



# News Of the Week

Derby Public Schools

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## DMS Groundbreaking Ceremony



Bond issue additions and renovations to the Derby Middle School (DMS) will begin this month and continue until August 2015. The interior renovations will be completed in phases over the next three summers with 'G' hall receiving renovations this summer. Renovations in classrooms, restrooms and hallways will include updated ceilings, floor coverings, lighting and doors. These updates will also include additional electric service and replacement of the domestic water supply lines.

The new construction will include a new media center, a new space for Project Lead the Way classrooms and a new office area. Construction on the new additions will begin later this summer and be completed in 2015. Finally, the exterior of DMS will be enhanced beginning this summer with the addition of a new roof over the entire school as well as replacement of the remaining single pane windows with energy efficient window units.

## DMS Living Wax Museum



DMS created a Living Wax Museum (LWM) through social studies classes and focused on the Common Core concept of research and the process of taking research to create something new out of it.

"The 7th graders really got into the LWM this year because they were allowed to choose anyone, living or deceased," said Laura McFarren, DMS teacher. "This was different from last year when we focused it only upon people from Kansas."

With iPads in the classroom, the whole process was simplified. Technology was literally at student's fingertips! Students were asked to find at least one primary source, coming directly from the individual, and many students used their iPads to display those sources during the museum.

# Did You Know

## Classified 2013-2014 Employment Recommendations:

Derby Public Schools annually only notifies those classified staff members that will not be returning for the next school year (2013- 2014 school year). Unless classified staff receive a letter, by May 24 (non-12 month employees) and June 28 (12 month employees), the intent is that they will be coming back for the 2013- 2014 school year.

This will remain the case provided that enrollment stays at its current level, district finances do not further decline, and all other factors impacting the demand for program support remain constant.

## Application for Employees Children:

If you are a staff member living out of the Derby school district and would like your children to attend Derby Public Schools please remember to fill out Form 404, (Application for Employees Children, Out of District).

The sooner your application is turned into the Human Resource department the sooner it can be processed. Forms may be turned in no later than July 1 or ten days after employment.

Form 404 can be found online at [www.derbyschools.com](http://www.derbyschools.com) under the Form Index Tab.

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The NOW is a weekly publication for employees of Derby Public Schools by the Public Information Office, 120 E Washington, Derby, KS 67037. Please direct questions, comments and story ideas to Kayleigh Gier at [kgier@usd260.com](mailto:kgier@usd260.com). The deadline for information is Tuesday noon prior to the week of publication.



On Friday, May 10 Park Hill students participated in the Annual PTO Walk-a-Thon. Students walked around Park Hill's big path raising money to help pay for annual character/pride shirts.



Dr. DeSpain presented graduating senior Andrea Leimer (string bass) with the National School Orchestra Award during the high school orchestra's pop concert on Thursday, May 16.



Pictured are kindergarten "frogs" from a recent Tanglewood music program, led by teacher, Mrs. Richert.

## United Way

"Many thanks to the good employees of USD 260 for contributing to the United Way of the Plains. Your donations will be used conscientiously to meet the needs in our community."

~ John O'Leary, Campaign Chair

# DMS Mosaic Auction was a Success



On May 14 bidding for the Derby Middle School mosaics began at 7:00PM. The mosaics were made by students under the supervision of Sue Jean Covacevich between the years of 1962-1967.

“We were very pleased with the number of people that showed up and the amount that was raised to support the arts programs in the district,” said Superintendent Craig Wilford. All of the mosaics listed in the auction were sold. The mosaics auction raised \$3154.50, which will be given to the DHS and DMS art departments.

Mosaics auctioned off will be taken down by district staff and given to those who purchased them during the auction in early June.



# Congressional Art Competition

Each spring, a nationwide high school art competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in the nation, as well as in our congressional district.

The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 to provide an opportunity for members of Congress to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Since then, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with the nationwide competition.

This year's competition events were hosted by CityArts in Wichita. Artwork has been on display since April 3 and will be on display through May 25. Skyler Brown won 3rd place which included a cash prize of \$150. Stephanie Karol and Andrea Wells won honorable mention for their work.



## DHS SPRING SPORTS

05.20	Varsity Golf State @ Praire Village	9:00AM
05.23	Baseball State @ Lawrence	11:00AM
	Softball State @ Blue Valley	5:00PM
05.24	Varsity Track State @ WSU	12:00PM



# Welcome Back Assembly

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We want to hear from you....Those creative ideas and how in your job, classroom, school or district you support learning in a global society. From the examples submitted, selection will be made (see selection criteria) and shared at the August 2013 Welcome Back Assembly.

## **How to Submit?**

- Send in a video clip to kgier@usd260.com, not to exceed 3min. 30sec. in length.
- Format should be: .mov, DV, iSight, MPEG-4. Please do not submit flip format.
- A brief write up about the project, who was involved and staff that coordinated. Please include building and project coordinators' summer contact information.

