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Carole Brink

A Message from our PTSA CO-Presidents

Dear Dickerson Families,

As we have adjusted back to our school schedule after the long winter/snow break, we are well into the 3rd quarter of the school year. All of our planned PTSA programs are running smoothly and we want to thank all our volunteers who work inside and outside the school every single day and contribute to the success of our children.

In the first two quarters, we completed two rounds of Hygiene Pack distribution in line with the needs of the teachers and the school administration. Because of your marvelous generosity our teachers and staff will not have to spend out of pocket money for tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, etc. We still have some funds left and we plan to use it by the end of the school year.

The Dickerson Toy Drive was a huge success this year. We would like to thank the Toy Drive Committee for their dedication and to all of our parents whose generosity amazes us over and over again. We have donated a new board game to each and every student at Powers Ferry Elementary School. As we had collected more than needed, the rest of the board games were donated to the after school program of Clay Elementary.

We have great programs lined up for our students during the second half of the school year. We also are in the process of putting together our volunteer list for next year. It is not possible to accomplish our goals without your help and support.

While we are looking ahead for a second half as great as the first one, we wish you sunnier days ahead as well....

Sincerely,

Arzu Ozyazgan and Paulette Farley

SMILE!!

School Picture Day is fast approaching. Pictures will be taken on Thursday, March 3rd in the morning. Look for information and order forms in your children's backpack prior to picture day.



A Message from our Administration

Dear Parents,

Dickerson Middle Named Platinum Award Winning School

What an honor to congratulate our school as a 2010 winner of the Single State Accountability System (SSAS) awards! Hard work of our students, faculty and community has earned our school a **platinum award** for outstanding student achievement.

The SSAS competition for a platinum award in the highest performance category is considerable. Schools must meet 3 criteria to be recognized as winners:

Make Adequate Yearly Progress, AYP, for 3 consecutive years;

Demonstrate that at least 35% of students exceed standards in all test areas measured by state assessments; and ,

Demonstrate that at least 98% of students meet or exceed standards as measured by state assessments.

As you well know, it takes the collaborative effort of educators and parents working together with students to reap this level of success, and I congratulate our entire school community for this impressive accomplishment.

Exemplary and noteworthy to this award is the fact that our school, Dickerson Middle School is one of only 40 schools in the state of Georgia to receive this award for the 2009-2010 school year!

We have celebrated at school. All students received congratulations, praise, and ice cream to commemorate their accomplishments.

Carole Brink, Principal

Come One Come All – Shop the Dickerson School Store!!

PARENTS AND STUDENTS! Did you know that the Dickerson School Store is open EVERY Monday and Wednesday mornings before school in the Dickerson Atrium??? Please keep us in mind when you need pencils, pens, a replacement notebook, locker supplies, pencil lead or any other school supply that needs replenishing throughout the year! We have lots of cool stuff too and it is just plain fun to shop at school!!! We also have MAGNETS for your car – they are the plain Dickerson magnets for \$5. The store supports the programs of the PTA so remember that we are always available for your needs. **THANKS for your support!!!**

Dear Parents,

The administrative team and our teachers want your child to have the best school day possible. To that end, ensuring that students are appropriately dressed according to the Dickerson dress code will help students to get their day off on the right track without being asked to call home for a change of clothes. As the year progresses, there are some specific dress issues that the administration has been addressing frequently. The following dress code violations will continue to be addressed, and students will be asked to change.

- Low-cut tops and camisoles that expose cleavage

- Short skirts – with and without leggings (1 inch above the knee is a good rule of thumb)

- Leggings worn alone

- Bra straps and/or undergarments exposed

- Sagging pants

We are having concerns with yoga pants and other type of stretch pants. Sometimes they are more revealing and form fitting than parents or students may realize. We appreciate your consideration, as these types of garments are not appropriate school wear.

As you can imagine, we could never predict the next fashion break through. We rely on our parents' support to promote a school environment that is focused on learning, not fashion.

Please review the dress code in your student's agenda and help them come to school each day dressed for success!

Sincerely,

Michael Stokes and Tricia Alford

.....*Counselors Corner*

We hope you are enjoying this very wintry weather! Here is an update from our corner of Dickerson –

Grade 6

Our 6th grade students appear to be comfortable in their setting and proud of the progress they are making as they take on challenging learning opportunities. I, too, am very proud of them. It's a big adjustment.

