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## T.S. Hill Middle School Calendar of Events

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Dexter T.S. Hill Middle School - This listing of T.S. Hill Middle School activities is a service offered by the ShowMe Times, working in partnership with C.A. Counts, Superintendent, Scott Kruse, Middle School Principal and the Dexter Public Schools for your convenience.

We hope you will mark your calendar and we encourage everyone to support our local students and their activities. The education and growth of young people in our community is the key to everyone's future!

If you would like to submit information and a picture of a student and his/her accomplishments, send it to **dloflin@showmetimes.com** or call (573) 380-3318.

#### Calendar

Mon March 11 VBall @ Puxico 6:00/4:45

Girl's STEM Conference-7th Grade Girls Bus-7:45AM

Tues March 12 VBall vs. Kennett 6:00

Wed March 13 Student Supply List due to the Office

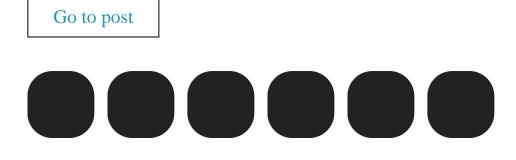
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Thurs March 14-18 NO School Spring Break

Sat March 16 PB 7th Grade VBall Tourn-TBA Mon March 18 VBall@ Poplar Bluff 6:00/4:45 Tues March 19 VBall @ Bernie 6:00/5:15 Wed March 20 Track @ Malden 4:00/2:45 Thurs March 21 Truman Trip 9:00AM Baseball vs. Kennett 4:00 VBall vs. Jackson 6:00 Fri March 22 Baseball vs. Cape 4:00 Mon March 25 Bernie 8th Grade VBall Tourn Tues March 26 Assembly- Brad Hurtig 1:30 Track @ EP 4:15/2:30 Baseball vs. NMCC 4:00 Wed March 27 3rd Quarter HTTOP Trip Thurs March 28 Baseball vs. Greenville 4:00

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## Southwest Elementary 2nd Grade Students Earn POR Awards

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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honored 2nd Grade students, with Positive Office Referral certificates.

This award was presented to students who consistently showed the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Front row from left to right: Liam sAdler, Haven malone, Braxton Graves, and Kennedy Essner.

Back row from left to right: Mason Smith, Kenton Barbour, Megan Evans, and Lola Barr.

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Emma Whiteman from Mrs. Ryan's class and Aria Baker from Mrs. Boyer's class are pictured.

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## Southwest Elementary Kindergarten Students Earn POR Awards

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Pictured from left to right are Emma Greene from Mrs. Cooper's Classroom, Tyalen Sjolander also from Mrs. Cooper's Class, Eli DeAlba, Mrs. Cooper's Classroom, and Lailyana White from Mrs. Fortner's Classroom.

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## Dexter Students Dissected Owl Pellets and Learned About Food Chains

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Naturalists and an education consultants with the Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center visited third and fifth grade classrooms in Dexter and Oran recently to give nature programs. These visits are part of a large effort to take nature programs to students who might not otherwise get to visit the center.

"We taught the students about food chains while exploring owl adaptations and pellets," said Sara Bradshaw, a MDC education consultant. "All of our nature programs teach about animal conservation, habitats, nature appreciation and connect to classroom science studies."

Bradshaw said the lessons are part of MDC's Discover Nature Schools (DNS) program. DNS emphasizes hands-on learning, teaches problem-solving, and provides authentic and local contexts for learning. Its lessons teach students from pre-K through high school about Missouri's native plants, animals, and habitats and connects them with nature. This particular DNS lesson is Nature Unleashed, featuring information about animal adaptations, food chains, and owl pellet dissection activity.

"Many people don't know what owl pellets are," Bradshaw said. "But they actually teach us a lot about these fascinating raptors and provide a perfect exploration of the food chain."

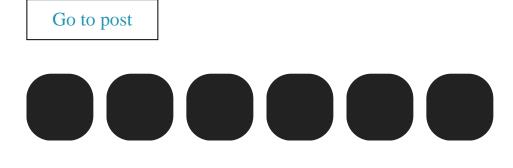
Bradshaw said an owl pellet is a tight little ball of items that an owl cannot digest. When an owl eats small rodents, birds and bugs each night, its stomach can't digest things like fur, teeth, feathers and bones, so the owl will regurgitate these items in the form of a pellet. She said the pellets are heat sterilized before the dissection activity, which kills any living organisms that might still be present in the pellets.

"These extra parts tell us what the owl has been eating," Bradshaw said. "It's a very fun, educational activity the kids really get excited about."

Bradshaw said the schools get excited about saved costs when naturalists visit. DNS lessons provide a field experience without the costs of a field trip. She hopes the programs help teachers see how they can tie nature as a theme into their current teaching strategies using DNS curriculum as the lesson or supplement to their lessons. Schools that participate in DNS are provided free curriculum and become eligible for field trip grants.

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