

# DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Dream Home 2023 a Sell Out!



The 28th Annual Dream Home Raffle, sponsored by Fischer & Frichtel Homes, has come to its conclusion! PAGE 2 & 5

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## UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

### May 15-20

Junior Week of Service

### May 16

Baccalaureate Mass

### May 17

Graduation Practice

### May 18

Graduation

Power Hour



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### ***Congratulations to our winners!***

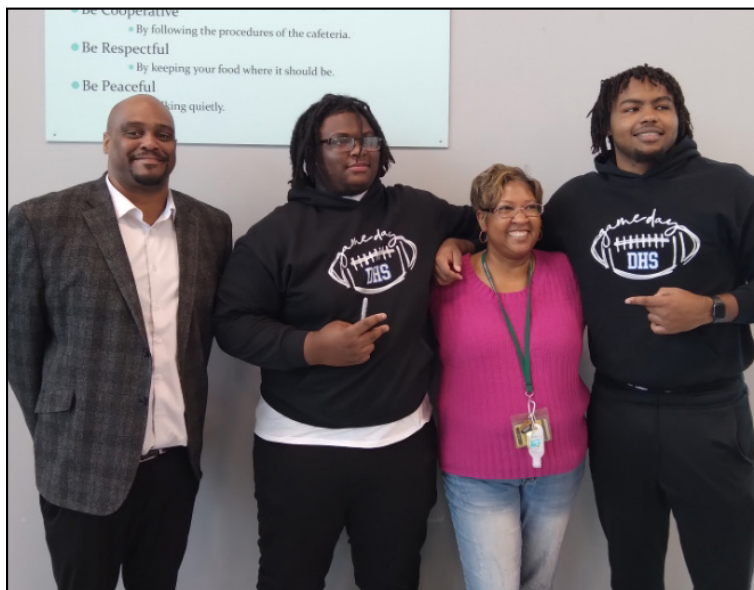
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**\$1,500**  
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Mary Ellebrecht  
Stacey Thompson

**\$750**  
Valerie Friz  
Brian Huntspon  
Kathie Lawler  
Mark Murphy  
Kim Reibling

**\$500**  
Curtiss Beebe  
Ian Dunn  
David Knickmeyer  
Joey Lewis  
Pam Luesse  
Sandra Meranda  
Jeanette Robertson  
Tom Schiller  
Michelle Szydlowski  
Timothy Pike



## **Student Spotlight: Jamond Mathis '23 and Kahlek Jackson '23**

Jamond Mathis and Kahlek Jackson visited Arrowpoint Elementary as a part of their middle school transition lessons. These lessons consist of the school inviting significant people from different parts of the community to speak to their fifth-grade class.

The boys discussed the importance of study and hard work, and answered questions about high-school life.



## Duchesne alumna receives School Counseling Award

On Saturday, April 16, Duchesne alumna Brittany Grass '08 received the School Counseling Award during Lindenwood University's 2023 Honors Convocation at the J. Scheidegger Center for the Arts.

