

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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DENMARK 2020

After a wonderful start to the school year thanks to all of our students, parents and employees, it is time to think about the future. This past spring we asked for volunteers from the community to become involved in something we are calling Denmark 2020. We have been contacted by a few people interested in participating; however, we are looking for more members of the community willing to volunteer for this important task.

The goal of Denmark 2020 is to engage the community in a discussion as to what a graduate of the year 2020 needs to have in educational skills and values to be a successful adult in the 21st century. After some common background reading, videos, web links and discussion, a committee comprised of residents of the School District of Denmark will make recommendations for priorities as to what a 21st century student should “look like” when graduating from Denmark High School in 2020. This group will not focus on taxes, revenue and expenditures of the district.

As an introduction to some of the changes occurring for us and our children, we would suggest going to the website listed below to watch the video, “Did You Know”.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cL9Wu2kWwSY125>

This video is just one resource of many demonstrating the need for schools to look beyond what we are currently doing and try to help students set long-term goals to prepare them for a vastly changing world. The following are some questions we will discuss and hopefully give some direction to the Denmark School Board at the end of this process to help guide our students into the future:

- How do we develop healthy risk taking and entrepreneurial skills?
- How do we develop critical thinking skills?
- What global skills do students need to succeed?
- How will technology impact students and what should the district be doing to prepare students for technology changes?
- How will future generations manage environmental issues in order to prosper economically yet protect our natural resources?
- What skill sets do students need in the core areas of math, language arts and science to prosper in the future?
- How will the district continue to develop core values important to the community such as personal responsibility, work ethic and honesty?
- How will the district assess whether students are graduating with the skills and values needed to excel in life?

The plan at present is to begin having meetings in the fall of 2009 with a final presentation to the Denmark School Board by spring of 2010. There will be approximately six (6) meetings in total. We would like the first meeting to occur sometime in October. Please call Kristi Buhr at 863-4217 or email her at buhrk@denmark.k12.wi.us if you are interested

TWITTER

Follow the School District of Denmark
on Twitter

www.twitter.com/denmarkschools

If you are not familiar with Twitter, it is a Web 2.0 based tool. It's a “micro-blog” where users can have messages delivered to their cell phones or through the web. Basically, you can find out what we are doing here at the School District of Denmark. Visit the above website or find a link on our website www.denmark.k12.wi.us.



AP SCHOLAR AWARDS

Five students at Denmark High School have earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program (AP) provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on a student's performance on AP Exams. Four students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of three or higher. The AP Scholars from Denmark High School are Heather Buhr, Amanda Gillespie, Megan Hanna, and Nicole Schmit.

Another recent graduate of DHS, Ben Crawford, was also recognized as an AP Scholar of Distinction and a National AP Scholar. Ben qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of four or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of four or higher on eight or more of these exams.

Through more than 30 different college-level courses and exams, AP provides motivated and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty at some of the nation's leading liberal arts and research institutions. More than 3,600 colleges and universities annually receive AP grades. Over 90 percent of the four-year colleges in the United States provide credit and/or placement for qualifying exam grades.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this outstanding group of young scholars and wish them the very best as they pursue their post-secondary aspirations. We would also like to thank all of the AP teachers, along with all of our Denmark High School teachers, who have made these types of challenging learning opportunities available to all of our students. Great job!

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS AT THE ELEMENTARY



Denmark Elementary School has taken their morning announcements to the big screen, displaying the messages across the TV network at the school instead of over the PA system, which is the more common delivery method.

School District of Denmark employees started the year by listening to international education consultant Rick Smith who energized the crowd with a variety of teaching strategies, including the importance of using visuals for teaching children. Elementary School staff members Scott McPherson and Cindy Grueneberg took this message and developed a morning announcement show. The show replaces the traditional delivery method of audio only for dispensing morning announcements. The new approach has students setting up the set, running the camera, delivering announcements, and making the announcements come to life right before their very eyes. The show can only be viewed through the closed circuit television at the Elementary School.

Those who would like to view the show are welcome to drop in any morning at 8:10 a.m. The live taping takes place in the Media Center on the second floor; otherwise, you may visit a classroom with their TV sets rolling and watch the students captivated by what their peers are saying and doing on TV.

Lights, Camera, Morning Announcements!

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Denmark News has published a school year calendar with the dates of important happenings at all schools. The calendar also includes valuable coupons from area businesses. Calendars are available for purchase at the ECC and Elementary School offices. For each calendar sold, \$1.00 will be donated to the PTO.



FFA AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School FFA officers worked hard this summer planning their upcoming year's activities. They also concentrated on improving their leadership skills to ensure a great 2009-10 school year in the FFA. Pictured are Laura Duescher, Ashley Blazer, and Andrew Schultz, taking their turn cooking a meal for the group. Students camped at Tranquil Timbers in Door County for their leadership session.



The entire officer group is pictured here, with Lake Michigan in the background. They are: Jake Kraynick, FFA president, Laura Duescher, Brittney Schroeder, Andrew Schultz, Cody Kane, Jenny Selner, Andrew Schultz, Ashley Blazer. Not pictured are Mrs. Diane Fischl, FFA Advisor, and Mrs. Patty Kraynik, Denmark FFA Alumni member and chapter one.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Families can find the menus posted on the district page of our website: www.denmark.k12.wi.us. Click the Chartwell's School Dining Service link. Breakfast is served at all buildings except the High School

Lunch Prices:

Early Childhood	\$2.05
Elementary School.....	\$2.05
Middle School	\$2.50
High School.....	\$2.50
Adult Lunch.....	\$3.00

Breakfast.....	\$1.45
Reduced Breakfast.....	\$0.30
Reduced Lunch.....	\$0.40

Milk	\$0.35
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How do Students Qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch?