I continue to offer a weekly small group called Skills for Success. It meets for 30 minutes on a 5 week rotation. Areas addressed are: 1) memorization; 2) organization; 3) time management; 4) test taking skills and 5) self-discipline. Students are welcome to join in at any point and are invited to participate in all five sessions. We meet during the school day, and the class period is different for each session so that no student misses a large block of time.

Please be sure to let me know if you have any concerns or questions. Into the second half of the school year! Wow! Lynn Rosado

Grade 7

In December, we completed guidance lessons in all the 7th grade social studies classes using an exciting curriculum called CHOICES: Increasing Opportunities. It was very well received and a lot of fun to deliver. Please ask your son or daughter to tell you about the activities.

Students are participating in advisement lessons with teachers on the topic of Anti-Bullying/Teasing. Ask your child to discuss some of these worthwhile sessions.

Lynn Rosado and Dr. Candace Pearce

Grade 8

It is the time of year to begin thinking about high school registration. I will meet with students soon to explain the registration process. On [February 28](#), materials will come home with your son or daughter. Please watch for the registration form, a letter inviting you to Walton for a meeting on [March 2](#), and a booklet describing course offerings for freshmen. In addition, students will have a page showing graduation requirements and a typical 4 year plan.

We work closely with Walton to assist students and parents in the transition from middle to high school. The process is set up to be straight forward and uncomplicated.

Please email individual teachers with core course placement questions. I am also available for consultation. In addition, you will have the opportunity to meet one on one with a Walton counselor at Walton after you attend the meeting in the spring.

Encourage your children to take a look at their current academic standing. If you are all pleased with the grades, support them to continue the good work. If not, work with your son or daughter to alter grades prior to initial high school placement at the midpoint of the 3rd marking period in March. Contact teachers for input and take advantage of extra study sessions offered before school.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the 8th grade students will have completed the Georgia State Writing Test. When results are back in the spring, we will share them with you. Dr. Candace Pearce

All Grade Levels

Be sure to keep an eye on the calendar of our Parent Speakers! The PTSA and Counselors are happy to coordinate this effort for you. We think you'll find them worth your while.

Regards,
Dr. Candace Pearce and Lynn Rosado

.....*Counselors Corner* (contd)

Prepare your middle schooler for transition to high school

Moving to middle school was likely a huge change for your child. But an even bigger one looms on the horizon. In high school, your child will be expected to work harder than ever before. He/she will also be more independent. But one thing will not change--the importance of your involvement as a parent.

Continue to:

- Be happy and excited for your child. Some adults loved high school. Others did not. Whatever category you fall into, offer only positive emotions about this transition.
- Attend orientations. Most high schools offer information nights for parents and orientation for students. Make every effort to adjust your schedule to be there--even if your child says he doesn't want you to go.
- Assure your child he's not alone. It's a big building full of new faces and experiences. It's okay if he feels nervous, but remind him that the high school staff will be expecting this. They will be there to help, especially during the first few weeks.

Emphasize studying and organization. Your child will have a stronger chance for success if he sets aside certain hours each night for study. He should also use tools such as planners and calendars.

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Fitting In

You can help your middle schooler become 'clique-proof'

More than anything, most preteens just want to fit in at school. But what if your preteen goes from fitting in with his/her friends one day to being shunned the next? Chances are, he/she has fallen victim to a clique.

Typically a bigger issue for middle-school girls than boys, cliques--ever-shifting groups of peers which actively exclude certain kids--are a fact of life during adolescence. They're unpleasant, but they're also here to stay.

The key to surviving cliques is helping your preteen recognize them for what they are, so she won't be crushed if she suddenly finds herself on the outside looking in. (Ideally, her newfound insight will also keep her from shunning some other unlucky peer later.)

To help "clique-proof" your child:

- Define cliques. "Remember, honey, cliques aren't really about friendship at all. They're about power. So if someone in the group starts teasing you or being mean, she's doing it because it makes her feel powerful."
- Remind her that being shunned isn't her fault. Preteens might assume that if they were just prettier, thinner, etc., they wouldn't fall victim to a clique. But that's not true. Make sure your preteen understands this.
- Help her solve the problem. Brainstorm ways for your preteen to deal with cliques. Can she focus on friendships outside of school? Look for new friends in class? Ignore her tormentors? Whatever she decides, keep reinforcing the idea that she is not powerless.
- Offer perspective. Remind her that, like middle school, these clique issues will eventually end.

