## NDBSL UPDATE

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# NORTH DALLAS BULLDOG SUPPORT LEAGUE

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Save the Date!

North Texas Giving Day

September 14

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### 2016 -2017 Funded Projects Support the Bulldogs

Thanks to your generous support and donations, NDBSL has funded close to \$12,000 of academic needs at North Dallas this year. Here's a list of the projects funded:

- Teen Book Festival
- Class sets of books (<u>Left in America</u>) for English Language Learners
- Science equipment and lab books
- Black History Week Speaker
- LULAC Student Summer Convention
- Debate Summer Camp
- Gift Card Incentive for Saturday School/Tutoring
- Advanced Social Studies materials

The North Dallas High School Booster Club, a 503c-3 Non-Profit Organization that supports the NDHS Athletic Program, is embarking on a new fundraising venture. The Booster Club receives royalties on every purchase made through this search engine. It's easy to register. Click on the above web address, register with your name and email and then go shopping! Retailers that use this site: Walmart, Target, Macys, Sears, Kohl's, Best Buy, Home Depot, Dillard's and many more. Let's support our fellow Bulldogs and help back athletics at NDHS

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#### **DEBATE CLUB SCORES BIG!**

Sponsor Jo Rohde and her dynamic debate team have won the top honor in this year's Inaugural Mayor's Cup. The team brought home the championship in May, outscoring all other high school debate teams in Dallas.

Although Ms. Rohde is leaving North Dallas after eight years, she still plans to attend summer debate camp with the team and will help with after hours activities in the upcoming school year.

This year the debate team took the Top Speaker Award in the Fall City Championship, had more than 15 "top

ten" speaker and team awards, named Varsity City Championship Semi-finalist and are the first winners of the Mayor's Cup. The team is pictured with Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings.



#### NDBSL SPONSORS TEEN BOOK FESTIVAL

Librarian Terry Moore and one of the senior students who attended the North Texas Teen Book Festival this April. NDBSL has helped to fund this event for two years. The event features writers' workshops, free books for teens, author's talks and panel discussions. The purpose of the annual festival is to increase literacy in teens, engage reluctant readers and encourage life-long learners. More than 20 school districts attend each year with over 8,000 student attendees.

## Gear Up for Back to School!

Our homeless teens need your help! We want them to get off to the smoothest start yet when the doors open on August 28. Sherri Cleaver, Social Service Community Advisor and NDHS graduate, has asked for the following needs:

- School supplies (notebook paper, pencils, pens, markers, rulers, calculators, folders, notebooks, etc.)
- **Uniforms** (or **gift cards** to Target or Walmart to purchase uniforms)
- Backpacks
- After school/weekend snacks packaged crackers, jerky, nutrition bars, etc.

Sherri Cleaver will be back at North Dallas every Monday through Thursday from 7:30-5:00 after July 10. These items can be dropped off at the front office or brought to the Clothes Closet, a huge storage room that has been furnished by several anonymous donors. If you have questions, suggestions or donations, contact Ms. Cleaver at <a href="mailto:scleaver@dallasisd.org">scleaver@dallasisd.org</a> or 972 502-8906.

#### NDBSL 2017-2018 TARGET PROJECTS

NDBSL's Board met on May 13, 2017 in the NDHS Library to determine target projects for the next school year. We plan to continue our support for academic extra-curricular activities with a goal of getting more students involved and engaged in school. We are expanding our support for services that target our homeless teens, with a lofty goal of \$40,000. Currently North Dallas homeless students comprise 18% of the student body and many are in need of transportation, clothing and toiletries, tutoring, food, medical needs, counseling and mentoring. Our third priority is to provide financial support for extra-curricular student transportation needs – field trips, Saturday tutoring and college preparatory classes. Your membership dues and your generous donations go toward these worthy goals. We will hold a raffle this fall to help fund some of these expenses. We will also be asking for support during the September 14 North Texas Giving Day. If you would be interested in supporting any of these endeavors or for providing support as a matching donor during the Giving Day drive, please contact President Mike Lemmon at m\_lemmon@att.net.

### **Important Dates!**

- NDBSL Board Meeting August 19 10-12 at NDHS Library
- School Begins August 28
- North Texas Giving Day September 14
- Upcoming Raffle/Potbelly Fundraiser –
   Fall 2017 (look for email)