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The Green Bear Club is Coming to Dexter Schools

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Dexter, Missouri - The Green Bear Club is coming to Dexter Public Schools. It is a primary child abuse prevention program designed to teach your children how to stay safe.

They teach children that no one has the right to hug, kiss or touch them where they should not be hugged, kissed or touched. Primary abuse prevention is an integral part of their program.

The program is presented to Southeast Missouri schools FREE of charge. The Green Bear Club is sponsored by The Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence and private donations. With this funding they see approximately 15,000 students each year.

They would like to invite you, the parent, to attend their program. Although instructing children is an essential component of their mission of protection, educating parents is just as vital.

After they visit with your child, they will send a brochure home for you to discuss how you can talk with your child about abuse and what you can do to prevent abuse in your family. Dexter Schools can also provide you with continuing education regarding abuse prevention through school newsletter and handouts.

You can access the website www.greenbearmo.org for more information.

Presentations will be given throughout the day on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 in the Southwest Elementary gym. An information sheet was distributed to each child. For more

information contact Southwest Elementary School.

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Karmen Carson Honored as Unsung Hero

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Poplar Bluff Middle School teacher Karmen Carson received the 2017 Unsung Heroes award of the Missouri State Teachers Association on Thursday, Nov. 9, in Columbia.

Nominated by field service coordinators, the award acknowledged about 30 members who made a “substantive yet unrecognized contribution” to the organization’s mission: to advocate for and empower public educators so they can teach, according to the award letter.

“You’ve quietly served without any expectation of recognition,” wrote Bruce Moe, MSTA executive director. “But we’ve noticed.”

An educator of nearly 20 years, Carson has served as president of the Poplar Bluff chapter of MSTA since 2009. The MSTA is an organization made up of more than 47,000 educators statewide.

Dr. Amy Jackson, R-I assistant superintendent of personnel, congratulated Carson, stating: “I am proud of your dedication and the work you do that is unnoticed by some, but not all!”

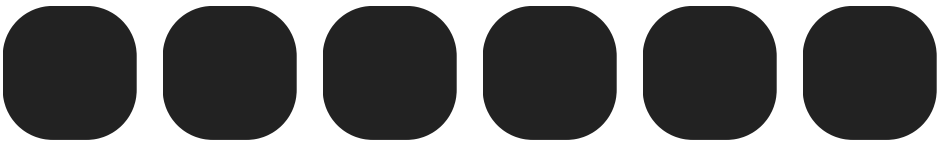
Pictured: Fourth grade math and science teacher Karmen Carson is presented the Unsung Heroes of MSTA award by executive director Bruce Moe (left) and state president Brett Hoch.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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Southeast Missouri All-District Band

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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Several Poplar Bluff High School band students were named to the Southeast Missouri All-District Band on Tuesday, Nov. 7, during an audition in Jackson.

Performing as members of the Jazz Band on Nov. 18 in Cape Girardeau, Zac Batton will serve as lead alto, Michael Ward - lead tenor, and Joseph Pickard will play the trumpet. In the Concert Band on Feb. 10 at Three Rivers College, Destiny Ackerman will play the flute and Breeanna Helton will play clarinet. Cody Daughertee has been selected to play the trumpet in both the Jazz and Concert Band.

Band director Stephen Winters said the students worked hard on their music, some practicing for six months.

(From left) Cody Daughertee, Joseph Pickard, Michael Ward and Zac Batton of the Poplar Bluff Studio Jazz Band, Breeanna Helton and Destiny Ackerman of the Wind Ensemble!

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Dentist Takes Up Collection for Giving Closet

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Dentist Takes Up Collection for Giving Closet

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Dr. Mike Price delivered several boxes of personal hygiene items to the Giving Closet on Thursday, Nov. 9, after taking up a month-long collection at his clinic, the Family Dentistry of Poplar Bluff.

One patient of the dental office included 24 bars of homemade soap with a note that read: “When I was in high school, my dad had a terrible accident and lost his left arm. We got a care basket during Christmas – it was all we had then.”

Price said his hope is for beneficiaries of the Giving Closet to one day pay it forward when they are in a position to do so. The Giving Closet was established at Poplar Bluff High School last year under the Bright Futures banner to help students in need with clothing, toiletries and classroom supplies.

Pictured: PBHS librarian Marci Priest (left) and assistant librarian Cindy Webb, who manage the Giving Closet, accept a donation from local dentist and avid school supporter, Dr. Mike Price.

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Columbia, Missouri - Educators from across the state recently attended the Missouri State Teachers Association Convention held on November 9th and 10th in Columbia, Missouri.

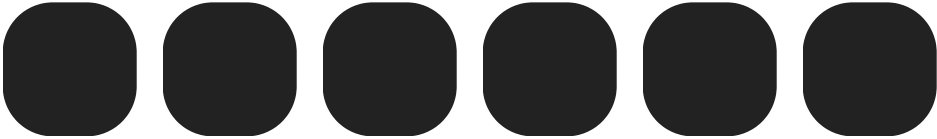
During the convention, over 750 MSTA delegates gathered to vote on the association's resolutions for the coming year and to elect new leadership.

Attendees also had the pleasure of hearing the keynote speaker, Dr. Michele Borba, author of *Unselfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in our All-About-Me World*.

Attending the meeting from left to right were Dexter ??CTA ?(Community Teachers Association) ?members Adam Clark and Corey Bennett and Bernie CTA members Nicole Garner, Courtney McGarity, Melanie Durham, and Lynette Thomason.

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