

Decker Middle School

Leadership, Empowerment, College Readiness, Community Outreach

April 2017
8104 Decker Lane
Austin, Texas 78724
512 – 278 – 4630

Jon Bailey, Principal
Paula Simmons, Associate Principal
Ralph Henley, Assistant Principal
David Ellis, Assistant Principal

DMS Mission



The mission of Decker Middle School is to ensure all students learn at a high level, collaborate, and apply knowledge as contributing members of a global community.

Upcoming Events



- **Lady Raven Soccer Game**
April 6th @MNTH 5:30 pm
- **Lady Raven Soccer Game**
April 13th @Dailey MS 5:30 pm
- **District Holiday**-No School
April 14th
- **Lady Raven Soccer Game**
April 20th @Manor MS 5:30 pm
- **2nd Annual Talent Show**
April 21st @DMS Cafeteria 7:00 pm
- **6th Annual MISD Art Show**
April 22nd @MISD Central
Administration 10:00 am

DMS Social Media



What is Decker Pride? <http://tinyurl.com/gwlbkta>

Follow us on Twitter @deckermiddle

School Website: <http://dms.manorisd.net/>

Principal's Message



April 13th will conclude the 5th six weeks grading period. Ask your child about their progress and if they have missing assignments that need to be completed or turned in before the end of the grading period. Please don't hesitate to contact any of your child's teachers to discuss their progress. Report cards for the 5th six weeks will be sent home the week of April 21st. As we move into the last six weeks grading period it will be important to help your child maintain a high academic focus. Our teachers are continuing to motivate our students to maintain high academic standards to best prepare them for success as they move forward to the next grade level.

Jon Bailey, Principal



Counselor Information

Tina Stogdill 512-278-4639

Claudia Nevares 512-278-4638

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"SOMETIMES YOU WILL NEVER KNOW
THE VALUE OF A MOMENT,
UNTIL IT BECOMES A MEMORY."

-DR. SEUSS

Yearbook

<http://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/high-school-yearbooks.html>

Follow the link above to order your 16-17 Yearbook

Additional Information:



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is extremely important to ensure your student makes the appropriate gains and success in school. Please make sure your student is on time to school and present on a regular basis. If your student must be out, please call Ms. Quiroz, our attendance specialist; at 278-4630 to report your student's absence, you will also need to send a note with your student when he/she returns to school to have documentation for an excused absence.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

INSTASHOW RAVEN CHOIR WINS S.T.A.R. TROPHY

Decker Middle School's Instashow Raven Choir won the S.T.A.R. trophy at their first ever Show Choir Competition, the Capital City Showcase. S.T.A.R. stands for Showmanship, Teamwork, Achievement, & Repertoire.

