading and we will see you next year!

**[Tawnda Conway](#) and [Lisa Cook](#),
*Book Fair Chairs***

DICKERSON TIMES TEAM

Congratulations to our Student Newspaper team for our wonderful first issue! They all worked creatively as a team to bring the newspaper to life. Special thanks to our Issue 1 primary parent helpers, Cheryl Kothe, Mary Litman, Tara Flint, and Prity Pirani. We meet most Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in Room E2. Join us!

Please be sure to check out our first issue at [http://www.dickersonptsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/dickersontimes.web2 .pdf](http://www.dickersonptsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/dickersontimes.web2.pdf).

[Alison Paul](#), *Student Newspaper Chair*

HONOR ROLL

WOW! We had over 600 students make honor roll for the first marking period. Congratulations to all of them for working so hard and achieving so much. We want to extend our thanks to all the parents who came to help us with the grade level receptions - keeping a few hundred kids organized and fed is no easy task, and our 40 plus volunteers made it look effortless. It would not happen without your support, so thank you for helping us celebrate our students.

**[Lisa Flagel](#), [Ellen Melcher](#), and [Cheryl Miller](#),
*Student Honor Chairs***

BOX TOPS

Thank you for sending in those Box Tops. We have already earned \$295 in Box Tops Cash! Keep 'em coming! Special thanks again to our front office volunteers who have been cutting and sorting!

[Tara Flint](#), *Box Tops Coordinator*

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

The Dickerson Middle School PTSA hosted a Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, November 10 in honor of our wonderful bus drivers. We are so thankful to the bus drivers who bring our children safely to and from school on a daily basis. The volunteers of the DMS PTSA Hospitality Committee provided a delicious breakfast to the bus drivers and it was so appreciated by everyone who enjoyed the event. Thank you so much to all of our terrific Hospitality Committee volunteers who have helped us at the Staff Back To School Lunch and the Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast!

**[Stephanie Schwartz](#) and [Cindy Burstiner](#),
*Hospitality Committee Chairs***

6TH and 7TH GRADE FALL FRENZIES

With VIBE Entertainment leading the way, the 6th and 7th Grade Fall Dances were a blast! Hundreds of students attended the two after-school dances. Lots of loud music, dancing, Smoothie King smoothies, Papa John's pizza, candy and soda galore added up to a fun time for all. Special thank you's go to Publix for donating the soda and cups and to Michele Brodsky for making new concession signs.

Thank you so much to the many parents that helped decorate, sell concessions, and clean up. Also, thank you to the administration and staff for chaperoning the dance. You all are the reason this event was so successful! Thank you!!

[Beth Gilliland](#) and [Natalie Collins](#), *Dance Chairs*



PTA Advocacy Conference

On September 23, over 100 representatives from PTAs across the state convened “under the Gold Dome” at the Capitol for the 2011 Georgia PTA Advocacy Conference.

Participants learned that a special state committee on education funding has been charged with evaluating the best methodologies for short and long term public education funding. Rep. Tom Dickson, who hosted the Conference, gave a brief update on the committee’s work:

- ◆ One recommendation which enjoyed unanimous support from the committee members ties school nurse funding – and related clinic supplies – to a ratio based upon the number of students being served. For elementary schools, the formula would place one nurse for every 750 children; for middle and high schools, there would be a nurse for every 1,500 students.
- ◆ Another recommendation calls for repealing Georgia’s 65% rule -- which requires 65% of all education funds to be used on direct classroom instruction. There are many problems with the 65% formula, including its definition of what comprises “direct classroom instruction”. (for instance, media centers are excluded). Additionally, there is no proven correlation between spending 65% and student performance.
- ◆ Move tracking of home school requirements from local districts to the State Department of Education.

These matters, among others, are ready for legislative consideration in January when the Georgia General Assembly convenes.

Attendees also heard updates on federal legislative issues that PTA is tracking - 1) whether the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (the current version is popularly known as No Child Left Behind) will be renewed; 2) Race to the Top program – are the funds making a difference in those states that are receiving dollars? and 3) funding for education jobs and capital projects.