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News from the Clinic....

'Tis the season...for colds and flu. But how can we tell the difference and what should we do about them? Influenza (flu) is a virus that causes illness, hospital stays and even death in some cases. Children and adults who have the flu should always stay home from school. Symptoms include: fever (sometimes over 102 degrees), cough, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, chills, extreme tiredness, body aches and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea. Some people with the flu will not have a fever.



The flu can be passed from person to person starting one day before the person feels sick and for approximately seven days after the symptoms start. The flu-causing virus is spread when a person with the disease coughs, sneezes, or speaks and spreads the virus in the air. We can also get the virus by touching a surface, such as a doorknob, that has the flu virus on it and then touching the nose, mouth, or eyes.

Symptoms of a cold may include a stuffy or runny nose, sneezing, sore throat, and hacking cough. Often, symptoms come on gradually. Although the common cold is usually not serious, if symptoms are severe it may be a good idea to keep your student home to rest and get better, rather than spread the cold to other students and staff at school.

If your child gets fever or flu-like symptoms, it is important that he/she stays home, rests, and drinks plenty of fluids. Parents should keep their sick children home from school until they have been without fever (temperature under 100°F) for 24 hours to prevent the spread of any illness. Please do not give children fever-reducing medication and send them to school. The medication can wear off around lunchtime and fever and aches return because they are still sick. Never give aspirin to children or teens with fever and flu-like symptoms because this can cause a rare, serious illness called Reye Syndrome. Contact your health care provider if symptoms are severe or last longer than 7 days.

The best protection against the flu is vaccination against the virus. The flu shot is recommended for EVERYONE 6 months and older this season. Another tool for the prevention of flu and other illnesses is thorough hand washing with soap and water and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and other commonly shared items. Remember to cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and throw away used tissues. Teach children to cough into their sleeve instead of their hand. Make sure family members and friends do not share drinks, water bottles, or used eating utensils. Also make an effort to maintain good general health by eating nutritious foods, drinking enough fluids, being physically active, managing stress and getting plenty of sleep.

Please make sure that the school has your current home, cell, and work phone numbers in case we need to call about your student. Remember that we are unable to place a long-distance call from the clinic. Call your health care provider or the school nurse if you need more information.

Submitted by Anna Misdorn RN

2010 DMS 2nd Qtr Honor Roll

6th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Dylan	Allen
David	Anderson
Adam	Aronstein
Christopher	Ashby
Prerna	Balaji
Vivian	Bridges
Rachel	Burns
Lucas	Crow
Nicole	Cruikshank
Hannah	Culbertson
Sarah	Dagher
Ali	Damani
Helen	Dyer
Christopher	Dymanus
Delaney	Erwin
Andrew	Falls
Abby	Fortier
Livia	Gobbi
Patrick	Guthrie
Caroline	Hakes
Ryan	Heinrichs
John	Hillock
Kailey	Hoard
Elise	Hoffmann
Phillip	Jensen
Elise	Joffe
Blake	Jones
Margeaux	Kanwisher
Martha	Karl
Mitchell	Karrh
Aidan	Kedzierski
Alan	Kim
Dylan	Kim
Kelly	Kramlich
Blake	Landon
Josh	Marx
Jules	McNeice

7th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Melnick	Sakthidharan	Alapakkam
Meredith	Ali	Amirfazli
Mix	Caitlynn	Baldwin
Mullican	Priya	Bandyopadhyay
Orenstein	Stephanie	Birnbaum
Pahawa	Suzanne	Bugbee
Paredes	Charles	Burstiner
Peeples	Michael	Butler
Pierce	Bethany	Chou
Piper	Gabrielle	Cohen
Quinn	Alexis	Conway
Ray	Allison	Conway
Renou	Rachel	Cornell
Richardson	Jenna	Dandan
Rooks	Viha	Desai
Sarkhail	James	Dornbush
Seckman	Megan	Ellingwood
Shenoy	Jason	Fan
Spann	John	Farley
Surry	Jasmine	Fisher
Sweeden	Autumn	Gabe
Thompson	Zach	Givarz
Vacheron	Joseph	Goodman
Walker	Kaitlyn	Holtzclaw
Wang	Alexandra	Hounslow
Wellington	Kevin	Irani
West	Eujin	Jang
Wewer	Nitish	Jindal
Williams	Rachel	Jordan
Wittich	Jenna	Kahn
Xie	Caroline	Kester
Zhang	Suji	Kim
Zhang	Anil	Kotte
Zhou	Aditya	Krishnaswamy
	Peiji	Liang
	Christine	Lin
	Elaine	Liu