Instashow Raven Choir wins S.T.A.R. trophy

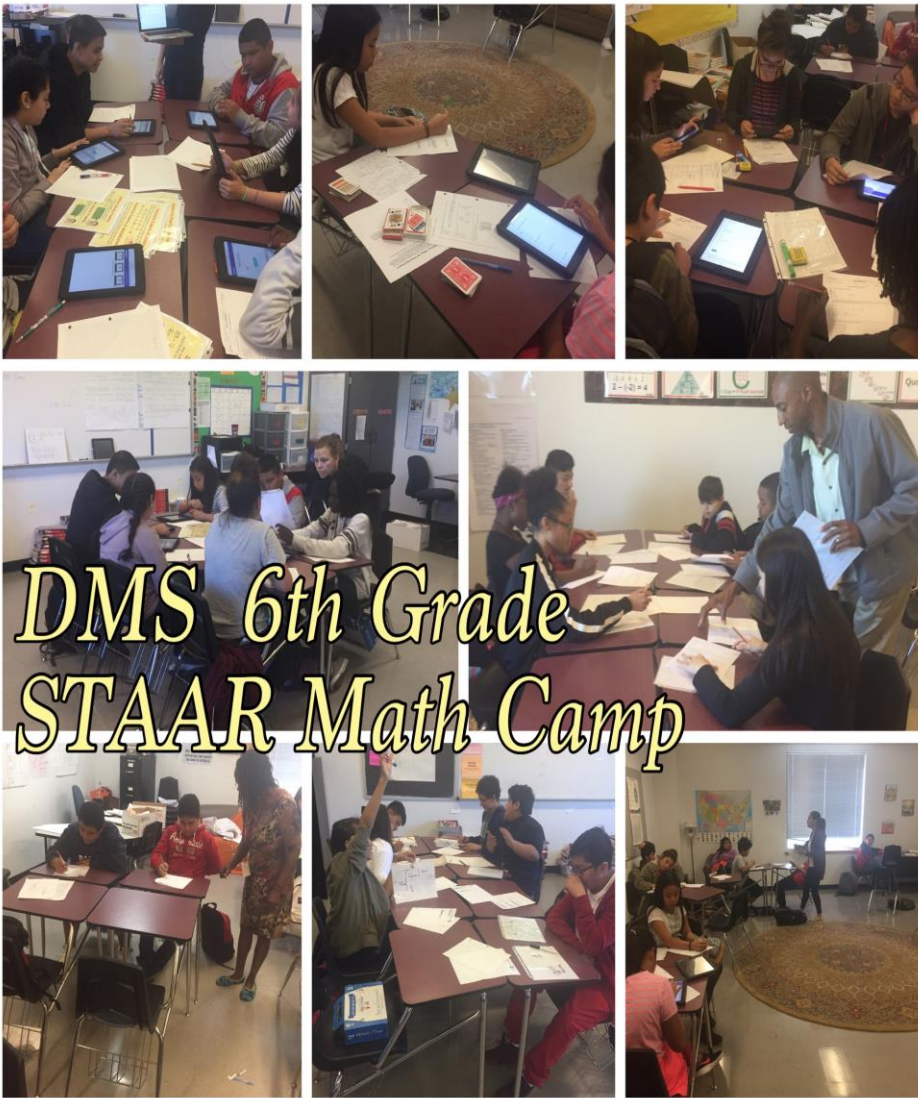


Showmanship Teamwork Achievement Repertoire

Decker Jazz Band earns straight division one ratings & Superior Award

The Decker Jazz Band earned straight division one ratings from three different judges (the highest rating you can receive) at the Georgetown Jazz Festival. Our young men and women represented our school well and we are very proud of their performance. One of the judges/clinician could not believe that this was only our second year as a jazz band and stated that our trombone section sounded like a college group. Our soloists did a wonderful job improvising throughout all three numbers. 8th grade students, Pablo Fernandez - alto saxophone, and Alexis Maldonado - trombone, received All-Star Awards for their solos. We received a Superior Award plaque for our band's performance. Mr. Baczewski has done wonders with the students.





PTO: Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO needs you!

PTO Membership Dues: \$5

Membership forms and Dues can be picked up and paid in the front office.

PTO meets on the first Monday of each month in the DMS Library from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. PTO partners with Communities in Schools to provide information for parents. Topics will include Academic Services provided for students, How to Begin to Prepare for College Admittance, Healthy Choices, Family Game Nights and more. Please plan to attend our PTO meetings. Membership is not necessary to attend.

University of Texas at El Paso

Year Founded: 1914

Location: El Paso, TX

Student to Faculty ratio: 21 to 1

Total Students: 23, 397

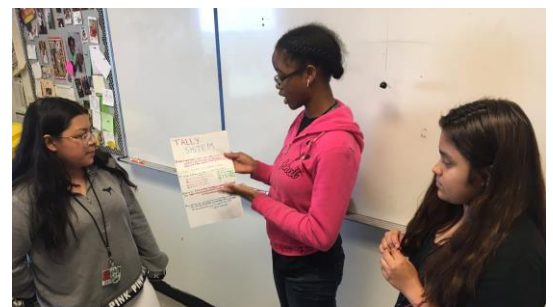
Mission: The University of Texas at El Paso is dedicated to the advancement of the El Paso region through education, creative and artistic production, and the generation, interpretation, application and commercialization of key discoveries, and the dissemination of knowledge. UTEP embraces its role as an intellectual, cultural, and socio-economic asset to the region, offering programs to meet human-resource needs and contribute to the quality of life.