On the state level, the Georgia PTA Board of Directors is finalizing its 2012 Legislative Priorities, which is based upon direct feedback from PTA members. These will be posted to the GA PTA website soon, and we will inform you via our weekly E-letter when they are available.

What can you do? State leaders encouraged attendees to **make your voice heard**. Pick an issue that is important to you and call, Email or write to your elected officials discussing how the issue impacts you. This can be directed at your local school board member, state official or national representative. By being well-informed and well-intentioned, you can make a difference!

[Irene Barton](#), PTSA Legislative Chair

Appropriations News



Every year we are overwhelmed by the generosity of our Dickerson families. In the fall, we announced that we were going to raise our teacher appropriation funding to \$10,000. (a \$2,000 increase from the previous year) Our Dickerson teachers and families thought big, and we are pleased to announce that the following items were funded by our appropriations program:

- ◆ Additional Funding for the PE classroom sound system
- ◆ Professional Musician and Coaching Clinics for the orchestra
- ◆ Screenflex Mobile Display Tower that will be used to hold artwork in the Art Classes
- ◆ Renewal of the “Parents Still Make a Difference” newsletter for the counselors
- ◆ 1 SmartBoard
- ◆ 4 Elmo Document Cameras
- ◆ 1 Document Viewer
- ◆ 20 Balance Scales for the 6th grade Science Lab
- ◆ 60 Double sided dry erase boards to be used in 6th grade Math
- ◆ 2 Targus Presentation Remotes that will be used in conjunction with SmartBoard technology in 6th grade
- ◆ Full set of seat sacks for a 7th grade Social Studies class to hold a class set of text books
- ◆ Paper and Storage Rack to be used in a 7th grade language arts class
- ◆ 1 Van de Graaff Generator for the 8th grade Science Labs
- ◆ 8 Electronic Balances to be use in the 8th grade Science Labs
- ◆ 1 Wii for the self contained MOID, SID/PID classroom

This program would not have been such a success without the support of the many Dickerson PTSA families that contribute to our organization. We would also like extend a special thank you the members of the 2011-12 Appropriations Committee that were willing to commit their energy and time to serve – Carole Brink, Lorraine Tom, Scott McCord, Tara Flint, Jennifer Shaw, Paty Holdmeyer and Paulette Farley.

Submitted by [Paulette Farley](#), PTSA Co-President

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Thanksgiving--How to stay on course with nutrition!



Thanksgiving is one of my all time favorite holidays. I love getting the family together, catching up, and of course...the food. I always worry about packing on a few extra pounds during this time. Here are a few tricks to help prevent this:

- 1) You know Thanksgiving is coming, so prepare a little. Be extra careful with your nutrition the entire week leading up to the day. Make sure to eat balanced meals (protein, carbohydrates and fat) and go "clean" with your foods. Try not to have any "off" or "cheat" meals for the entire 7 days or so leading up to the meal. This way your blood sugar is stable all week, breaking down fat and protecting your metabolism leading up to Thanksgiving.
- 2) Prepare or bring healthier versions of your favorite dishes. Instead of covering the sweet potatoes with marshmallow, mash them with cinnamon, nutmeg and a small amount of butter. Then season to taste with salt and pepper. Prepare a green bean casserole with fresh green beans, and low fat milk and low fat mushroom soup. Get creative and choose lower fat options when possible. You can even find healthier versions of your favorite dishes online.
- 3) Remember to balance your plate. Choose a protein, carb and fat at dinner. Load up on white meat turkey (protein) and healthier sides like sweet potatoes and veggies.
- 4) Eat slowly and enjoy. Focus on your family and friends, not just the food. Before going for seconds, ask yourself if you're really hungry. If so, wait 15-20 minutes and see if the feeling passes.
- 5) If you want dessert, have it, just have a smaller portion than what you would normally choose. If dessert is your favorite part of the meal, go lighter on your carbohydrates with dinner.
- 6) If you are hosting the meal, try to give away the not-so healthy leftovers by making to-go plates for your guests. Save the healthier stuff like turkey and veggies for meals later in the week. If you are the guest, take a to-go plate of the turkey and veggies and skip the heavier sides.

