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# Bernie PAT 2017 November Student of the Month

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## Bernie PAT 2017 November Student of the Month

Bernie, Missouri - Christopher Scott Snider is the three month old son of Jordon and Traka Snider and is the Bernie Parents as Teachers' student of the month for November.

Christopher loves taking baths, reading books, and when his family talks and plays with him.

He also enjoys being read to by his big sister Amelia.

During the family's PAT visits, Christopher enjoys looking at his new books and getting to play with his Aunt Casey, the family's Parent Educator.

If you would like to know more about Parents as Teachers contact Courtney McGarity or Casey Arnold at 573-293-5335, ext 293 or find them on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

The following information was taken directly from the Parent as Teachers Missouri website. For more information click [HERE](#).

## Our Vision

All children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential.

## Our Mission

To provide the information, support and encouragement parents need to help their children develop optimally during the crucial early years of life.

## **Our Values**

The early years of a child's life are critical for optimal development and provide the foundation for success in school and in life.

Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.

Established and emerging research should be the foundation of parent education and family support curricula, training, materials and services.

All young children and their families deserve the same opportunities to succeed, regardless of any demographic, geographic or economic considerations.

An understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of diverse cultures is essential in serving families.

## **History**

In 1981, Missouri pioneered the concept of helping parents embrace their important role as their child's first and best teacher. Today, Parents as Teachers continues to equip early childhood organizations and professionals with information and tools that are relevant? and widely applicable?to today's parents, families and children.

The Parents as Teachers leadership team and Board of Directors is engaged in a three-year strategic plan, which positions the organization as a valued partner to support the organizations and professionals who serve families and children, especially those most vulnerable.

The concept for Parents as Teachers was developed in the 1970s when Missouri educators noted that children were beginning kindergarten with varying levels of school readiness. Research showed that greater parent involvement is a critical link in the child's development of learning skills, including reading and writing.

Early childhood professionals suggested that a program to provide early detection of developmental delays and health issues, and parent education to help parents understand their role in encouraging their child's development from the beginning could help improve

school readiness and parent involvement.

With funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and The Danforth Foundation, Parents as Teachers began in 1981 in Missouri as a pilot project for first-time parents of newborns. Recognizing the program's benefits and cost effectiveness, the Missouri legislature provided state funding in 1985 to implement Parents as Teachers programs in all Missouri school districts. Since 1985, Parents as Teachers has expanded to all 50 states and six other countries.

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# Moonlight Madness in Dexter on Friday

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Dexter, Missouri - The Historic Downtown Dexter Association will host their annual Moonlight Madness on Friday, November 10, 2017 from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

A total of \$800 in MAD MONEY will be given away!! So be sure to register at participating stores.

The drawing will be held at 9:15 p.m. at the corner of Walnut and Stoddard St.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!

**Stores participating in the Moonlight Madness are:**

Bella's Place  
Betty Lou Unique Market & Boutique  
The Bunny Patch  
Calla Lily  
The Corner Cottage  
Dirtroads Junk N Disorderly  
Encore Resale Shop  
The French Market  
Gregory's Two East  
Grey Elephant Clothing  
Hubbard's Jewelry  
Jacksons Florist & Gifts  
The Jewelry Shop  
K9 Biz  
LA Cotton  
Locust Street Flowers  
The Metro Gallery  
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## Scouting For Food Begins This Weekend

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### Scouting For Food Begins This Weekend

Stoddard County, Missouri - Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts throughout Stoddard County will be participating in "Scouting for Food" Good Turn on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

Last year the food drive helped communities feed those in need.

Donation bags will be dropped off at homes on **Saturday, November 11th** and filled bags will be picked up on Saturday, November 18 by the scouts.

If bags are missed, your filled bag may be turned into the Stoddard County Gospel Mission at anytime.

"I would like to thank those who participate in this event year after year and making a difference to those less fortunate," commented Kim Slavings, Stoddard County Gospel Mission Director.

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## Youngsters Rewarded for Attending Fishing Classes at Keller Library

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### Youngsters Rewarded for Attending Fishing Classes at Keller Library

Dexter, Missouri - Keller Public Library offered Fishing Classes sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation on four Saturdays in September.

If the youngster attended all four Saturdays they were eligible for a prize at the end of the classes.

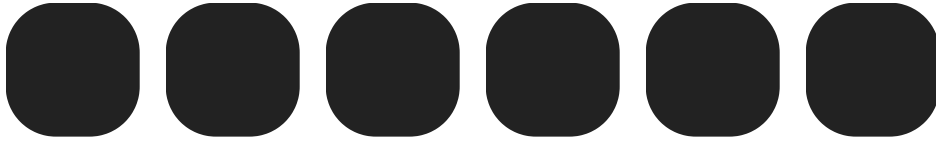
Children who completed all four classes received a \$25 Bass Pro Gift Card.

Pictured are Ayden Fleming, Shawn Beasley, Dalton Phillips, Draven Beasley, Haley Beasley, Corbin Malloy , Hayden Johnson and Ayden Sadle.

Not pictured - Mary Beth Bolin

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## Author Donates Anti-Bullying Book to Keller Library

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### Author Donates Anti-Bullying Book to Keller Library

Dexter, Missouri - Stoddard County native, Carolyn Morgan Abbott, donated a children's book about bullying to Keller Public Library. October is National Anti-Bullying Month in the United States.

"The Little Excavator" was written to teach children how someone feels while being bullied and encourages children to accept others who are different from themselves.

As a child Carolyn Abbott was a victim of bullying for her extreme curly hair and her wearing glasses. With this, Abbott designed a book to teach others compassion.

"Children are committing suicide at an alarming rate. If we can teach them to have compassion for others while they are young, perhaps we can save our children," said Abbott. "The Little Excavator" educates children."

"I would love for children to grow up realizing that there are all kinds of people and other kids that are of different sizes, personalities, looks, etc." continued Abbott. "We can all enjoy life together and have many friends."

The book may be found in the Children's Library at Keller Public Library in Dexter.

It is published by WestBow Press and is also available on Amazon.com and at Barnes & Noble, ISBN 9781512795271

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