<https://www.utep.edu>



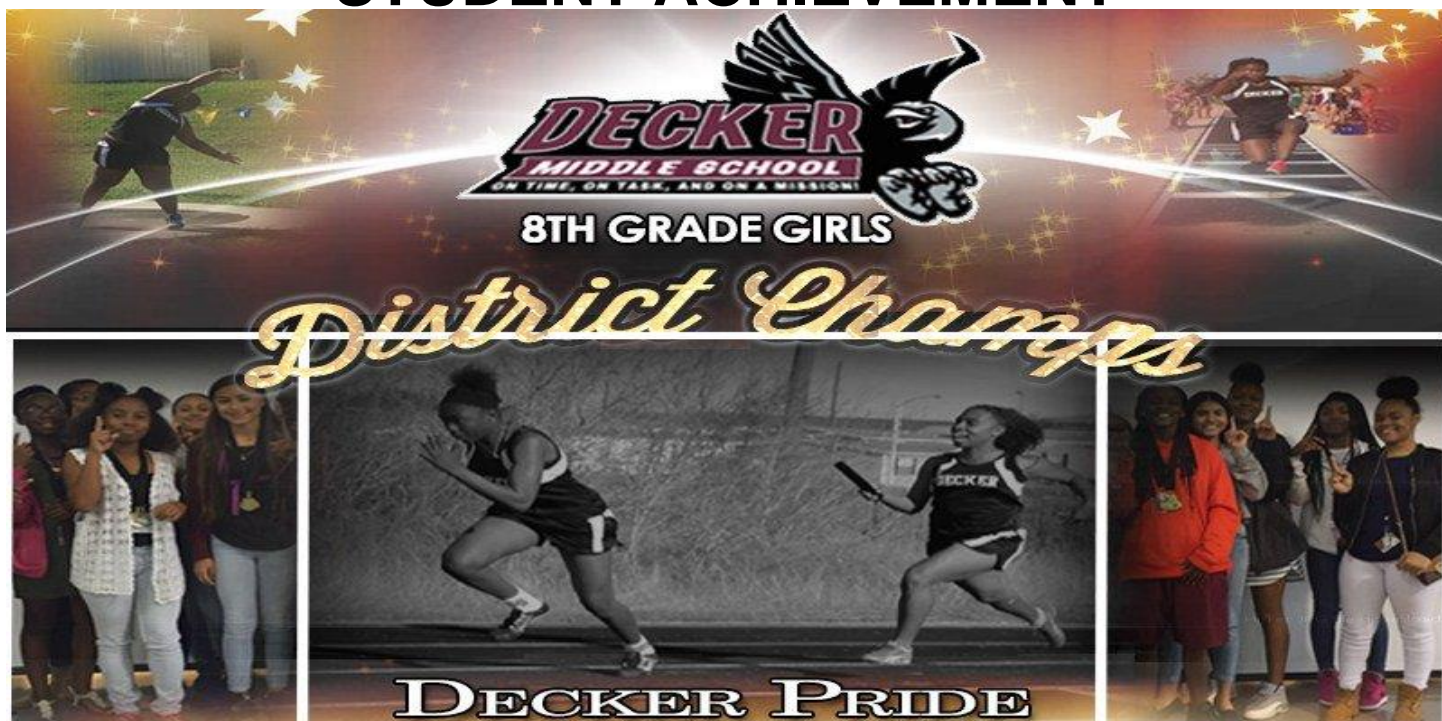
Help DMS fund school wide events and student activities by purchasing Decker Middle School gear from our School Store:

http://varsityshop.com/misd_decker_middle_school



8th Grade ELA students recall, review, and present Reading strategies pre-STAAR!
#DeckerPride

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Congrats to our Boy's Track Team on their District Track WINS!!!



Congrats 7th Grade Girl's Track on 2nd Place District!!



DMS Jazz Band performs at School Board Meeting!!!



Tech Girls representing student leadership at our house meeting