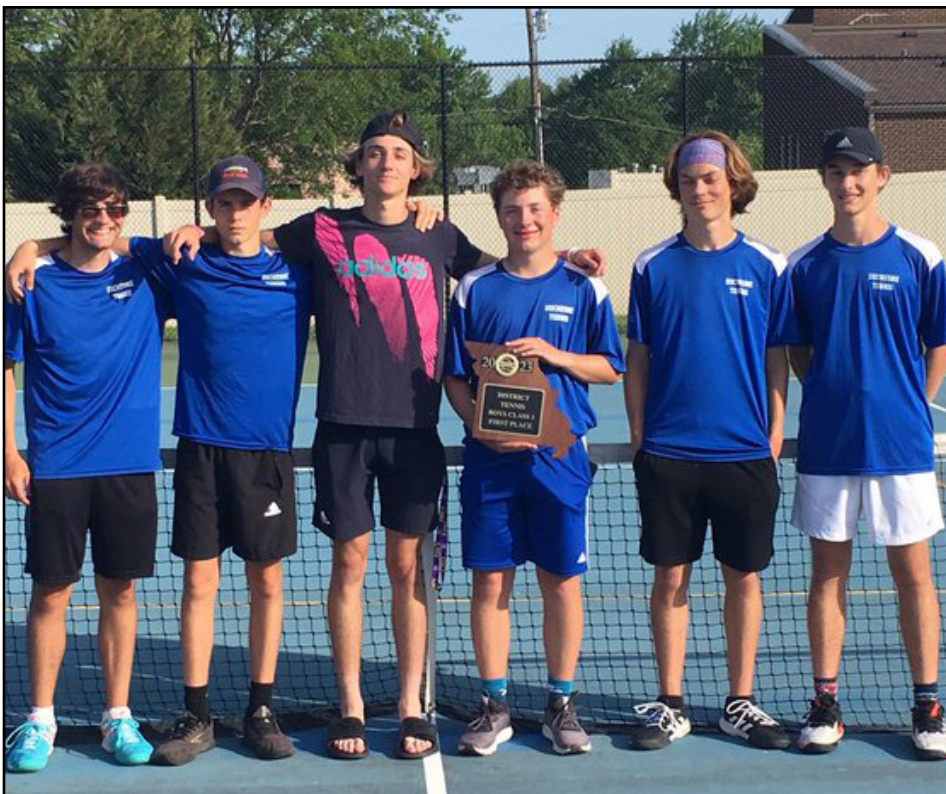
The award is given to Lindenwood students to recognize high scholarship, leadership, and community service in the field of school counseling. Honorees are selected by the academic college faculty. One of her professors, Dr. Sarah Patterson-Mills, presented the award to Grass.

"I was completely shocked and honored to find out I received this award," said Grass. "This is a very prestigious award that anyone within the counseling program is up for, so to find out I was chosen out of all the amazing school counseling candidates was extremely rewarding."

Grass holds a master's degree in higher education and will graduate with a master's in counseling and a certification in school counseling in August. She is Duchesne's current part-time college and career counselor and will take on that role full-time after graduation.



Brittany Grass '08 with her School Counseling Award



## Boys Tennis Team Advances to Sectionals

Congratulations to the boys tennis team who won the Class 1 District 5 Team District Championship on Tuesday afternoon 5-0 over St Charles High. Duchesne swept all 3 doubles matches followed by singles wins from Tommy Griese and Oliver Rothweiler to close it out. Duchesne will play in Individual Sectionals March 13 at home at 10 a.m. Team Sectionals are next week with a chance to go to the State Final Four as a team with 2 more wins.



# 2013 Girls State Soccer Champions Reunite

It was an evening of memories and celebration on April 14 as members of the 2013 girls soccer team reunited at Frank Barro Stadium to commemorate their state championship victory. The alumnae were honored before the varsity girls soccer game against Fort Zumwalt North.

The women gathered in Duchesne's tech center prior to the ceremony, and spent some time reconnecting with their old teammates and coaches.

"I am very excited to be back," said Hannah Shambro '16. "My freshman year was 2013, so it's been ten years since I've seen a lot of these people, so I'm very excited. A lot of changes have happened here, it's cool to see everyone's face again."

Jane Skaggs '15, shared Shambro's sentiment, happy to relive the times she spent with her team.

"I haven't been back to Duchesne in a long, long time," she said. "I'm still friends with all these people. It's like we never left."

The girls won the state championship in 2013 with a score of 4-0



Returning members of the 2013 Girls State Soccer Champions team gathered for a quick photo at Frank Barro Stadium prior to the varsity girls soccer game.

against St. Pius. Varsity soccer coach Patrick Turner '03 recalled that one of their team's biggest strengths was their depth.

"We wouldn't drop off a lot when subbing and that made us very tough to play," he said.

Steve Hill '84 was assistant coach in 2013. The last time he stepped foot on the field was the day they won.

"I'm so very excited for the girls and their success and grateful to be back," he said.



## ACES team finishes 6th at Bi-State Competition

Congratulations to the ACES team for a 6th place finish at the Bi-State ACES competition.