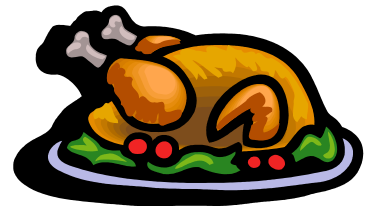
Lastly, most of us do overindulge a bit on Thanksgiving. The key is to get right back on track 3-4 hours later with a balanced meal to stabilize your blood sugar. Just pick back up where you left off and get your cardio in the next day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mark Macdonald, Author of NY Times Best Seller,
Body Confidence Creator and CEO of Venice Nutrition

Submitted by

[Jill Gregory](#), NC, FT, Nutritionist, Fitness Trainer, and DMS PTSA member



East Cobber Parade showed DMS Pride!



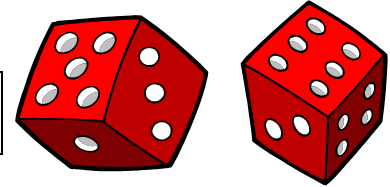
Photo courtesy of the Dickerson Times

Dickerson Middle School showed its pride as we marched in the East Cobber Parade. Our three administrators Carole Brink, Patricia Alford and D. Cory Stanley, along with Scott McCord, our teacher of the year, waved at the crowds from their perches in our three convertibles.

Many thanks to the parents who drove their own cars, purchased candy, made signs and helped coordinate our parade entry: Michele Reale, Valerie Bseibess, Jean Ann and Barry McCarthy, Johnna Bain, Yushuang He, Beatriz and Peter Jones. Thanks also to our student newspaper staff who covered the event so capably.

[Cheryl Miller](#), *East Cobber Parade Chair*

Family Game Drive for Powers Family



We are pleased to announce the annual Dickerson Board Game Drive for Powers Ferry Elementary (PFES) for the week of December 5th. Last year, Dickerson Students provided EVERY Powers Ferry student with a board game. We would like to accomplish that this year too! The goal of this program is to promote family time while reinforcing learning. Providing the means for each child to have “game night” with their family is a perfect way to achieve that goal. We are asking every Dickerson student to bring a NEW, UNUSED board game from the list below to be given to the Powers Ferry children in December. We have matched our grade levels with their grade levels to avoid too much duplication. Powers Ferry Staff would like to reinforce math skills. Please review the list below.

6th graders 4th and 5th grade games
 7th graders 2nd and 3rd grade games
 8th graders Kindergarten and 1st grade games



As the holidays approach, many retailers will be offering “buy one get one” sales on games as well as other discounts. Please encourage your child to look for the sales and help with the shopping. It is not too early to start shopping. We will collect the games at school the week of December 5th. If you have any questions, or would like to help, please contact **Michele Brodsky** at allidavmar@yahoo.com.

Pre K/Kindergarten

Hi Ho! Cherry-O
 Tic-Tac-Toe
 Numbers Memory
 Match It!- Math
 Chutes and Ladders

First Grade

Trouble
 Monopoly Junior
 Concentration
 Connect 4
 Checkers

Second Grade

Othello
 I Spy Flip 5
 Crazy Eights
 Battleship
 Yahtzee
 Uno
 Dominoes

Third Grade

Monopoly
 Yahtzee
 Number Dominoes
 Money Bags Board games
 Math Animals
 Mancala
 Clue

Fourth Grade

Monopoly
 Pay Day
 Life
 Battleship
 Uno games
 Jenga

Fifth Grade

Wooky Mathable game
 Money Bags
 Think Fun Math Dice
 Pay Day
 Chess
 The Game of Life
 Sorry

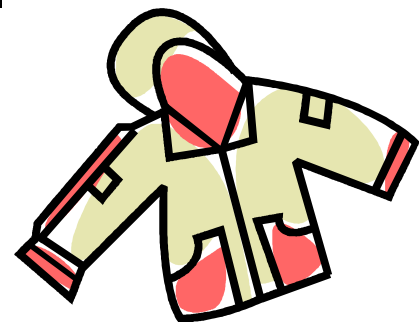


How to warm someone (inside and out!)

