

DMS BULLDOG NEWSLETTER

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DMS CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH...RELAY FOR LIFE...



Women's History Month in the United States grew out of a week long celebration of women's' contributions to culture, history ,and society organized by the school district of Sonoma, California, in 1978. Presentations were given at dozens of schools, hundreds of students participated in a "Real Woman" essay contest and a parade was held in downtown Santa Rosa., California. Dutchtown Middle School proudly embraced and celebrated Women's History Month in March . The "Real Woman" Essay Contest and a host of additional activities were spear headed by Connections Spanish I Teacher Sra. Morrison. There was an enormous amount of participation in the "Real Woman" Essay Contest and the following students submitted fantastic essays and placed as follows: 8th grade students Salaar Khan and Symboni Wright tied for 1st place winners. Salaar's essay was entitled "Real Woman" and Symfoni's essay was entitled "The Real Woman in my Life". 7th grade 1st place winner was Epiphemia Ariri with an essay entitled "Chimananda Ngozi Adiche" and 7th grade 2nd place winner was Mohagony Dandy with a poem entitled "What's a Mother?"

6th grade 1st place winner was Holly Nguyen with an essay entitled "Never Give Up"and 6th grade 2nd place winner was Sarah Abdulali with a poem entitled "Susan B. Anthony". Lastly, the overall winner of the "Real Woman" Essay Contest was 8th grade student Christopher Norman. Sra. Morrison would like to congratulate all of the winners and would like to say thank you to her DMS Colleagues for all of the support and assistance received to ensure DMS "Women's History Month" was a success.



DMS Celebrated it's Annual Mini Relay for Life Carnival on April, 7th. Ms. Jackson, 8th Grade Math Teacher, spear headed this event and raised over \$9000.00 and counting for the Amer-

ican Cancer Society. Last year Dutchtown Middle School raised \$12005.00 placing 6th in the county overall for Relay for Life contributions. Ms. Jackson is pleased with our progress thus far and anticipates another successful contribution year. She would like to thank everyone who assisted in the Mini-Relay and those who continue to assist in an effort to raise additional funds for the American Cancer Society.

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Counselor's Corner



Character Education: DHS Seniors visited DMS students to speak with them about the importance of maintaining a strong high school work ethic in high school and what DMS students should be doing now to prepare for high school. Additionally, DHS students cited examples of the rigor, organization, and time management skills required to be a successful high school student.



CRCT/Test Taking Tips:

BEFORE

Completing your classwork/homework which prepares you for testing. Use your agenda so you don't forget assignments.

- Read 20 minutes a night.
- Practice with USA Test Prep
- Get a good night sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast. Free at DMS
- Be prepared with two # 2 pencils
- Dress comfortable – dress in layers
- Cell phones – not allowed in classroom
- Go to the restroom before 8:50am
- Be on time and here every day. There will be a Field Day reward for students who have Perfect Attendance.
- Be confident and have a positive attitude.

DURING

- **NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES THIS WEEK OR NEXT**
- Read all answers before selecting your choice.
- Read all directions before you begin working.
- Take your time and pace yourself.
- Pay attention to time.
- If you have to change an answer, erase completely.
- Check your work – especially on the Math section
- Don't rush or stress. Do your best !!
- Make sure your test item number matches your answer document number especially if you skip a question and come back later.
- Fill in bubbles completely, erase stray marks.
- Make sure you answer all questions.



Character Education : A big thanks to the Dutchtown High School Peer Mediator group for their presentation on "cyber bullying". The presentation was very informative and helpful. The students also shared their experiences in Middle School and ways to deal with bullying.



Career Talk Show: Students were introduced to the career of dentistry by Dental Hygienist Mrs. Arnett in March. Mrs. Arnett is employed with Dr. Mejia's a local dentistry's office. Thank you Mrs. Arnett for sharing the day in the life of a dental hygienist with our students.

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DMS Club News..

SGA - SGA operated the school store for your students school needs every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings in the commons from 8:30 – 9:00am. If you are in need of lead, or a pencil or even glue sticks and a poster the school store can help you be prepared for the day ahead.

SGA would like to thank everyone for their donations during our Pennies for Patients fund raiser. We were interrupted by snow days but we are proud to have a donation to give to this worthy cause. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Beta Club- The Beta Club induction ceremony will take place Friday, April 14, 2014. For additional information please view the Beta Club web page, by accessing the link below.

[DMS Clubs' Webpage](#)

School Council

The DMS School Council will hold its Monthly Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 8:30. This meeting is open to all DMS stakeholders..

PTO Corner



March PTO Detergent School Fundraiser...

PTO would like to thank everyone who participated in the detergent fundraiser campaign. Additionally, PTO would like to say a special thank you to the teachers whose homeroom sold the most detergent and to the students who sold the most detergent.



6th Grade Ms. Pickett's homeroom, 7th Grade Ms. Brown's homeroom and 8th Grade Ms. Moore's homeroom. These teachers were presented with a Gift Basket. Furthermore a special thank you for the students who sold the most per grade level (pictured on the left). These students received a Six Flag's Season Pass Ticket. Again, the DMS PTO would like to thank the Dutchtown Community for your support. Detergent items will go home the week of April 14th.

Partners-In-Ed



DMS 2013-14 PIE

We appreciate your continued support and commitment to Dutchtown!!!

- Absolute Flowers, Rocky's Pizza
- Belk Department Store, Scarlett's Retreat
- Chick-fi-la (Truett's) , Sylvan Learning Center
- Cotton Pickin Chicken, Tranquility Salon
- Firehouse Subs, Heritage Bank, Kroger #45
- Logan's Roadhouse, Shane's Ribs



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Classroom Spotlight

Mrs. McMahan 6th Grade Class :Ms. McMahan's class celebrated National Pie day on 3/14/2014 by finding the circumference and area of the pies the students brought in. Some students even decorated t-shirts to celebrate the day.

Mrs. Lazarus 8th Grade Coordinate Algebra: Ms. Lazarus conducted a Perfect Score Clinic (perfect CRCT Math Score) in an effort to promote excellence in her students. The students met three Saturdays during the month of March for a two-hour Math enrichment course. Ms. Lazarus vehemently believes all of her students are capable of earning a perfect CRCT Math Score of 950 and would like to thank PTO for providing snacks for the students as well as all of the parents and students who participated in the Perfect Score Clinic.

DMS Happenings

College Day/College Door – In an effort to promote thinking beyond high school to our students DMS Teachers have decorated their doors with their college/s paraphernalia. Once a month DMS Teachers will celebrate College Day, by wearing college attire.

Sports Central...



Spring Sports -The Spring Sport Season is concluding and the final or county track meet will be held ,Monday, May 5th and the Athletic Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 13th for additional information regarding Track and Volleyball please visit the [DMS Athletic Page](#)

Grade Level News



8th Grade DMS Student placed 1st in his division for the District Science Fair and 2nd in his division in the State Science Fair!! We are extremely proud of **YOU !!!**
Congratulations!!!

Upcoming Events

CRCT Administration– Thursday, April 24th, through Wednesday, April 30th...

CRCT Events:

- Tuesday April 22nd CRCT Prep Rally
- Wednesday April 23rd CRCT Calm Down Day
- Thursday/Friday-May 1-2 CRCT Perfect Attendance Field Day

Teacher Appreciation Week– Monday, May 5th, through Friday May 9th...

8th Grade Life 101 Real World Simulation– Wednesday, May 7th..