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McKuin Named to Homecoming Court at Williams Baptist College

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Melanie McKuin, a sophomore at Williams Baptist College and a 2016 Dexter High School graduate, was an attendant in the Homecoming Court.

She is the daughter of Barry and Kim McKuin of Dexter and the granddaughter of Gary and LeVeda Scates of Dexter.

Melanie plays basketball in college and is a pre-pharmacy major.

Williams Baptist College is located in Walnut Ridge, Arkansas and will become Williams Baptist University in July of 2018.

Congratulations Melanie!

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Bernie Positive Office Referrals for Week of November 27, 2017

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Bernie, Missouri - Kellie Owens, Bernie R-12 School District, has announced the students who received Positive Office Referrals for week November 27, 2017.

Students who earn such an honor also received a Subway Sandwich Gift Card and a POR Certificate.

These students were referred for displaying positive behavior!

Drake Taylor is a 4th grader in Mrs. Baker's class.

Mrs. Baker referred Drake for helping another student.

Noah Summers is a 5th grader in Mrs. Collier's class.

Mrs. Collier referred Noah for helping another student.

Shawn Beasley is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Dockins' class.

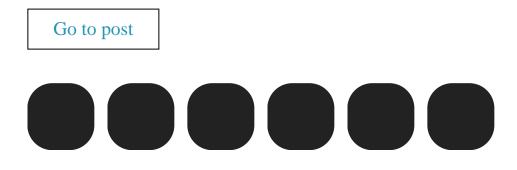
Mrs. Dockins and Mrs. Huber referred Shawn for working so hard in class and doing well on his reading test.

Macie Botsch is a 5th grader in Mrs. Collier's class and was referred by Mrs. Collier for helping another student.

Pictured from left to right are Drake Taylor, Noah Summers, Shawn Beasley and Macie Botsch.

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DMS Weekly Activities - November 27th - December 2, 2017

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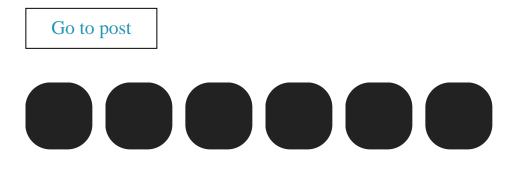
Calendar

Monday	Nov 27	27 BB vs. Kennett at the BEC Supervision-Thurlkill			
		Stuff a Bus competition begins-8th Hour Competition			
Wednesday	y Nov 29	Wrestling @ Jackson Bus 3:00			
Thursday \$2 students		Middle School Christmas Concert DHS Gym 6:00 PM \$4 adults			
		Wrestling @ Cape Bus 3:15			
Saturday	Dec 2	Wrestling @ Farmington Bus 6:00AM			
Future Da	ites				
Monday	Dec 4	Jr. Beta Operation Santa Begins			
		BB @ Cape 5:00/3:30			
		Wrestling @ Poplar Bluff Bus 3:45			
Tuesday	Dec 5	Talent Search			
		Book Club-Library 3:15-4:30			
Friday	Dec 8	Faculty Birthday Celebration			
		Stuff A Bus pickup			
Saturday	Dec 9	Tuba Christmas			

	Wrestling @ 7:00AM		
Tuesday Dec 12	7-8 Grade Choirs to Cape Bus 9:00AM		
Wednesday Dec 13	Finals Sci/ELA		
Thursday Dec 14	Finals Math/SS		
	MS Band Concert 6:00		
	Wrestling @ Farmington Bus 2:00		
Friday Dec 15	2nd Quarter Ends		
	Cafeteria Workers and Crossing Guards Pizza Party		
	Locker Cleanout		
	Operation Santa Delivery		
	Staff Christmas Party!!! 5:30		

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Monday, November 27th

Varsity Girls Basketball in Semo Conference Tournament at Saxony Lutheran High School

Dexter vs. Sikeston - 5:30 pm Drama, Speech and Debate meeting at 3:05 in Mr. Bennett's room Foreign Language Club Potluck at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, November 28th

Varsity Girls Basketball in Semo Conference Tournament at Saxony Lutheran High School-Games TBD Boys Basketball at Charleston at 6:00 pm, bus leaves at 4:45 pm. Drug Awareness Session #2 at 6:00 pm in BEC

Wednesday, November 29th

Talent Search for select students 6th-7th periods Robotics Club meeting in Mrs. Rodgers classroom after school

Thursday, November 30th

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Varsity Girls Basketball in Semo Conference Tournament at Saxony Lutheran High School-Games TBD Beta Club performance for students during 1st period Beta State Convention in Springfield, bus leaves at 9:00 am Wrestling at Notre Dame at 5:00 pm, bus leaves at 2:45, team dismissed at 2:30

Friday, December 1st

Beta State Convention in Springfield All State Band Auditions in Columbia, bus leaves at 11:00 am Boys Basketball vs. Sikeston at home at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 2nd

Beta State Convention in Springfield All State Band auditions in Columbia

Sunday, December 3rd

Beta State Convention in Springfield Robotics Club meeting in Mrs. Rodgers' room at 1:00 pm

Upcoming Dates

Monday, December 4th Varsity Boys Basketball in Semo Conference Tournament at Sikeston High School -Games TBD Stuff a Bus Canned Food Drive STUCO Candy Gram sales begin Drama, Speech and Debate after school in Mr. Bennett's room.