The Community Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Coat and Sweater Drive during the week of November 14–18. We will collect slightly used or outgrown coats and sweaters, to be donated to the homeless shelter at MUST Ministries.

For your convenience, volunteers will collect these items in the morning carpool line as well as by the bus loading area. A collection bin will be outside the front office too.

If you and/or your child would like to help with the morning collection of items, please click on the link below to sign up, or just show up to help!



www.SignUpGenius.com/go/coat9/1529206
Joanna Smith, Community Outreach Chair

Diversity Means: Reflections contest winners



PTA REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to everyone who submitted entries to the Reflections program this year.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE RECOGNIZED !

Artwork, literature and photography will be on display at the DMS **Reflections Reception** on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 7:45 – 8:45am in the Media Center. Refreshments and a short program will be provided.

Seventy-four students participated in the Reflections program this year with 5 of the 6 arts categories represented. Of the 78 entries (yes, some students had more than one entry), 25 entries are moving on to judging at the council level where they compete with students from around the state. Those advancing to next level of judging are shown to the right.

[Alice Kerber](#), *PTSA Chair* or call 770-518-1506

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
Zach Givarz	8	Film production
Jules McNeice	7	Film production
Janet Wang	8	Musical Composition
Ben Davidson	7	Musical Composition
Martin Middleton	8	Photography
Meredith Lischer	8	Photography
Samara Dengler	7	Photography
Warren Rogers	7	Photography
Sam Bennett	7	Photography
Ameena Jackson	7	Photography
Chad Ritchie	6	Photography
Farouk Dosunmu	6	Photography
Sean McIntosh	6	Photography
Emma Ensley	8	Visual Arts
Elaine Liu	8	Visual Arts
Mikaela Seeman	7	Visual Arts
Marina Cavanagh	7	Visual Arts
Waverly Wadsworth	6	Visual Arts
Riley Kerber	8	Literature
Janet Wang	8	Literature
Dylan Kim	7	Literature
Jung Park	7	Literature
Ashley Ahn	6	Literature
Ally Koh	6	Literature

Box Tops for Dickerson



Shopping online for the holidays? Earn free \$\$\$ for Dickerson Middle School at the same time.

Here's how it works:

1. Log on to www.boxtops4education.com and register
2. Click on "Earn" and scroll down to "Shop Marketplace"
3. Shop, shop, shop! Online retailers include Lands' End, Target, Old Navy, and many more. Dickerson Middle School will earn an eBoxTops on whatever you spend.

*First-time shoppers can earn 20 bonus Box Tops PLUS eBoxTops with every purchase.

Box Tops and Barnes & Noble have teamed up to earn cash for our school – the Box Tops Reading Room!

Through the Reading Room, Dickerson Middle School will earn 6 eBoxTops with every \$10 purchase you make. Gift cards will earn a 3% donation for our school.

1. Log on to www.boxtops4education.com and register (or sign in)
2. Click on "Earn" and scroll down to "Shop Reading Room"
3. Click on the "Search for Books" button and it will take you to Barnes and Noble.com. Select items and follow the standard checkout process. Our school is automatically credited for your purchases.

Thank you for choosing to make a difference at our school with Box Tops! **Linda Rowley, Coordinator**