### Individual medal winners were:

**Mary Kathleen Beckemeier**  
5th place in Math

**Alice Hoffman**  
4th place in Math and a 5th place in Physics

**Ailsa Ide**  
4th place in Physics and  
5th place in Math

**Josh Purvis**  
5th place in Physics



## Dream Home 2023

The 28th Annual Dream Home Raffle, sponsored by Fischer & Frichtel Homes, has come to its conclusion! We will be having a wrap-up party at Rookies on Monday, June 5 from 6-8 p.m. to hand out our seller prizes and celebrate a successful sell-out. Thank you to our wonderful helpers, Michelle Giessman, Maggie and Jeff Hermann, and Kathy Greifzu. Thank you to our amazing sellers, buyers, faculty, staff, parents, and students. And thank you to our sponsor, Fischer & Frichtel Homes. We are already looking forward to making next year a successful Dream Home Raffle sell-out, too!



## Previous Director of Special Events returns to Duchesne



Abby (Trotter) Sweeney 04' has returned to her previous position as the Director of Special Events. Abby left Duchesne in October of 2021, but missed Pioneer Nation and was excited to come back to her previous role.

Abby has a Bachelor's of Science in Public Relations from the University of Central Missouri and a Master's of Business Administration from Lindenwood University.

Prior to her return to Duchesne, Abby was working for World Wide Technology as a Buyer. She truly misses her WWT family, but is excited for this new chapter in her life.

Abby and her husband Mike have two children, Sloan (7) and Mikey (5). They are very active in their children's school and sports. The entire family is excited for Abby to back on campus because of the family atmosphere. The kids cannot wait to start attending as many of the athletic games this upcoming school year.

## Students attend Build My Future STL



In April a few of our students were able to attend Build My Future STL!

Build My Future STL is a construction career showcase offering hands-on activities to students interested in construction, welding, HVAC, and more!



# Advancement Office



**Becky Williamson**  
**Director of Advancement**

Greetings, Pioneer Parents!

Don't blink! I cannot believe how fast this year has come and gone. We held "Pioneer for a Day" at the end of April and hosted over 90 kids from local grade schools. It was a great day! I also had the pleasure of visiting St. Cletus with Brody Keathley, as he taught 4th grade about the "Importance of Pollinators" and built bee hotels with them. I love to see our students in action!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Happy Hour at Good News Brewing. We had a great time hanging out and look forward to many more!

Our Advancement Team has been busy working on end of year events and planning for the next school year. We have a lot coming up to share with all of you. I hope you will attend and support Duchesne in a BIG WAY this year as we kick off our 100th year.

**6/05:** Rookies gives back! Support Duchesne and have dinner at Rookies. They will give back 10% of all orders to DHS! Thank you Rookies! \*\*\*Be sure to mention Duchesne!

**7/04:** This summer we would like to invite all of our current families, friends, faculty/staff and alumni to walk with

us in the St. Charles Riverfest Parade. We want to have a sea of BLUE walking down main. If you cannot walk but would like to drive in the parade, that is a possibility. Please reach out to me to me directly. To sign up, please click here: [Duchesne High School | 2023 July Riverfest Parade \(duchesne-hs.org\)](https://duchesne-hs.org/2023/07/04/duchesne-high-school-2023-july-riverfest-parade/)

**7/17:** Mark your calendars for July 17th! We are looking forward to a great day on the course! Dixon will be there with some fun games and we are adding SURVIVOR BALL this year! To register, please click here: [Duchesne High School | 2023 Duchesne Alumni, Family, and Friends Golf Tournament \(duchesne-hs.org\)](https://duchesne-hs.org/2023/07/17/duchesne-high-school-2023-duchesne-alumni-family-and-friends-golf-tournament/)

**8/11:** As we approach our 100th year, I want to invite everyone back onto our campus. We are working hard and planning monthly events that we want YOU to be a part of. One of the greatest things about Duchesne is our huge alumni community. We need your support. We want you to share in our success.