## **Prizes?**

- \$250 in gift cards (choice of local business) per selected submission for use in the Welcome Back Assembly.
  - Other prize drawings for entries submitted.
- (Prizes provided by: Wichita Vending)

## **Selection Criteria:**

Panel of judges will rate on the following criteria:

- Video clearly supports the district mission and depicts supporting a global society.
- Creativity and appeal.
- Video quality.
- Sound quality.
- Appropriateness for the Welcome Back Assembly.



**Submissions are due by May 20!**

# Assessment Update 2013-2014

This information comes to us from KSDE. For both language arts and mathematics, there will be a transitional assessment designed around the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards. Regarding science, the current assessment will be administered, however, should the State Board of Education adopt new standards, a pilot will be administered.

A pilot assessment for history-government will be given since new standards have been adopted by the State Board of Education. For students who qualify for Alternate Assessments, the DLM will be administered for language arts and mathematics. The Alternate Assessments for science and history-government are yet to be determined. There will be no KAMM for any subject area assessed in 2013-2014. KELPA will again be provided in 2013-2014.

All assessments will be administered on KITE, the new testing engine. This is the information currently available for 2013-2014 Kansas assessments. Please note that there are some things yet undecided and some additional changes may occur. Those items will be communicated to us through KSDE when more is known.

# The Portrait Project

For the past 12 years DHS art teacher Georgia Gregory has worked jointly with Cooper kindergarten teacher Ms. Velvet on drawing portraits of her students. The project has now expanded to doing all the kindergarten classes at Cooper. This year 54 portraits were done which included the teachers.

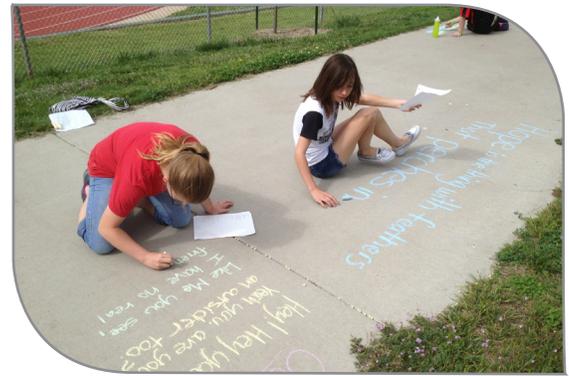
Every year DHS art students anxiously anticipate this project. Often several are related to the kindergarten students. "After drawing the pictures my students concern is will they like them, but is quickly dispelled when they meet and see their buddy student light up when they see the drawing," said Mrs. Gregory.

On May 1 DHS went to Cooper to meet, greet and eat with the kindergarten student they drew from photographs received a month ago. "We had a great time of eating lunch together, getting pictures taken together, eating ice cream and playing together on the playground," said Mrs. Gregory.

The portraits will be given to the student's parents on their graduation day from kindergarten.



# Around the District



Lisa Stansfield's Advanced English students write out their poems in sidewalk chalk at DMS.



DHS students in Amy Calderwood's design class used principles and elements of design and apply them into making an outfit out of recycled items. Students were only allowed to use reusable, or recycled objects. They also had to work together to problem solve and create an outfit that used those principles and elements.



On Friday, May 10 Park Hill first graders hosted a Mother's Day Tea. First graders read cards to their mothers, sang them a song of appreciation and served them tea and cookies.

## Nurse's Corner

**Hospice care:** Comforting the terminally ill  
Hospice care might be an option if you or a loved one has a terminal illness. Understand how hospice care works and how to select a program.

If you or a loved one has a terminal illness and you've exhausted all treatment options, you might consider hospice care. Find out how hospice care works and how it can provide comfort and support to you or your loved one, as well as your family and friends.

Hospice care is for people who are nearing the end of life. Hospice care services are provided by a team of health care professionals who maximize comfort for a terminally ill person by reducing pain and addressing physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs. To help families, hospice care also provides counseling, respite care and practical support.

Unlike other medical care, the focus of hospice care isn't to cure the underlying disease. The goal of hospice care is to support the highest quality of life possible for whatever time remains.

Many people who receive hospice care have cancer, while others have heart disease, dementia, kidney failure or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Most hospice care is provided at home — with a family member typically serving as the primary caregiver. However, hospice care is also available at hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and dedicated hospice facilities.