Tuesday, December 5th

Varsity Boys Basketball in Semo Conference Tournament at Sikeston High School -Games TBD Stuff a Bus Canned Food Drive STUCO Candy Gram sales continue Wrestling at New Madrid at 5:00 pm, bus leaves at 4:00 pm JV Girls Basketball vs. Holcomb at home at 6:00 pm

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Superintendent Spends Day as High School Student

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Poplar Bluff Superintendent Scott Dill could be spotted in plain clothes with a schoolissued backpack off Barron Road at a quarter to 7 a.m. on a brisk autumn Thursday, waiting for the bus to pick him up... to go to Senior High.

He contemplated what may pose the biggest challenge for him at this stage in life, such as skipping that second cup of coffee in order to limit his fluid intake.

Despite the careful consideration, he failed to bring something to write in and had to visit the Giving Closet for a notebook first thing, according to assistant librarian Cindy Webb.

Dill was provided a full class schedule because he committed to spending an entire day as a PBHS student.

"As a superintendent, I'm afforded the opportunity to make decisions every day that impact the lives of kids, and my focus—in concert with the administration and board—is, and has to be, what's best for students," said Dill in an interview the day before his experiment. "My goal is to become better attuned to the needs of our kids and have a deeper appreciation for what their lives within our school system entail.

What he learned quickly was students were rather interested in what he was up to and why. Zac Batton, who was alerted in advance by Dill's teenage daughter, said he thought the bus ride in particular was "pretty cool." Zac, a senior, was rumored that Dill had Spanish II with him, considering he heard the superintendent took German in high school.

Attending concert choir class together, sophomore Caitlin Dollins was curious to see if Dill really could sight read the music. And while the superintendent was fully prepared to eat alone, Caitlin ended up welcoming him to her table.

"A couple friends of mine had the idea to invite him to sit with us at lunch if he had D lunch, so I made sure to ask him before anyone else could get the chance to ask," Caitlin explained. "I really wanted to get his opinion of what was going on in the school system, but I didn't want to make him feel uncomfortable or different, as that wouldn't really be in the spirit of the project. So we just talked about classes and which teachers he liked."

One assignment that Dill found invigorating, he noted, was when he had to write an essay in Mike Sowatzke's American history class about whether he believed industrialist Andrew Carnegie was a hero or a villain. Dill felt the correct answer was probably a combination, but he was challenged to pick a side to compose a more cohesive analysis.

Having served in a leadership capacity for so long, Dill realized he had grown accustomed to helping solve real world problems and had forgotten what it is like to engage in an intellectual exercise for the sole sake of learning, he mentioned.

Sowatzke was excited for the opportunity to leave an impression on his boss, he said, and then he remembered it was his department's week to participate in PB Writes in preparation for EOC and ACT testing. Rather than delivering an engaging lesson, the instructor ended up spending the majority of time bouncing from desk to desk answering students' questions, but that is part of the profession, too.

"It's good for people to see all the stuff we have to do in a given day to keep everyone on task," Sowatzke commented, and reflected on what has changed since his secondary education a decade ago. "Instead of a teacher's role just being teacher—you get your grade and that's it—we are actively watching out to make sure kids aren't failing."

In a follow-up interview, Dill stated this experience would live with him forever, which was especially important to him considering he graduated from high school in the western part of the state – roughly a quarter of a century ago. While today's technology integration equips faculty with more tools at their disposal, he observed, quality instruction is still quality instruction.

"We really have good teachers doing good work," Dill pointed out. "Some people that I had previously considered reserved or quiet came alive in front of a classroom, and I got to see them at their brilliant best, helping kids."

After several 47-minute periods with six minutes in between, and only a 25-minute lunch break, Dill said he felt like he had run a marathon, constantly shifting subjects as well as dispositions. While he gathered his belongings to go home, some students were gearing up for basketball practice, and various other extracurricular activities on campus.

"Whoever said, 'Youth is wasted on the young,' hasn't put in their academic day in a while," Dill joked. "And we ask our students to do this day in and day out, rain or shine – for 13 school years.

"It could truly enhance a person's ability to effectively facilitate the education and protection of our kids if we were to walk a mile in their shoes, which I have done today," said Dill, reaffirming his earlier sentiment, perhaps with a touch more conviction this time around.

Pictured: Superintendent Scott Dill (maroon hoodie) practices songs for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner with concert choir students in music teacher Joshua Allen's class.

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