



# EYE OF THE TIGER

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## Daingerfield-Lone Star ISD Newsletter

### Special points of interest:

- Watch D.O.G.S. kick off at DJHS
- STAAR information
- Spring Band Concert—May 3rd; 6:00 at HS
- Pictures of special events and groups
- “The Biggest Compliment....”

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### DJHS WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) Program

Watch D.O.G.S. is a program that engages men, inspires children, reduces bullying, and enhances the educational environment of the campus.

Watch D.O.G.S. enlists the help of fathers, grandfathers, and other father figures to provide positive male role models to students. Volunteers were invited to the Pizza Night Watch D.O.G.S. training at DJHS where they were introduced to the program by the counselor, shown a video showcasing other schools who are using it, and heard two guest speakers who volunteer as Watch D.O.G.S. in Allen, Texas.

Once a volunteer signs up to volunteer at least one day of his time, he must

undergo a routine district background check. He then receives an official Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt to wear on the day he is on campus. When he arrives on campus at 7:30 on the day he volunteers, he receives a brief orientation from the counselor and is given a daily schedule. His duties include greeting students as they arrive, monitoring the hallways during class change, and monitoring the perimeter of the campus and parking lots.

He is on lunch duty which is an excellent time to visit with and get to know the students. He visits classrooms throughout the school and helps students with assignments under the guidance of the teacher. He is given a

“doggie bag” in the morning with stickers, pencils, and book marks that he passes out to students during the day. He also gives out a lot of “high fives” and encouragement to students.

The Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers provide an extra set of eyes and ears to the campus that adds security and support to students and staff.

For more information about the program go to



[www.fathers.com](http://www.fathers.com) or call Judy Pilgrim, Counselor, DJHS, 903-645-2261.

### STUDENTS SHOOT FOR THE STAAR

STAAR (State of Texas Assessment Academic Readiness) is replacing TAKS as the state assessment in grades 3-9 this spring. Students in grades 10-12 will complete high school using TAKS.

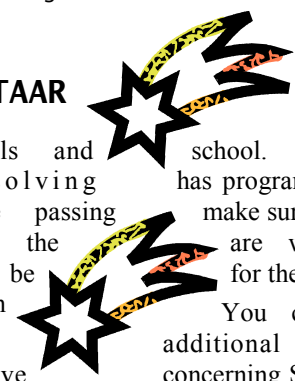
The new test promises to be more rigorous and will require higher level

thinking skills and problem solving abilities. The passing standards for the new test will be developed in the fall.

If you have questions about the dates of the tests or what you can do to help your child prepare, call your child's

school. Each school has programs in place to make sure that students are well prepared for the new tests.

You can also get additional information concerning STAAR on the D - L S website [www.dlsisd.org](http://www.dlsisd.org) or the TEA website <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/>



## Junior High Team Excels At Math Meet

Karter Ford is the **Regional Champ** in two events! Karter had outstanding scores in calculator and general math to bring home the Regional Championship in those two events.

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, the Daingerfield Jr. High Math Team competed at the Texas Math-Science Coaches Association Regional meet at Queen City. The team had a great day with all six team members qualifying in 13 events for the TMSCA State meet.

Karter qualified in three events: the two he won, as well as

number sense. Cross Allen qualified in three events: number sense, calculator, and general math. Mya Cheatum qualified in calculator. Chelsea Chalk, Hope Driggers, and Claire Smith qualified in two events each. Chelsea and Hope qualified in number sense. Chelsea and Claire qualified in general math. Hope and Claire qualified in calculator.

**Top ten results** at Regional:

Number Sense: 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2A team—Karter Ford, Hope Driggers, Cross

Allen, and Chelsea Chalk; 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Karter Ford—3<sup>rd</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Hope Driggers—7<sup>th</sup>.

Calculator: 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2A team—Karter Ford, Cross Allen, Hope Driggers, and Claire Smith; 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Karter Ford 1<sup>st</sup> (REGIONAL CHAMP); Cross Allen-6<sup>th</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Hope Driggers 6<sup>th</sup>; Mya Cheatum 8<sup>th</sup>; Claire Smith 9<sup>th</sup>

General Math: 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2A team—Karter Ford, Cross Allen, Chelsea Chalk, and Claire Smith; 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Karter Ford 1<sup>st</sup> (REGIONAL CHAMP.)



## Band Notes

The DHS band is gearing up for the 2012 UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest which will be held in New Boston on April 11. The DHS Band will be performing *Mighty Mite March*, *Heaven's Lights*, and *Pevensey Castle* for competition.

DJHS Band 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working towards UIL MS Concert and Sight Reading Contest on April 18.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade Beginner Band has shown great progress from the beginning of the year. They are working on three songs for the concert, *Tyranasaurus Rocks!*, *Band Room Boogie*, and *Creatures in the Attic!*

Great News for band and upcoming events:

The Band Boosters will be having a meeting April 5<sup>th</sup> to take nominations for next year's officers at 6:00 in the HS Band Hall.

Chris Rios, Dylan Smith, Matt Moore and Telesha Wells have been invited to a prestigious event called "Sounds of America." Students across the nation are selected to participate in a summer long concert band tour of Europe representing the United States. It is an honor for four students from Daingerfield to

qualify and be selected to participate.

The Junior High Band will be traveling to the Sandy Lake Amusement Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> to participate in the Fun Fest Band Contest.

The Band spring Concert will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 in the HS Auditorium.

The Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest will be on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Austin. We have 6 groups, 23 students representing Daingerfield.

