

The Rancher Times

DOUBLE BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2013

School Administration:

- *Principal, Vaughnette Chandler*
- *Asst. Principal, Heather Wallen*

PTA Executive Board:

- *President, Denise Rae-Herrera*
- *VP Membership, Ana Jeri-Garcia*
- *VP Ways and Means, Alyssa Hall*
- *VP Events, Gina Camerano*
- *Recording Secretary, Open*
- *Correspondence Secretary, Stacey Rusch*
- *Treasurer, Joe Hodge*

PTA Chairpersons:

- *Volunteer Coordinator, Ana Jeri-Garcia*
- *BBQ Round-Up, Denise Rae-Herrera*
- *Holiday Shop, Heather Moran*
- *Staff Appreciation, Alyssa Hall and Jackie Joos*
- *Movie Night, Jennifer Jackson*
- *Bingo Night, Stacy Fish*
- *Boosterthon, Alyssa Hall*
- *Mother's Day Cakes, Deana Folz*
- *Reflections, Andrea McBride*
- *Holiday Caring and Sharing, Gina Camerano*
- *5th Grade Dance, Kirsten Denney*

Principal Chandler's Corner

Common Core Parent Night

Our district is hosting a Common Core Parent Information night on March 4, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Wiregrass Ranch High School. This event will provide you with important information regarding the Common Core standards and the impact on your child. Please mark your calendar for this important event!

Additionally, take the time to visit the Common Core link on our Double Branch website. You will find our Common Core English Language Arts unit plans by grade level. There you will find what is being taught, how it is being assessed and what you can do to support. As always, if you need additional information please contact your

child's teacher.

Discovery Education Testing

For the 2013-2014 school year, Pasco County students are being assessed on reading, math, and science standards using Discovery Education. The purpose of the assessments is to provide benchmarks during the school year to show how students are progressing towards mastery of the Common Core State Standards. Students are assessed four times during the school year utilizing a computer based assessment. Students have already completed the first two assessment and are currently being evaluated for the third time.

If you would like to see how your child performed on these assessments, his/her teacher will be happy to share that information with you.

Yearbooks are on sale!

Visit our website for the link to purchase yearbooks. Hardcover yearbooks are \$28.00. You can order and pay online! Don't miss out. Please visit www.yearbookforever.com.

Stay Connected to DBES

As March activities are planned, please continue to check our website for important events. Additionally, DBES is connected with Twitter. Take the time to like us at @DoubleBranchEle

PTA News

Wow! PTA has had a very busy and productive year! We have raised funds, raised awareness, and most of all, had fun! Following many successful events, we are now looking to wrap up the school year with the year-end Ice Cream Social/Art Show (May 1) & Mother's Day Cake Decorating (May 9). We will also be assisting 5th grade with their celebrations as they look forward to moving on to middle school.

While we continue to plan and

prepare for these events, we must also look toward the future of our PTA. We are now taking applications for next year's Executive Board. If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter of interest, expressing why you would like to be in a leadership role in PTA. Please also provide a brief biography about yourself.

Applications should be submitted by Friday, April 11 to the PTA e-mail address listed below and will be reviewed by

the Nominating Committee who will slate the board for the upcoming year. The names put into nomination will be voted on by membership at the General Assembly meeting on May 1.

Website:

DBES.my-pta.org

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/dbespta

E-mail:

dbespta@hotmail.com

PTA Reflections Art Contest

DBES is proud to announce the winners for the PTA Reflections Art Contest. This year's theme was *Believe, Dream, Inspire*. Our talented students were inspired to represent the theme in many original, amazing ways. We want to congratulate each of them!



2013-2014 DBES Reflections Winners

Dance (Primary Elementary)
Caelin Smallwood Hidalgo 1st Place

Film (Primary Elementary)
Carlo Kural 1st Place

Photography (Primary Elementary)
Jaida Wilson 1st Place
Madison Blouvet 2nd Place

Photography (Intermediate Elementary)
Anthony Nickels 1st Place
Ella Kelsch 2nd Place

Visual Arts (Primary Elementary)
Nuvini Wijesundara 1st Place

Visual Arts (Intermediate Elementary)
Abigail Alexander 1st Place
Destiny Diaz 2nd Place
Jason Garcia 3rd Place
Olivia Robertson Honorable Mention
Andrew Pisula Honorable Mention

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Congratulations to our Pasco County winners who are going on to state level!

RANCHER RULES:

D—Do your best

B—Be prepared

E—Eagerly follow directions

S—Show respect

Guidance Corner

Our March word of the month is Optimism. Students will be seeing the word displayed in their classrooms, media center, cafeteria and on the news show. Please continue to help us reinforce this at home.

Optimism
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Dates to Remember

MARCH 2014

Tuesday, March 4	Common Core Parent Night at Wiregrass Ranch HS at 6PM
Friday, March 7	Spring Pictures
Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Begins
Monday, March 10	Ticket Sales—Father/Daughter Dance
Thursday, March 13	End of 3rd Quarter
Friday, March 14	No School—Teacher Planning Day
March 17—March 21	No School—Spring Break
Monday, March 24 & Tuesday, March 25	STEM Fair Judging
Friday, March 28	Rancher of the Quarter Celebration
Friday, March 28	Relay For Life: Father/Daughter Dance
Monday, March 31	Report Cards go Home

APRIL 2014

Thursday, April 3	Tropicana Speech School Competition
April 7—April 11	Spring Book Fair
April 14—April 23	FCAT Testing

Upcoming Events

Relay For Life presents Father/Daughter Dance — This event is scheduled for Friday, March 28 from 6:30PM—8:00PM. This year's theme is Fairy Tale Ball. Tickets will go on sale Monday, March 10 for just \$20/couple. You do not want to miss this special event. Look for more information to come home soon.

Ice Cream Social/Art Show — Please join us for an Ice Cream Social/Art Show on May 1. Come enjoy a treat while viewing the artistic works of all of our students and the entries from the 2013-2014 DBES PTA Reflections Art Show.

Mother's Day Cakes — PTA and Publix are teaming up to provide special heart shaped cakes for Mother's Day. Students can pre-order their cake at the cost of \$8 each. Flyers came home last week and are due by March 12. Please contact the office if you are in need of additional order forms. Cakes will be decorated during school hours on May 9.

From the School Nurse

Healthy Learning Requires Healthy Living!

9-5-2-1-0

- 9** Get at least 9 hours of sleep each night.
- 5** Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day.
- 2** Limit screen time away from school to 2 hours per day.
- 1** Engage in at least one hour of physical activity each day.
- 0** Eliminate sugary beverages.

Please Support PTA!

Please continue to clip and collect Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops4education.com) and Campbell's Labels for Education (www.labelsforeducation.com).



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