2011-2012 DMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll

6th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Ashley	Ahn	Kris	Kollias
Yekaterina	Alferova	Hyunwoo	Koo
Jordan	Allcorn	Katherine	Lager
Harrison	Arnold	Grace	Laney
Jiwoo	Bae	Alexandra	Langell
Matthew	Baitcher	Joon	Lee
Casey	Barton	Adam	Lenhard
Robert	Bruce	Max	Lenk
Mackenna	Buchanan	Ivy	Li
Eli	Burstiner	Samantha	Lovell
Claire	Button	Camden	Lysaght
Helen	Calhoun	Julia	McAulay
Mackenzie	Childs	Ian	McClish
Phillip	Colt	Madison	McDaniel
Jack	Davenport	Harsimran	Minhas
Margaret	Davis	Jonathan	Mittleider
Sahand	Davoudi	Sarah	Pak
Leticia	DeMelo	Shreya	Pandya
Lily	Ensley	Carolyn	Paul
Emma	Fletcher	Jose	Penalver
Connor	Flynn	Zeba	Pirani
J.D.	Flynn	Chelsea	Press
Colette	Frickey	Tim	Raffa
Claire	Gandy	Adarshini	Raja
Reet	Ganguly	Gautham	Ravichandran
Turner	Gibson	Jackson	Risey
Jack	Giglio	Emma	Rogers
Jack	Goldsholl	Sadie	Rosenberg
Carter	Gooch	Ariana	Sarkhail
Payton	Gregory	Lauren	Sessoms
Ben	Hardy	Manas	Sharma
Christopher	He	Allison	Shaw
Taylor	Helfrich	Anna Claire	Shepherd
Blake	Hilley	Tamar	Shimon
Caroline	Hiott	Anushka	Shivaram
Nicholas	Holdmeyer	Aartika	Shrivastava
Daniel	Hudadoff	Connor	Simmons
Charles	Im	Abhinav	Singh
John	Ingraham	Akshat	Sistla
Shania	Irani	Molly	Smith
Bitu	Jadali	Soham	Sonthe
Supriya	Jain	Anna	Spence
Antonio	Jareno	Caroline	Stearns
Nikita	Jindal	Ashley	Stonely
Madelyn	Johnson	Liam	Sullivan
Samantha	Jones	Reilly	Surdykowski
Kaitlin	Jones	Waverly	Wadsworth
Alisa	Kepner	Abigail	Waldner
Laura	Key	Lainey	Warren
Michael	Kim	Samuel	Wen
Yeajin	Ko	Kate	Winans

Jadia	Wingate
Marie	Yamaoka
Iris	Yin
Grace	Yobs
Jessica	Zhang

7th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Sam	Alexander
David	Anderson
Chris	Ashby
Danya	Awad
Greg	Babic
Chase	Barker
Nagaraj	Bhagwat
T.C.	Brewster
Sydney	Buckley
Rachel	Burns
Lauren	Cicerchia
Nolan	Conde
Nicole	Cruikshank
Hannah	Culbertson
Parisa	Dayani
Delaney	Erwin
Sophia	Foppa
Sarah	Glass
Livia	Gobbi
Katie	Greenway
Caroline	Hakes
Hayleigh	Hallam
Ryan	Heinrichs
John	Hillock
Maddie	Huff
Austin	Hwang
Jacob	Jaros
Phillip	Jensen
Elise	Joffe
Blake	Jones
Will	Jordan
Emily	Jordan
Owen	Kadow
Louchene	Karnatak
Mitchell	Karrh
Dylan	Kim
Jun Ho	Kim
Kelly	Kramlich
Matthew	Lazzaro
Jeff	Lee
Alex	Lee

