DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Hawks Highlights

May 20, 2015

Edition 16

5108 S. High School Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46221
317-856-5274

This is the final newsletter of the 2015-16 school year. It has been a great year at Decatur Middle School. We have had successes and challenges, but just like every year at the end, we take time to reflect in order to make the next year even better. Following are three things that I want to highlight for you as we move into the final four days of the school year, the summer, and one item for next year.

This Tuesday and Wednesday, we will have awards programs for each of the four SLCs. Parents of students who are getting awards have been invited to the program. Below is the schedule for the awards programs:

Tuesday, May 24

* 8:00am—APEX
* 1:00pm—Explorations

Wednesday, May 25

* 8:00am—Global
* 1:00pm—Imagine

Registration this summer will be on the following dates and times. Our big day this year will be Wednesday, July 13, where we will have registration from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and again from 4 p.m.—8 p.m. We would LOVE to have most everyone register on this day. Of course, we will also have registration on Thursday, July 14 from 4 p.m.—8 p.m. and again on Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Finally, attached to the Hawk Highlights this week is the Dress Code/Cell Phone policy for next school year. Please review this with your child to ensure that you are prepared for next school year. The new policy is also available on the Decatur Middle School website.

I hope everyone has a great summer!

- Kyle Barrentine, Principal

It is the Board's commitment to provide a safe, positive, productive and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. Any individual who believes a student has been or is the victim of discrimination, bullying, or harassment should report the situation to the building principal or designee or complete the School District's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report form, which is available online at www.msddecatur.k12.in.us.

21st Century Scholars Program
ATTENTION: 7th and 8th Grade Parents

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT—Have you applied for the 21st Century Scholars Program?

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school. Scholars are connected to programs and resources to help them **plan**, **prepare**, and **pay** for college. **Applications must be received by June 30 of the student's 8th grade year.**

NOTE TO PARENTS: Please select one of the below and return this information to your child's STAR teacher, the office, or email it to gbarrett@msddecatur.k12.in.us

____ I applied online. The school will check the status of your child's application.

____ I plan to apply online at www.Scholars.IN.gov.

____ I DO NOT want to apply or we applied and have been denied.

____ I need additional help or information. Contact Gail Barrett at 856-5274 ext. 8014.

Parent Signature _____

Phone Number_____

Student Name _____

Club Phoenix

A group of students in the after school program, Club Phoenix, participated in a global learning/service project. They learned about third world poverty through a video pictures taken this past summer in Kenya. Together with the guidance and help from Ms. Romona Smith, Mrs. Ronna Howell and Ms. Ann Thomson, the students set up a school-wide campaign to collect gently used shoes, back packs and jackets. Over 180 pairs of shoes, several jackets and back packs were collected. They students also arranged a jeans day where the proceeds were donated towards shipping and school supplies. Almost $400 was raised.

Thank you to all those who organized, participated and donated!

DUE

REMINDER: All fees are due by the end of the school year! Statements are sent home with mid-terms and report cards. If you need to know your balance and/or would like to make a payment over the phone, please call Mrs. Graham, Treasurer, at 317-856-5274 ext. 8015.

notes from the NURSE

PARENTS: please remember that ALL medication must be picked up by a parent by the end of the school day on Thursday, May 26th. Our nurse will be in the clinic until 12:30pm on Friday, May 27. However, after 12:30pm, any medications that have not been picked up will be destroyed and properly disposed of. Please feel free to contact Nurse Cassie at 317-856-5274 ext. 8021 if you have any questions or concerns.

THE DRESS CODE AT DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL

SLC Directors/Assistant Principals will make interpretations for any article of clothing or jewelry not covered under the following regulations. The items below are simply a guide. If an item of clothing is deemed to be a safety issue or a disruption to the educational environment, a student may be asked to alter his/her appearance.

Pants:

Students are permitted to wear jeans or khakis of a solid color.

Jeans or khakis should be free of holes, tears, or frays.

Jeans or khakis should not have any patterns.

Students are not permitted to wear sweat pants, leggings, pajama pants, or tights.

Long pants are to be worn from when students return from Fall Break until students break for Spring Break.

Capri pants, shorts or skirts that cover or are within an inch of the knees when standing are acceptable until Fall Break begins and then can be worn again after students return from Spring Break.

Athletic shorts are not permitted at any time.

For religious purposed, full-length skirts are allowed year-round.

Pants must be worn at waist level (at or above the iliac crest bone).

Chains may not be worn attached to pants or shirts.

Shirts:

Shirts must have sleeves and should fit properly including covering the cleavage line and the entire torso.

Shirts must not have any inappropriate language (implied or stated) or promote any inappropriate product (drugs, alcohol, etc.).

Shirts are not permitted to have any holes; shirts should not be sheer or see through.

Outerwear:

Sweatshirts, sweater vests, cardigans or sweaters may be worn only (no heavy jackets or coats).

Hooded garments are not permitted. Hooded garments may be worn into the school but must be placed in the students' lockers.

Outerwear should meet the criteria of shirts stated above.

Hats, bandanas, or other similar head coverings are not allowed during the school day.

Identification Cards/Lanyards:

Students' Identification Cards (IDs) should be displayed at all times using the SLC lanyard provided to students at the beginning of the year.

New IDs and lanyards can be purchased for $1 each if students have to replace either item.

Repeated violation of not properly displaying your ID will result in a Thursday Night School.

Cell Phones/Ear buds:

Students may possess cell phones.

Cell phones should remain on silent at all times during the school day.

Cell phones will be confiscated if they are used without permission.

Ear buds are permitted at the discretion of the teacher. Ear buds are not the same as headphones. Students should leave headphones at home.

Ear buds will be confiscated if they are used without permission.

If students choose to use ear buds in the hallway, one ear bud must always be out.

Items such as ear buds and cell phones are brought to school at your own risk.