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7th Grade Principal's Honor Roll Continued

Avi Lyons
 Stella Martin
 Erin McBride
 Madeline McClish
 Savannah Meaux
 Amanda Miller
 Robert Moore
 Abhita Moorthy
 John Mori
 Lindsey Neel
 Maria Nielsen
 Matthew O'Brien
 Sean Ozyazgan
 Clark Price
 Ally Rzucidlo
 Sophia Sbiti
 Matt Segler
 Isabelle Snider
 Grace St. Urbain
 Caneel VanNostrand
 Weston Wadsworth
 Max Waldner
 Miah Walker
 Janet Wang

8th Grade Principal's Honor Roll

Jessica Arnold
 Celine Arpornsuksant
 Arden Baila
 Kirin Bettadapur
 Avery Bussjager
 Teetat Chaloeisak
 Ashley Chang
 Baijiang Chen
 Claire Chitwood

8th Grade Principal's Honor Roll Continued

Matthew Coffin
 Peyton Cohen
 Candace Condon
 Saran Daniel
 Heather Davis
 Sabina Deovic
 Samuel Dratch
 Madeline Fortier
 Ryan Fosha
 Lily Francis
 Jaden Freeze
 Elizabeth Frickey
 Anjani Ganapathy
 Zach Getty
 Kendall Gordon
 Maria Granros
 Reese Guthrie
 Michael Handlin
 Sara Hardin
 Johnathan He
 Virginia Hellman
 Jeff Hsia
 Sarah Hudadoff
 Griffin Ingraham
 Rashika Jaipuriar
 Chris Jensen
 Kirti Karunakaran
 Sa Heon Kim
 Athanasios Kollias
 Kendall Lake
 Claire Langworthy
 John R. Garland
 Albert Layman
 Luke Lee
 Amy Manzo
 Samuel Margolin
 Marks

8th Grade Principal's Honor Roll Continued

Ian McAulay
 Michael McLoughlin
 Emily Morris
 Stephanie Niu
 Kristen O'Brien
 Matthew Perry
 Daniel Pierce
 Nicholas Pollack
 Jillian Radcliffe
 Masoud Rezvani
 Skyler Ruff
 Peyton Ryan
 Mikayla Scarborough
 Cayman Seagraves
 Cara Seckman
 Manon Semrau
 Margo Shemaria
 Julia Silverman
 Collin Smith
 Shulammitte Son
 Ayoung Song
 Sara Jane Spence
 Reagan Stancil
 Michael Stonely
 Benjamin Tanous
 Ryan Tennant
 Matthew Villanueva
 Christina Voss
 Austin Wang
 Kyle Witte
 Claudia Wittich
 Alexandra Wolff
 Margaret Woodruff
 Yuke Yang
 Suzanne Zenoni
 Victor Zhang
 Raymond Zhang

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6th Grade Dickerson Honor Roll