August 11th, will kick off our first 100 year event. This Pioneer Nation Celebration will run from 6-9 p.m. We will have food trucks, LIVE music, games, raffles and more! You won't want to miss this event.

**8/18:** Parent Breakfast in the Mezz: School is back in session and you deserve a break! Come have breakfast in

the Mezz and celebrate YOU! More details to come.

**8/18:** Grade School Glow Party Mixer is BACK! Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Come GLOW with us from 7-10 p.m. Any grade school student in 6th-8th grade is invited to come hang out at Duchesne for the evening. Look for our registration link coming soon. Pre-sale Tickets are \$20 or \$25 at the door. DJ, pizza, games and more! Come see what's happening at Duchesne! \*\*\*This event is capped at 400 students.

**8/20:** Duchesne Day at the Busch Stadium! Join us as the Cards take on the Mets at a 1:15pm start. Tickets are \$25 and include a jumbo hot dog and soda. It is a Hall of Fame give Away weekend and kids can run the bases at the end of the game. Our very own, Pioneers will be invited to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" at the 7th inning stretch! To purchase tickets, please click here: [Duchesne Day at the Ballpark \(regfox.com\)](https://regfox.com/duchesne-day-at-the-ballpark/)

I look forward to seeing you soon and want you to know how thankful I am for each of your children. Some of the best parts of my day are because of them. Thank you for letting me be a part of their story!

Becky Williamson,  
Director of Advancement  
[bwilliamson@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:bwilliamson@duchesne-hs.org),  
314.630.6696 cell



Brody Keathley '25 visited St. Cletus' 4th grade class to discuss the importance of pollinators.



## Thank You for Your Support!

It's the end of the school year and almost the end of our fiscal year (June 30). As you are dotting the i's, crossing the t's, tying up loose ends, and reflecting on your family's experience at DHS during 2022-2023, please remember that your tax-deductible gift to the Pioneer Fund or Capital Improvements is of course still very welcome! We will be making a lot of improvements this summer so Capital Improvements is generally the preferred fund right now. Just click [here](#).

Please know how much we appreciate your ongoing support with time, talent, and treasure. YOU and YOUR KIDS are a huge part of why every day is a Great Day to be a Pioneer!

## Please Remind Your Senior -- they could win \$100!

We are asking our seniors to email [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org) with their name, cell number, and the non-DHS email address they will be using after graduation. We'd like to be able to keep our new alumni informed about what's happening at their alma mater! Each Class of 2023 member who emails Mrs. Kohl with their details will be entered into a drawing for \$100 cash. The deadline is 5pm on Monday, 5/22. (The email must come from our soon-to-be grads, not the parents.) Thank you for helping our seniors remember to do this during what is a very busy time for all of you.

## Guidance Office

### FINAL TRANSCRIPTS!

Seniors have designated where their final DHS transcripts are to be sent. Colleges should have received and processed those transcripts by mid-June. The A+ designation for qualified students will be affixed to the final transcript and sent to the designated schools.

### IMPORTANT! COLLEGE CREDIT!

Seniors who earned college credit through SLU ([slu.edu/1818/transfer-credits.php](http://slu.edu/1818/transfer-credits.php)) or UMSL ([umsl.edu/registration/transcript-request.html](http://umsl.edu/registration/transcript-request.html)) should use those sites to have their transcript sent

to the school that they will attend.

### JUNIORS! CAMPUS VISITS!

College visit road trips are a summer family tradition - and valuable in the college search process. Contact the college admission office at least one week prior to your visit for the most meaningful experience.

### PRE-ACT RESULTS!

Freshmen and sophomores will receive self-explanatory results from the spring pre-ACT testing next week. If parents have questions they should contact counselor Gene Tinsley ([gtinsley@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:gtinsley@duchesne-hs.org)).

## Join us for the Cards game!



Join us for Duchesne Day at the Ballpark on August 20th and watch the Cardinals take on the Mets at 1:15 p.m.!

Tickets are just \$25 and include a jumbo hot dog and soda, plus all kinds of additional fun!!

