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"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

"A man can't ride your back unless it's bent."

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."

"A right delayed is a right denied."

"All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem."

"Almost always, the creative dedicated minority has made the world better."

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

"At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love."

"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Academic Notice

Devine Intermediate School was presented with the Gold Performance Acknowledgement by the Board of Trustees. This is the third year in a row that that Devine Intermediate School has been given such a distinction.



Martin Luther King Day January 16, 2012

In addition to the announcements at the beginning of the day, teachers showed a video about his childhood, some read the book *Martin's Big Words* and others viewed excerpts from his famous speech. Students engaged in enrichment activities during the *Reading and ELA classes*.

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Special Points of Interest

- Arrival Time: 7:00
- Departure Time: 3:30
- **Students report to office after 8:00 with parent to sign-in**
- Spring Break:
- 3/10- 3/18/2012
- Early Release: 2/10/2012
- **Notes are required if you are going to pick-up your child early from school**
- Phone calls can't be confirmed without a password that you may provide the office
- **We highly discourage early pick-up of our students-Please let them stay the whole day**

DENTISTS ARE COMING TO OUR SCHOOL ON VALENTINES DAY

On February 14, 2012, Dentists will be available to those students that turned-in permission slips.

Food of Minimal Nutrition may be consumed by students during class on February 14, 2012.

Hoops for Heart sponsors, of at least \$10, will participate in a special event during class in the gym from 9:10-12:20 on February 14, 2012.

The Book Fair offered quite an interesting selection of items. This year we raised \$10,046, of which, \$756 of books will be given to the school. New shelving and additional school-related items will be purchased. We thank the students, parents and the community for their involvement. Without Mrs. Alaniz this event would not have been as successful.



Any Comments? Please, contact the Devine Intermediate Staff @ (830) 851-0495

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR ARRIVAL/PICK-UP

To ensure the welfare, safety and security of our campus, we ask everyone to cooperate with the following procedures:

Arrival after 8:00 a.m., with your child, requires parents to enter the office and sign-in their child each time they are late.

Additionally, all parents en route to the elementary school or

school employees that arrive at the Intermediate Campus must first sign-in in the office and receive a visitors pass.

We ask students to look for the parents or guardians and position themselves for immediate pick-up. We would like to streamline the process to ensure a safe and expeditious dismissal.

Quality customer service

Please, ensure that students remain in school the entire day. Only necessary appointments will be honored for an earlier release. Please, be mindful about the attendance laws that require calculations for partial day attendance.

We appreciate the constructive advice and hope the above procedures keep your children safe.

If there are any suggestions that will enhance your child's educational experience, please provide them to me or my staff.

AWARDS CEREMONY

On January 13, 2011, Devine Intermediate School hosted an awards ceremony for our students. Awards and recognitions were given that included: A Honor Roll, A-B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Character

Awards and UIL Awards.

Parent participation was exceptional. We appreciate your year round support of our programs and look forward to more events that celebrate the success of the students.



DID YOU KNOW?

CURRICULUM MASTERY STANDARDS

Promotion and course credit shall be based on mastery of the curriculum. Expectations and standards for promotion shall be established for each grade level, content area, and course and shall be coordinated with compensatory/accelerated services. [See EHBC] 163901

In addition to the factors in law that must be considered for promotion, mastery shall be determined as follows: RETENTION AND PROMOTION

1. Course assignments and unit evaluation shall be used to determine student grades in a subject. An average of 70 or higher shall be considered a passing grade. (LOCAL)
2. Mastery of the skills necessary for success at the next level shall be validated by assessments that may either be incorporated into unit or final examinations or may be administered separately. Mastery of at least 70 percent of the objectives shall be required. MASTERY

In grades 3–5, promotion shall be based on demonstrated proficiency of the grade-level subject matter based on the TEKS, meeting minimum state and/or local standards on the reading, writing, and mathematics Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (STAAR) or District-developed grade-level TEKS-based assessments, and meeting attendance requirements [see FEC].

Students in grade 3 must meet minimum standards on the grade 3 Texas Primary Reading Inventory (Tejas Lee for Spanish-speaking students) and another diagnostic reading assessment. Students in grades 4 and 5 must also meet minimum standards on a standardized reading assessment/inventory and another diagnostic reading assessment.

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Adding Value to Education

Please Learn the School Song

B-R-O-N-C-O-S

Devine Broncos are the very best.
Proceed to glory, strive for victory,
Win or lose we're still champs!
We're doing our best

No matter how hard the test,

That's how Broncos achieve success

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*Composed by: Preslee Quisenberry, Paige
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Our Mission

Devine ISD fosters respectful, life-long learners and leaders who maximize their potential through optimal educational opportunities offered in an environment of equality, respect and competitiveness.



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Look for other issues that will provide beneficial information for our valued parents and students. Suggestions and topics for future publications are welcome.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

- ◆ Students and staff must feel safe and valued while in school.
- ◆ Teachers and parents who promote and value an education enhance a child's education.
- ◆ Students must be given the opportunity to reach their academic and social potential through high expectations, sound curriculum, and differentiated instruction.
- ◆ Enthusiastic educators have a passion for teaching and continuous professional growth.
- ◆ All district employees will be examples of professional and ethical conduct and will promote and enhance a positive and collaborative school climate.
- ◆ Education provides opportunities to be a contributing productive citizen.
- ◆ An educated populous will preserve and protect our democratic ideals.
- ◆ Education expands one's global perspective and understanding of historic events and their impact on the future.
- ◆ Education promotes continual learning as well as personal and professional growth.

