

The Rancher Times

DOUBLE BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2014

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- *Principal, Vaughnette Chandler*
- *Asst. Principal, Heather Wallen*

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- *President, Denise Rae-Herrera*
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- *Volunteer Coordinator, Ana Jeri-Garcia*
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- *Holiday Shop, Heather Moran*
- *Staff Appreciation, Alyssa Hall and Jackie Joos*
- *Movie Night, Jennifer Jackson*
- *Bingo Night, Stacy Fish*
- *Boosterthon, Alyssa Hall*
- *Mother's Day Cakes, Deana Folz*
- *Reflections, Andrea McBride*
- *Holiday Caring and Sharing, Gina Camerano*
- *5th Grade Dance, Kirsten Denney*

Principal Chandler's Corner

It is hard to believe that it is already the final few months of the school year. It feels like yesterday was the first day of school. I am so proud of our students and staff for their hard work and many accomplishments this school year. It's been a great year and we have much to celebrate and more to look forward to!

Let's celebrate our Students!

Congratulations to our Odyssey of the Mind teams! All 6 teams worked extremely hard and represented Double Branch at the regional competition.

Congratulations to our students that are participating in the Sunshine State Reader program. A pizza party, the Book Battle and the annual sleepover are still ahead. Mrs. Wallen, Mrs. Bradarich and I are looking forward to celebrating with you.

5th grade students will participate in several ceremonies and cele-

brations as they complete their time in elementary school and transition to middle school. Please be on the lookout for additional information from our 5th grade teachers.

Let's celebrate our Staff!

The week of May 5th is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please take a few minutes to thank the teachers and staff for their hard work and commitment to our school and our children. A handwritten note of appreciation can be an extremely thoughtful gift.

What's upcoming on the Ranch?

Beginning April 14th, your 3rd, 4th and 5th grade child will be participating in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Tests (FCAT 2.0). Students have been working hard all year to meet the reading, science and math expectations of our State Standards. This is their opportunity to do

their best to demonstrate what they have learned. Within the next few weeks, you will receive additional testing information regarding your child's specific grade level testing requirements.

Our annual New Kindergarten Student Orientation evening is scheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 6pm in the cafeteria. If you, or someone you know, has an incoming Kindergarten student for the upcoming school year, plan to join us for an orientation. You will receive important registration information and will have the opportunity to meet our Kindergarten teachers and visit our Kindergarten classrooms.

Our Spring Chorus/Orff Concert is on Tuesday, May 20th from 7pm – 8pm in the cafeteria.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the months of April and May as we CELEBRATE together and continue to recognize the accomplishments of our students.

PTA News

With the school year winding down, we would like to take a few moments to thank all of our PTA Committee and Event Chairs as well as the many volunteers who have helped make this year such a success.

Whether you've contributed a little or a lot, we value you and appreciate your time and support!

We are now taking applications for next year's PTA Executive Board. If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter of interest, expressing why you would like to be in a leadership role in PTA.

Applications should be submitted to the PTA e-mail address by April 11 and will be reviewed and slated by the Nomi-

nating Committee. The names put into nomination will be voted on by membership at the General Assembly meeting on May 1.

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From the School Nurse

Even Nice People Get Lice

What you can do if someone in your family gets head lice...

*Check the hair of everyone in the house, especially the hair behind the ears and at the back of the head.

*Remove all lice and nits (eggs) using a special nit comb or your fingernails. A bright light may be helpful to see nits more clearly.

*Check/Comb everyday until you do not see any more nits.

Just the facts...

*Lice cannot live without human contact for more than a day.

*Lice cannot stay alive in schools or on school buses over weekends.

*Head lice can spread if two heads are close together.

*Lice cannot fly or jump! They have no wings or hind legs.

*Lice prefer to stay in the hair, not the environment.

*Lice do not cause disease.

*Pets do not get head lice.

*Kids often get head lice at sleepovers, while at group or club activities, family gatherings, babysitting, playing sports, watching TV or playing video games together.

*Research shows most children who get head lice do not get them in school.

*Lice seem to be more prevalent in schools after a break when children have **more** close personal contact with each other.

Head lice can happen to anyone... even nice people.

RANCHER RULES:

D—Do your best

B—Be prepared

E—Eagerly follow
directions

S—Show respect

Pasco School District News

SchoolConnect Information

Beginning immediately, when DBES or the Pasco school district sends out a SchoolConnects call, the caller i.d. number that appears on parents' phones will be **888-882-7179**. When the recipient calls back the number without listening to the voicemail message, it will go to SchoolConnects, and the system will pair their number with the message(s) that they missed. If they've missed more than one call, they will hear the most recent one first, followed by any additional messages.

Dates to Remember

APRIL 2014

Thursday, April 3	Tropicana Speech School Competition
April 7-April 11	Spring Book Fair
April 14-April 30	FCAT Testing (Quiet Campus)
Friday, April 18	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
Tuesday, April 29	New Kindergarten Orientation/Parent Information Night (2014-2015)

MAY 2014

Thursday, May 1	Ice Cream Social/ Art Show
Monday, May 5	New Kindergarten Registration (2014-2015)
May 5-May 9	Teacher Appreciation Week
Tuesday, May 6 & Thursday, May 8	2nd & 3rd Grade Musical
Friday, May 9	Mother's Day Cakes
Tuesday May 20	Spring Chorus & ORFF Concert
Friday, May 23	Field Day/Box Top Carnival

Stay Connected to DBES

As activities are planned, please continue to check our website at dbes.pasco.k12.fl.us for important events. Additionally, DBES is connected with Twitter. Take the time to like us at [@DoubleBranchEle](https://twitter.com/DoubleBranchEle)

Upcoming Events

Scholastic Book Fair—The Spring Book Fair will be held in Barns and Novels the week of April 7. Students will be able to purchase books at reasonable prices during school hours each day. The fair will also be open from 4:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday, April 9 so parents can shop with their children if they wish. Online ordering is also available.

Ice Cream Social/ Art Show — Please join us for an Ice Cream Social/ Art Show on May 1. Come enjoy a treat while viewing the artistic displays of all of our students and the entries from the 2013-2014 DBES PTA Reflections Art Show on May 1.

Mother's Day Cakes — PTA and Publix are teaming up to provide special heart shaped cakes for Mother's Day. Cakes will be decorated during school hours on May 9.

Field Day/Box Top Carnival—This year DBES will be combining school Field Day and the PTA Box Top Carnival on Friday, May 23. This is sure to be a very exciting day for our students. Please continue to collect Box Tops & Labels for Education on specially marked products. Don't forget to bring them in on May 23!

Guidance Corner

Our April word of the month is **Determination**. Students will be seeing the word displayed in their classrooms, media center, cafeteria and on the news show. Please continue to help us reinforce this at home.

Determination

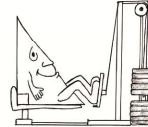
Students have the opportunity to earn blue tickets for positive behavior on school grounds and while on the school bus. Blue ticket winners are drawn weekly and students are able to celebrate their positive behavior with Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Wallen. The students also enjoy hearing their names announced on the morning news as their names are pulled.

Double Branch Elementary actively encourages students to make positive choices and we thank you for continuing this support at home.

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It's not too late to order a 2013-2014 yearbook! Yearbooks can be purchased with cash or check from the front office during school hours.

Please Support PTA!

Please continue to clip and collect Box Tops for Education (www.boxtops4education.com) and Campbell's Labels for Education (www.labelsforeducation.com).

Don't forget our to bring in your Box Tops and Labels For Education on Friday, May 23, 2014 for our annual Box Top Carnival!