Grab your tickets at <https://duchesnehighschool.reg-fox.com/duchesne-day-at-the-ballpark>





## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Philip Peltes on his college letter-of-intent signing to play baseball at Southeast Community College in Nebraska next year.

Congratulations to Jamond Mathis on his selection by the National Football Foundation as a BIG RED Top 25 recipient as one of the top high school football players in the St. Louis area.

Congratulations to the following track athletes who advanced through districts and will compete at sectionals on Saturday, May 13th at New Haven High School:

Mary Kathleen Beckemeier  
(3rd in 2 mile race)

Maggie Boschert  
(3rd in pole vault)

Claire Burks  
(2nd in triple jump)

Heidi Hartwig  
(1st in pole vault/3rd in high jump)

Alice Hoffmann  
(2nd in 800 meter run)

Rob Jones  
(1st in 200 meter run/3rd in 100 meter run)

Congratulations to the following tennis players who advanced through districts and will compete at sectionals on Saturday, May 13th at Duchesne High School beginning at 10:00 am:

Tom Griesse (1st)  
Nathan Nickel (2nd)

Congratulations to the Boys Tennis team that won the district tournament with 5-0 wins over St. Charles West and St. Charles this past week. The Pioneers advance to sectional play on Monday, May 15th with time and location to be determined.

## SPRING 2023 SENIOR ATHLETES

### Baseball

Michael Graham,  
Brady McCormack, Philip Peltes

### Bowling

Breanna Goff, Lillian Hamm,  
Genevieve Moeller, Patrick Rone

### Esports

Lindsey Emberton,  
Genevieve Moeller

### Golf Boys

Brennan Carpentier

### Soccer Girls

Maya Dowdy, Molly Knobbe,  
Miranda Malcom

### Tennis Boys

Charles Owen, Joshua Purvis

### Track Boys

Rob Jones,  
Gregory Powell-Kenner,  
Victor Quinteros

### Track Girls

Mary Kathleen Beckemeier,  
Maggie Boschert, Breanna Goff,  
Heidi Hartwig, Makayla Liddell

## Volleyball Boys

Dane Gaither, Mason Kimberlin,  
Andrew Knott, Nathan Kulma,  
Elijah Ross, Tyler Small,  
Evan Temple

## SUMMER CAMPS

We look forward to hosting our summer camps for baseball, basketball, cheer, dance, esports, football, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. Please click [HERE](#) for an on-line registration form and camp descriptions.

## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PHYSICALS

Athletes are welcome to get sports physicals with their personal physician or with Health Sports Medicine who is offering FREE sports physicals for our athletes. You must be a current or enrolling student this fall at Duchesne to be eligible for this free physical. You MUST sign up at the SSM Health Sports Medicine: **2023 High School Sports Physicals website.**

## HEALTHY ROSTER

If you have not accepted the invitation to join Healthy Roster, please do so. Our athletic trainer, Katy Mueller, uses this application to communicate with parents and coaches when an injury occurs during the season. It is easy to use and very helpful to track the progress of injured student athletes. Katy also uses this program for tracking physicals and other medical documents.

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Katy would like to eliminate paper copies of physicals or pre-participation documents as parents have access to their child's Healthy Roster account with the ability to upload documents themselves. Once uploaded to healthy roster, Katy receives a notification email and the ability to review the document and accept it.

Please contact Katy for questions regarding this program.

**Katy Mueller**  
**Duchesne Athletic Trainer**  
[athletictrainer@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:athletictrainer@duchesne-hs.org)

### **DUCHESNE SEEKING NEW GIRLS HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH**

Duchesne High School is seeking a new girls head volleyball coach for the 2023-24 school year. The individual filling this position will be responsible for overseeing all facets of the Pioneer Girls Volleyball program. If you, or someone you know, is qualified and interested in the position please contact Duchesne Athletic Director, Paul Boschert at 636-757-6915 or by email at [pboschert@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:pboschert@duchesne-hs.org) as soon as possible.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches for their accomplishments this past school year on the field, court, track, course or pool. We especially want to congratulate our senior athletes and wish them well in the next phase of their life.

