

THE DRAGON'S LAIR!



Dickson Middle School

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WHAT IS???

Dragon Time 2.1

Dragon Time 2.1 is the new and improved version of the previous version. In this model of Dragon Time, students will be spending time in the rooms of their core teachers. During this time, teachers can focus on what is needed most by each group of students including enrichment activities and skill review.

AND THE WINNER IS....

On February 23rd, we held our 4th annual Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show. This year the chili cook-off had two winners one was the judges' favorite and one was the people's choice. The winner of the Judge's Favorite chili was Altruismo House, and the People's Choice Winner was Jabari Killebrew representing Integritas with his Big Dog, Bid Daddy Chili. The talent show was a wonderful showcase of talented students within the DMS family. First place went to Charlie Ortiz with his rendition of Ed Sheeran's "Perfect". Second place was awarded to Riley Bosh who played the ukulele and sang "I'm Yours". Third place honors went to Katie Driver who sang "I Built a Friend". Thank you to all who came out and joined the festivities.

Upcoming Events

March 2

Valentines Dance – 6:00 – 8:00

March 9

Family Night – 6:00-8:00

March 5-9

Book Fair

March 15

PEP Rally

March 16

End of 3rd 9-Weeks

Grading Period

March 16

MadMusCon 2018

March 22

Spring Pictures

March 26-30

SPRING BREAK

April 5

Report Cards



Rick Speigner - 7th Grade Social Studies



I am married to Denette Brown Speigner and have two children, Amber and Allen.. Amber has graduated from Tennessee Tech. Allen is a Junior at DCHS. We have a dog, Bishop. I did not think I would be a teacher, but when I graduated college, a teaching job became available. I loved teaching, so I went back to school to be certified. I taught general humanities classes in my first jobs (music, art, drama). I then became a band director for 10 years, but I always felt called to be in the regular classroom instead of the band room. I got my chance in Dickson where I first taught a self-contained 6th grade classroom for 2 years. When the middle school started, I chose to teach social studies. I taught this in 6th grade until the last 2 years when I began teaching 7th grade Social Studies. Since I am certified to teach all subjects through 8th grade, when I was asked which class I preferred to teach, I chose Social Studies. As I thought about what to request, I began to think about the fact that history has stories which can help students to develop an interest in the subject. Stories, well told, can be the meat of a good social studies classroom. I have taught Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Oral Language, Humanities, Speech, Drama, Chorus, Band, Alabama History, 6th and 7th grade Social Studies. I wish for "lights to turn on" for my students. I love the "aha" moments where I can see that my students "get it." I hope through my teaching that I can inspire my students to want to go beyond the class to find out new things on their own. I hope to plant seeds on knowledge and be able to see these seeds to mature into a tree in full bloom.

A fun fact about me? I enjoy playing board games. People who play Trivial Pursuit with me find out that I know a lot of trivial facts about a lot of different topics. I am not sure if that is good or bad. I also marched in a drum corps that placed 19 in the nation. I played the equivalent of a trumpet in that organization. I also have a 1st Degree Black Belt in Taekwondo, which I was awarded before moving to Tennessee. One last fun fact is that I wear a different tie each day of the year.

Reminders:

- ❖ Every Tuesday is House Day, wear your house t-shirts
- ❖ School begins at 7:50 a.m.
- ❖ "Strive for 5" – Attendance Matters!!
- ❖ After school tutoring is on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:10 to 4:10.
- ❖ Check out our website (dms.dicksoncountyschools.org) for more DMS info