By Mayo Clinic staff

# District Events

## Monday, May 20

DMS Elite Trip, All Day  
DMS Big Dawgs & Spartan Trip, All Day  
El Paso Super Skills Rain Date, All Day  
Tanglewood 2nd & 3rd Talent Show, 9:15-10:15AM  
Park Hill 3rd Grade Field Trip, 10:30AM-1:30PM  
Park Hill 5th Grade Field Trip, 11:00AM-2:45PM  
Oaklawn Reward Swim Party, 12:30-2:30PM  
Pleasantview AR Party, 1:30-3:10PM  
Derby Hills Mel Hamblton Ice Cream Party, 2:30-3:30PM  
Retirement Dinner, 6:00PM  
DHS Drama Performance, 7:00PM  
DMS Choir Concert, 7:00-8:30PM

## Tuesday, May 21

Tanglewood 3rd Grade Pet Day, All Day  
Tanglewood 5th Grade Auction, All Day  
Derby Hill 2nd Grade to Zoo, All Day  
Oaklawn 5th Grade Celebration, 8:15AM-2:45PM  
DMS Elite 7 Field Trip, 8:15AM-3:25PM  
Swaney Field Day, 8:30AM-10:30PM  
Swaney all school Cookout, 11:00AM-12:00PM  
Park Hill Talent Show, 1:00-2:00PM  
Tanglewood Kindergarten & 1st Grade Talent Show, 1:30-2:30PM  
Wineteer Summer Reading Assembly, 2:00-3:00PM  
Cooper K-2 Awards Assembly, 2:00-3:00PM  
El Paso Character Assembly, 2:45-3:00PM

## Wednesday, May 22

Derby Hills 5th Grade Recognition, All Day  
Tanglewood 4th & 5th Talent Show, 9:50-10:50AM  
Oaklawn Principal's BBQ, 10:00AM-12:30PM  
Pleasantview Linnebure, Hesterman & Brownlee Field Trip, 11:00-1:00PM  
Park Hill Field Day, 12:00-3:00PM  
Pleasantview Talent & Award Show, 1:00-3:00PM  
Cooper 5th Grade Composition Concert, 1:30-2:30PM  
Wineteer Awards, 2:00-3:00PM

## Thursday, May 23

Last Day of School  
DMS Yearbook Signing, All Day  
Oaklawn Awards Assembly, 7:45-8:45AM  
Park Hill K-2 Awards Assembly 8:30-9:30AM  
Swaney K-2 Awards Ceremony, 8:30-9:30AM  
Park Hill 3-5 Awards Assembly, 9:45-10:45AM  
Swaney 3-5 Awards Assembly, 3:00-5:00PM

## Wanted

HELP!! Still looking for someone to take over the Classified Sick Leave Bank. Please contact Mary Jane Dupler at Park Hill (788-8095) or email ([mdupler@usd260.com](mailto:mdupler@usd260.com)) if you are interested.

Kickstarter is a global fundraising platform for creative projects. The Derby High School Marching Panther Band has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for the 2013-2014 Marching season. This unique fundraising opportunity allows friends, family and the community to support the band, while promising great rewards for doing so. The Varsity Marching Band will be taking on Gotham this fall, with an exciting 8 minute show.

Pledge your support at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/2073629650/736812125?token=528e84f4>

## Free Stuff/Misc.

Free: Kittens--2 tiger, 1 black; email [bheller@usd260.com](mailto:bheller@usd260.com)

Horse manure for gardening fertilizer. Free, you haul, all you want until gone [lsaindon@usd260.com](mailto:lsaindon@usd260.com) (easiest if you bring empty mulch type bags or trash bags to haul.)

### GRANT PROPOSALS REQUESTED

WHAT: Derby Community Foundation, Community Enrichment Grant Program.

WHO: Derby area non-profits and government entities.

HOW: Obtain grant guidelines/ applications at [www.derbycf.org](http://www.derbycf.org) or email [admin@derbycf.org](mailto:admin@derbycf.org)

AMOUNT: Grants up to \$1,000 will be awarded.

DEADLINE: Must be postmarked by May 15.

QUESTIONS: 788.9815 or [admin@derbycf.org](mailto:admin@derbycf.org)

## For Sale/Rent

Strawberry plants for sale. 50 cents each. Call 210-8261

Antique Oak Desk that used to be in the state capitol building. Slanted top, unique handles, and historical. For more information or to see pictures, email [swilson@usd260.com](mailto:swilson@usd260.com)

House for sale: 2 bedroom 1 bathroom 4603 Meadowview. Derby schools. If interested email [ccorpstein@usd260.com](mailto:ccorpstein@usd260.com).

Nikole Drum, licensed daycare provider, has upcoming openings. She is a certified elementary school teacher with daycare experience. Preschool will be done in the mornings. Safe and clean environment, fenced in yard, plenty of learning materials and toys with indoor playroom, and nutritious meals. Part or full time and teacher's hours available. If interested, please call Nikole at 316-789-8805 or 316-260-0342.

5 coach purses - brand new with tags (white, brown and black). Some are leather and some are cloth. Please call Debbie: 789-0770