### **THANK YOU**

We appreciate the continued support of our Duchesne Athletic Boosters. You are the lifeline of our

athletic program and we can't thank you enough for what you do for us throughout the year. We also appreciate all of the parents who volunteered their time in the concession stand this year to help support our athletic programs.

We would like to thank the following coaches/staff members for their years of service with our athletic program who will be retiring or pursuing other career opportunities at the end of this school year. We

appreciate their time at Duchesne and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Stephanie Mizeur – Volleyball

Alli Tune – Soccer

***Best wishes for a relaxing  
summer with your family  
and friends!***

## **Mark Your Calendars**

### **Spring Sports MSHSAA State Tournament Schedules**

#### **Baseball – District Tournament hosted by Duchesne at BMAC**

May 13 Semifinal at 11:00 a.m.

May 15 Championship at 5:30 p.m.

May 23 State Sectional TBA

May 25 State Quarterfinal TBA

May 31 State Semifinal in Springfield

June 1 State Championship in  
Springfield

#### **Soccer Girls – District Tournament hosted by Orchard Farm**

May 13 Quarterfinal vs Fulton at  
3:00 p.m.

May 15 Semifinal at 5:00 p.m.

May 17 Championship at 7:00 p.m.

May 27 State Quarterfinal TBA

June 2 State Semifinal at World Wide  
Technology Park

June 3 State Championship at World  
Wide Technology Park

#### **Tennis Boys**

May 13 Individual Sectionals at  
Duchesne starting at 10:00 a.m.

May 15-16 Team Sectionals TBA

May 18-20 Individual State  
Championship in Springfield

May 26-27 Team State  
Championship in Springfield

#### **Track Boys/Girls**

May 13 Sectionals at New Haven  
May 19-20 State Championships in  
Jefferson City

**Volleyball Boys – District  
Tournament hosted by Whitfield**  
 May 15 Semifinal vs Lutheran South  
at 5:00 p.m.

May 17 Championship at 5:00 p.m.

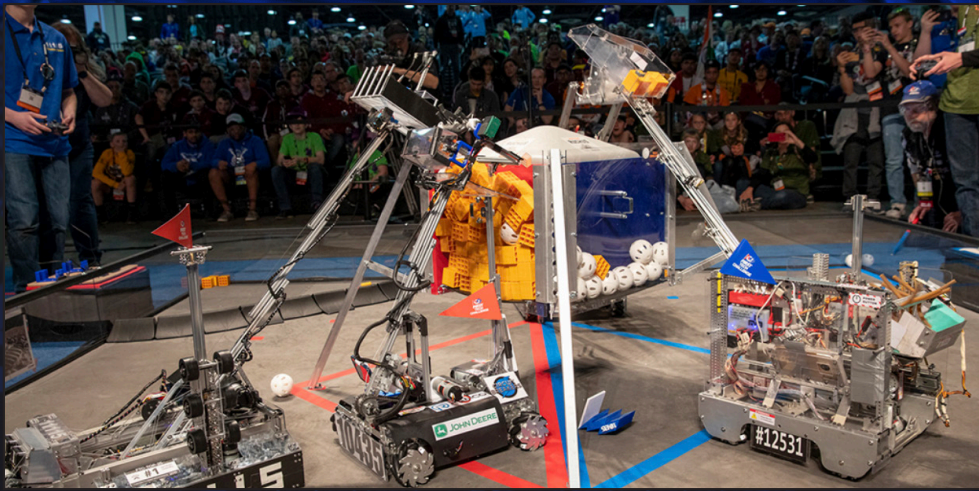
May 19-20 State Quarterfinal

May 23 State Semifinal

May 25 State Championship



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# SUMMER CAMPS

## 2023




DUCHESNE HIGH SCHOOL

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jen333k@yahoo.com





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*-Golf Tournament-*

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Bogey Hills Country Club

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**GIRL'S BASKETBALL CAMP**  
JUNE 5-8 IN THE TED YEATER ATHLETIC CENTER

**3rd - 5th Grade**  
**12 pm to 2 pm**

**6th - 8th Grade**  
**2 pm to 4 pm**

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