Ruth	Aaron	Ethan	Hoffmann	Gabriella	Schmidal
Dylan	Adams	Ross	Holt	Blair	Schoen
Sam	Alexander	Cullen	Holt	Janie	Schwartz
Jesi	Anderson	Maddie	Huff	Nottely	Seagraves
Kathleen	Arasin	Drew	Hunter	Mikaela	Seemann
Ashley	Asbury	Nicholas	Hunter	Margaret	Shaw
Danya	Awad	Austin	Hwang	Katherine	Siewert
Gregory	Babic	Peter	Jacobs	James	Skinner
Kyle	Barker	Kiyan	Jalili	Renee	Smith
David	Brodsky	D.J.	Jang	Neve	Smith
Katherine	Buckner	Molly	Jennings	Marie	Smith
Banya	Cha	Christopher	Jones	Ben	Sterling
Archit	Chawla	William	Jordan	Ben	Story
Chris	Cherian	Emily	Jordan	Christopher	Swart
Phillip	Choo	Owen	Kadow	Faiz	Syed
Lauren	Cicerchia	Piyush	Kancharlawar	Kinzah	Tanwir
Nolan	Condle	Jun Ho	Kim	Lauren	Tennant
John	Connell	Claire	Korfaz	Allison	Thompson
Chloe	Cooksey	Alex	Lopazan	Gracelyn	Thrash
Parisa	Dayani	Lisa	MacBeth	Rachel	Titshaw
Spencer	DeMink	Matthew	Maloof	Nichole	Vignone
Andrei	Duarte	Charlotte	Marshall	Elizabeth	Vitulli
Julia	Edmunds	Sean	McLoughlin	Sofia	Watson
Isabella	Farkas	Betsy	McMullen	Jean	Watts
Connor	Flagel	Bianca	Mers	Emily	Webb
Laura	Floyd	George	Missailidis	Laurie	Weinstein
William	Frits	Arnovi	Moinuddin	Forrest	Wilson
Brandon	Garten	Haylie	Moody	Olivia	Woodman
Gabrielle	Gaunt	Lauren	Moody	Patrick	Wu
Patton	Goyer	Emily	Moosbrugger	Jonathan	Yim
Rory	Granros	Kristen	Nissley	Jun	Yoon
Katherine	Greenway	Liam	Oram		
Michael	Grooms	Samuel	Patterson		
Hayleigh	Hallam	Max	Pavlik		
Delaney	Hans	Natalie	Pransky		
Nicholas	Haralabidis	Anna	Quinlan		
Sam	Hiteshew	Sanjana	Raghavan		
		Benjamin	Reale		
		Nicholas	Robinson		
		Sophie	Rogers		



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7th Grade Dickerson Honor Roll

Eashan	Ahuja	Coleton	Hawley	Jack	Morris
Nadia	Ali	Layla	Heidari	Natalie	Murphey
Josh	Astarita	Cassandra	Helsel	Madison	Nash
Olivia	Baggett	Michael	Hengerer	George	Newi
Jefferson	Bain	Barnett	Hess	Maria	Newsome
Bryce	Bartow	Bailey	Honig	Amber	Nicholson
Ashley	Bauer	Sara	Howard	E.J.	Ozyazgan
Sarah	Baumann	Heather	Hufnagel	Lalin	Ozyazgan
Brooke	Berman	Zenia	Irani	Abbey	Pak
Caroline	Bonds	Valentino	Italo	Kresta	Pollard
Elena	Buter	George	Ivie	Tamrin	Port
Martina	Castro	Dong Yoon	Jang	Eva	Rackowski
Peri	Charapich	Paola	Jareno	Mia	Reilly
Trey	Coirini	Shannon	Jean	Carson	Roberts
Jeffrey	Conn	Rory	Joy	Ryan	Roegge
Brennan	Connor	Lynsey	Joy	Alex	Roegge
Andrew	Conway	Emily	Justice	Matthew	Rosseland
Quinn	Cunningham	Heajin	Kang	Bryce	Scherer
Brooke	Daniels	Riley	Kerber	Jamie	Schwartz
Erin	Donoghue	Coleman	Kilpatrick	Addie	Searcy
Sydney	Dorawa	Julie	Kim	Bridget	Seery
Dallas	Duke	Justin	King	Jennifer	Simon
Campbell	Eshleman	Sharyn	Kosasi	Shrish	Singh
Mathew	Fibus	Sharell	Kosasi	Benjamin	Spencer
Sam	Fisher	Foster	Kupbens	Christian	Sullivan
Dylan	Fite	Emma	Lager	Jack	Surry
Madeline	Freiman	Hannah	Lagod	Aleksandra	Szumow
Nick	Froemming	Emerson	Lee	Alexandra	Valley
Babak	Gholami	Lois	Lee	Monica	Velasco
Abigail	Gibson	Will	Leiper	Leanne	Villanueva
Sofia	Gratas	Camila	Lezcano	Grace	Vookles
Courtney	Greene	Meredith	Lischer	Andrew	Wang
Anete	Grinberga	Jason	Lovell	Coleman	Wellstead
Nicholas	Hall	Erika	Mast	Aaron	Whisenant
Yewon	Han	Alexander	McCracken	Cameron	Wiley
Stewart	Hanks	Victoria	McCrary	Megan	Williams
Kathryn	Harper	Matthew	McGuire	Vivian	Yang
		Brendan	McKnight	Andrew	Yowell
		Michael	Miller	Nicholas	Zviovich
		Eric	Mo		