2011-2012 DMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll

7th Grade Dickerson Honor Roll					
Gladys	Lopez	Justin	VanLoan	Shannon	Jean
Lisa	MacBeth	Alex	Volkov	Rory	Joy
Melody	Malek	Caroline	Weinstein	Rotem	Kalal
Charlotte	Marshall	Laurie	Weinstein	Saba	Kashani
William	McCarthy	Lauryn	Wellington	Caroline	Kester
Jessica	McGuire	Emily	West	Kathleen	Kibler
Sean	McLoughlin	Mason	Wewer	Julie	Kim
Betsy	McMullen	Forrest	Wilson	Justin	King
Aditi	Mehtani	Kirsten	Wittich	Curtis	Kothe
Harper	Melnick	Olivia	Woodman	Chester	Lagod
Caleb	Meredith	Kaylen	Xie	Hannah	Lagod
Caleb	Meredith	Maxwell	Zhou	Jacob	Lamar
Pouya	Mofazali			Emerson	Lee
Emily	Moosbrugger			Lois	Lee
Liam	Mullican			Will	Leiper
Nicole	Newberry Bader			Camila	Lezcano
Ryan	O'Loughlin			Peiji	Liang
Isaac	Park			Meredith	Lischer
Nick	Peeples			Jason	Lovell
Morgan	Pollock			Rachel	Luckcuck
Natalie	Pransky			Avi	Lyons
Anna	Quinlan			Quinn	Marshall
Kendall	Ray			Victoria	McCrary
Kyle	Richardson			Matthew	McGuire
John	Ring			Savannah	Meaux
Patrick	Ring			Eric	Mo
Nicholas	Robinson			Madison	Nash
Sophie	Rogers			Lindsey	Neel
Jordan	Rooks			George	Newi
Jackson	Ruff			Maria	Newsome
Gabriella	Schmidl			Thomas	Newsome
Blair	Schoen			Anna Leigh	Nielsen
Nottely	Seagraves			Sarah	O'Connor
David	Shaver			E.J.	Ozyazgan
Garrett	Shiplett			Lalin	Ozyazgan
Katherine	Siewert			Cameron	Patterson
Emily	Silagy			Raquel	Penalver
James	Skinner			Jack	Peterson
Tori	Smith			Ilana	Pinkhasova
Renee	Smith			Clark	Price
Neve	Smith			Leah	Reid
Warren	Spann			Mia	Reilly
Ben	Sterling			Amanda	Rios-Santiago
Benjamin	Story			Carson	Roberts
Gregory	Stratton			Ryan	Roegge
Emily	Surry			Ally	Rzucidlo
Christopher	Swart			Bryce	Scherer
Hannah	Tant			Jennifer	Simon
Jackson	Thompson			Katherine	So
Rachel	Titshaw			Ben	Spencer
				Grace	St. Urbain
				Christian	Sullivan
				Jessica	Sumner
				Grace	Vookles
				Janet	Wang
				Ethan	White
				Emahn	Yahyapour
				Vivian	Yang
				Kathleen	Yund
				Nick	Zviovich

8th Grade Dickerson Honor Roll

Sakthidharan	Alapakkam
Kylie	Andrews
Joshua	Astarita
Taylor	Barry
Bryce	Bartow
Sarah	Baumann
Ilyasha	Belegradek
Stephanie	Birnbaum
Brian	Boven
Kasie	Britten
Annalise	Brown
Patrick	Cahill
Gipeum	Choi
Bethany	Chou
Russell	Cobble
Brennan	Connor
Andrew	Conway
Sarah	Cooper
Quinn	Cunningham
Brooke	Daniels
Lindie	Davidson
Sam	Delong
Cooper	Driskell
Emma	Ensley
Bijan	Esteghamat
Patrick	Farley
Sam	Fisher
Machaela	Galiano
Abigail	Gibson
Sofia	Gratas
Kathryn	Harper
Layla	Heidari
Cassie	Helsel
Catalina	Herrera
Jack	Hoskyn
Alexandra	Hounslow
Baqar	Husain
Valentino	Italo
Paola	Jareno



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[Kiki Missailidis](#), PTSA Membership Chair



Mark your calendars...

*Every Monday and Wednesday:	
School Store open from 8:15-9:00am	12/13 PTSA Board Meeting
11/8 Election Day: Student Holiday	12/21-12/28 Hanukkah
11/10 6th gr. Chorus Concert, 6:30pm	12/22 End of 2nd grading period; Winter Parties
11/11 Veteran's Day	12/23-1/9 Student Holidays
11/11 Rachel's Challenge at GA Dome	12/25 Christmas Day
11/14-11/18 Coat and Sweater Drive– see p. 9	12/26-1/1 Kwanzaa
11/14 7th and 8th gr. Orchestra Concert, 6:30pm	12/31 New Year's Eve
11/15 6th gr. Band Concert, 6:30 pm	1/13 Report Cards
11/16 4 1/2 week midpoint	1/16 MLK, Jr. Day: Schools closed
11/16 Reflections Reception, 7:45-8:45am	1/17 PTSA General Meeting– Nominating Committee vote
11/21-11/25 No School: Thanksgiving Holidays	1/18 8th grade Writing Assessment
11/24 Happy Thanksgiving	1/27-1/29 School play
11/30 Progress Reports	1/31 ECCC Reflections Reception
12/5-12/9 Board Game Drive– see p. 8	2/2 Groundhog Day
12/6 7th and 8th gr. Band Concert, 6:30pm	