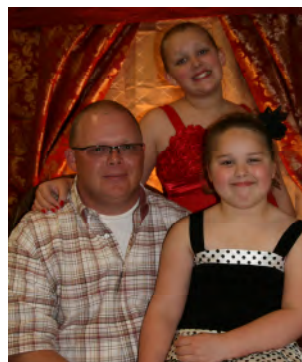
James Bogs, D-LS Director of Bands  
Alicia Hargett, Asst. & DJHS Band Director



DJHS MATH TEAM



Championship and pursue a State Calculator Championship.



## TMSCA State High School Math Meet

**“The biggest compliment I received for these students and for their school mates, their teachers and for the school they represent: I was sitting in the lobby of the hotel and a man came up to me and told me that he just had to tell me that he traveled a lot and that he had been in many hotels where groups of high school students were staying... and by far... by far.. that these kids from Daingerfield were the politest, best behaved students he had been around! I couldn't agree with him more.”**  
**Lisa Ellerman-Math**

Daingerfield High School finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 2A TMSCA State High School Math Meet held in San Antonio at the University of Texas. Ten Daingerfield students competed in the four math and science events finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in Number Sense, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Calculator, 5<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics and 11<sup>th</sup> in Science. As a result Daingerfield totaled enough points to come in 2<sup>nd</sup> only behind City View High School from Wichita Falls (our nemesis in the run for State).

Individually in the grade competition all the students did well.

In the Freshman division, **Nataeja Epps** claimed 4<sup>th</sup> place with her best score of the year in Calculator. She also took 23<sup>rd</sup> in Science.

In the 10<sup>th</sup> grade division **Cassidy Shaver** took 3<sup>rd</sup> in Number Sense, 6<sup>th</sup> in Calculator, 8<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics and 14<sup>th</sup> in Science. **Sam Fowler** scored his highest for the year and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Calculator. Sam also took 8<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense and 9<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics. **Cedarian Hopkins** took 23<sup>rd</sup> in

Number Sense. **Alekza Kirkham** continued her improvement in Calculator scoring the highest she had doing her most word and geometry problems for the year. **Lazarus Luster** took 15<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense. **Courtney Davis** took 22<sup>nd</sup> in Calculator and scored perfect on all the questions she answered on the Mathematics test! **Quarius Frazier** took 24<sup>th</sup> in Science, and scored her highest Calculator score of the year by doing her most word and geometry problems to date.

In the 11<sup>th</sup> grade division, **Malik Ellis** took 7<sup>th</sup> in Number Sense, scoring by far his best score of the year.

**Matt Moore** claimed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade Number Sense and Calculator Championships! Matt came in 5<sup>th</sup> in Mathematics and 7<sup>th</sup> in Science. Matt also won the Physics portion of the Science test! **This was Matt's 9<sup>th</sup> State Championship at TMSCA through his high school career! Wow!**

As a result of Matt's outstanding

performance he was awarded the **Top Gun** award! The Top Gun is calculated by ranking each student in the four contests and awarding them points by how they finish in all the contests. The top six seniors are awarded college scholarships to the college of their choice. Matt won the big money prize! *(Note: Matt is the 3<sup>d</sup> Daingerfield student to win scholarship money at this event since 2003.)*

Other side notes on Matt's performance. He scored 43 points more in Number Sense than anyone else in 2A. Matt's Calculator score for all 1A - 4A schools was only beat by an individual in the 4A classification from Mission.

The State TMSCA Meet concludes the "Regular Season" for mathematics events. The playoff's begin with U.I.L. District being held the first week of April, where Daingerfield will start their march to defend their 2011 U.I.L. State Number Sense

DHS MATH TEAM



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## Café D

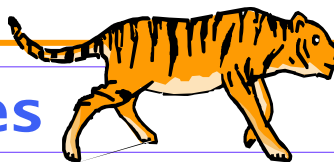
How would you like to start your morning off with a vanilla latte, a granita, or a caramel cappuccino? Visit the Café D any morning between 7:30-9:00.

It is located in the lobby of DHS and is manned by students of a new CATE class offering at DHS—The Entrepreneur Class.

Students learn the basics involved in running a small business from keeping the books and operating the business at a profit to pleasing



## Tiger Tales



### Did you know?

- The **DHS Math/Science Team** is the reigning 2-A UIL State Championship Number Sense Team.
- West Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> graders had a “**clean sweep**” in UIL Creative Writing. The students coached by Ms. Deborah Boyd brought home 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the **District Elementary** contests—1<sup>st</sup>—Haley Lewis; 2<sup>nd</sup>—Jullisa Chavez; 3<sup>rd</sup>—Kayla Watkins. Also placing in Storytelling were—2<sup>nd</sup>—Karley Nix and 4<sup>th</sup>—Kayleigh McCoy, coached by Patti Guinn.
- The **DHS Spelling Bee Team** made up of Lisa

Ellerman, Sharmica Tillis, and Laura Grainger won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the 2012 Education Foundation Spelling Bee.

- **South and West Elementary** have been ranked **Exemplary or Recognized 10** of the last 12 years in the state accountability system.
- Students at South Elementary raised **\$2157 for Jump Rope for Heart**. Highest individual was Bailey Lain with \$225.00. She will get to be the teacher of the day.
- The DHS Tigers are participating in “**Boot Camp**” during athletic period each day as they look forward to the

2012 Football Season.

- West Elementary was awarded a Fruit and Vegetable Grant for the 2011-12 year. **This is used to encourage students to adopt a more healthy lifestyle consisting of eating more fruits and vegetables.** Kindergarten is taking a field trip to see the garden at NTCC. Pre-K is taking a field trip to the school's green house.
- The **Daingerfield-Lone Star Education Foundation** in conjunction with the **DHS Alumni Association** donated \$10,000 for the fiber optic system benefitting all students in the district.