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8th Grade Dickerson Honor Roll - (Contd)

Yasmin	Agharahimi	Anna	Griffith	Shilpa	Mookerji
Hee Won	Ahn	Richard	Hall	Kochi	Nakajima
Natalie	Anderson	William	Hennessy	Ramya	Natarajan
Tim	Baran	Brenner	Hess	Andrew	O'Brien
Danny	Belcher	Matthew	Hicks	Elizabeth	Osman
Joshua	Burnstein	Ryan	Holliday	Christopher	Perry
Jake	Burstein	Molly	Jones	Brysn	Porter
Thomas	Button	Abdallah	Kanawati	Zettler	Quinn
Amanda	Carlson	Alyson	Kapper	Tenequa	Robinson
Tyler	Chartash	Bart	Kauffman	Luke	Ronchetti
Maxime	Chatillon	Mary Katherine	Kennedy	Harrison	Rubin
Green	Choi	Mary	Kilpatrick	Alexandra	Schiffer
Luke	Cleveland	Jee Soo	Koo	Madeline	Stafford
Isabelle	Depriest	Aliya	Kraar	Seher	Syed
Jennifer	Doan	Rachel	Kubiak	Austin	Tian
Ian	Dyer	David	Lee	Jordan	Titshaw
Crews	Enochs	David	Lischer	Suzanne	Turry
Kalie	Grantham	Logan	Lysaght	Stephen	Whitcomb
Vivian	Greene	James	Marchionni	Ben	Willingham
Rebecca	Greenhouse	Patrick	McDonald	Sydney	Wolcott
		Navid	Mikailizadeh	Abbie	Wutschel
		Stephen	Missailidis	Brian	Yun
				Belinda	Zhang





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The DMS Tribune is published four times each school year by the Dickerson Middle School PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association).

The deadline for the next issue of the Tribune is Friday, April 29th, 2011.

The Tribune will be available on-line approximately two weeks after this deadline. For more information, please contact the Newsletter Editor listed in your Dickerson Middle School PTSA Calendar.

Save These Dates!

Feb. 16	4 1/2 Progress Reports
Feb. 21-25	NO SCHOOL Winter Break
Feb. 28	Honoring Our Heroes Essay due
Mar. 3	Picture Day
Mar. 13	Daylight Savings Begins
Mar. 15	6th Grade Orchestra
Mar. 18	Snow/Ice school make-up day (NO HOLIDAY)
Mar. 22	PTSA General Meeting , Officer Elections
Mar. 24	Report Cards
Mar. 31	ECCC Honoring Our Heroes Reception
Apr. 4 - 8	NO SCHOOL Spring Break
Apr. 26	Volunteer Appreciation Tea
Apr. 28	7th & 8th Band Concert
Apr. 29	Tribune Deadline
May. 2-6	TEACHER APPRECIATION week
May 2	7th & 8th Grade Orch. Concert
May 3	4 1/2 Progress Reports
May 4-6	8th grade Band, Chorus Orchestra

DMS Front Office Volunteers

Each school day, three parent volunteers donate their time to assist the Front Office staff at Dickerson Middle School. With the primary function of greeting visitors and fielding their initial questions, the volunteers oversee proper registration and identification of visitors, student sign in and out, answer innumerable questions and telephone calls pertaining to school issues.

The volunteers also file mail, run errands, open jammed lockers and assist with other simple clerical tasks as requested by the Front Office staff. Approximately 75 parent volunteers have been trained and lend their time and talents to the Front Office at different times throughout each month of the school year.

Dickerson Front Office committee also has a "Substitute List" of about 20 parents willing to help should the need arise. These substitutes are graciously willing to step in, often with very little notice, when the regular volunteers have a conflict. With the volunteers in place, the Front Office staff is free to concentrate more completely on their tasks at hand, allowing the volunteers to be the initial interface with all Dickerson visitors.

On behalf of the PTSA, we would like to thank all the volunteers who have made this committee a very "BUSY" one, every single day that school is in session. Please consider serving as a volunteer in the Front Office; as it is incredibly rewarding. **PLEASE WATCH FOR THE MAY TRIBUNE** which will have details on signing up for the next school year!

Wendy Helmendach and Denise Azar