Household size and income determine your status for free/reduced lunch benefits. Eligibility for foster children is based on the children's income alone, not the household income where they reside.

Only one application is needed per household and can be submitted to your school office or sent to Tony Klaubauf, District Administrator, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI 54208

Applications are available on our district website at: www.denmark.k12.wi.us or by calling Kristi Buhr at 920-863-4217.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

At the September 21, 2009 Denmark School Board Meeting, the board members approved administrative changes for the 2010-11 school year.

Kevin Kilstofte, present High School Principal, will become the Middle School Principal as of July 1, 2010. At the same time Oran Nehls, present High School Associate Principal, will become the High School Principal. The Associate High School Principal position will be filled in the spring of 2010 after a determination of job duties is completed along with determining the total time needed to complete these tasks.

Mr. Kilstofte is replacing Dyan Pasono who is retiring at the end of the 2009-10 school year.



HEALTH UPDATE—H1N1 INFLUENZA

As we enter the new school year and the traditional influenza season, we expect Wisconsin to continue seeing cases of the new H1N1 strain of influenza. School and public health officials are working to keep our children safe and healthy. *We need your help!*

The new strain of H1N1 is still seen as a moderate disease that is behaving much like ordinary seasonal influenza. The main difference between normal seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus is that people over 60 seem to have some immunity, while **younger people seem NOT to**. So, while the disease does not appear to be more severe than seasonal flu, a disproportionate number of young people will probably get it. This is why the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) is recommending that **all people age 6 months to 24 years old be vaccinated for the H1N1 influenza virus**. The vaccine is expected to be available soon, and we will keep you notified about the vaccine's availability in our area and specifically to our students.

The most important thing you can do is to keep your child home if he or she is ill. If your child is so sick that you would normally seek medical care, please do so. The new pandemic flu is very similar to ordinary seasonal flu. Each morning, parents and caregivers should check their children and other family members for flu symptoms such as **fever, cough, or sore throat**. A few cases of pandemic influenza have begun with nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea symptoms. Children and adults who are ill should stay home and not go into the community unless they need medical care.

All sick students should stay out of school for **at least 24 hours after a fever is gone without the use of fever reducing medication, such as Tylenol or ibuprofen**. Students will likely be home 3-5 days. Sick students should not attend alternative childcare. If a child or adult is ill with other symptoms, they should stay home at least one day to see how the illness develops and until completely well for 24 hours.

Children who are ill upon arrival at school or who become ill during the school day will be sent home. In addition to staying home when sick, here are three important things you and your family can do to help stay healthy and keep others safe:

- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.**

Be Aware of Common Flu Symptoms Influenza usually starts suddenly and may include the following Symptoms:

- Fever
- Headache
- Tiredness (can be extreme)
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Runny or Stuffy Nose
- Body Aches
- Diarrhea and Vomiting (more common in children)

Having these symptoms does not always mean that you have the flu. Many different illnesses, including the common cold, can have similar symptoms. Again, contact your medical provider and seek medical care if that is what you would normally do.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time. With your help, we can help keep everyone safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Cindy Weller, RN
Denmark District Nurse

(920) 863-4032
Monday-Thursday



CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING



It is always important to emphasize the need for safety when it comes to students running around the Village of Denmark on the sidewalks, streets, and county roads. Now that Cross Country season is in full swing, I would like to remind everyone to please be cognizant of some of our student-athletes running on the roads during the months of September and October. While we try to keep students off of the roads as much as possible for safety and injury reasons, it is at times necessary to have them run on the roads around the area for certain workout regimes (i.e. hill training, distance training, etc.). Therefore, I am asking for your continued cooperation and extra attention when driving on the roads in and around Denmark between 3:30 and 5:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. This is the peak time in which you will see our runners on the roads. Please be cautious and reduce your speed when you see our Denmark Viking runners on the roadside. Your cooperation is appreciated and will help ensure the safety of our athletes while our program continues to grow. I will continue to remind our students of their responsibility to run on the correct side of the road and to run on the shoulder of the road when they see oncoming traffic. If you have any questions or further concerns, please contact Jeremie Johnson, Head Cross Country and Co-Head Track & Field Coach at 863-4289 or johnsonj@denmark.k12.wi.us. Thanks again for supporting our program and ensuring the safety of our students at Denmark High School!

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The School District of Denmark is happy to offer a state licensed before and after school program. The program is located at the Early Childhood Center and is open to children in grades 5K through 5th grade. Services are also available for early release and no school days. For more information visit the following website: <http://www.denmark.k12.wi.us/aftschlprog.cfm> or contact Shawn Short at 863-3298, 360-1867 or email at shortfam4@centurytel.net

A LITTLE PRINCESS

Mr. Saldaña and Ms. Nicole Vanden Langenberg would like to inform the Denmark Community that A Little Princess is the musical being staged this year.

“This engaging musical adaptation of the classic by Frances Hodgson Burnett opens with a happy Sara Crewe, heiress to a large fortune. Enrolled at Miss Minchin's seminary in Victorian England, her life takes a dramatic turn when she receives news of the loss of her father... and her fortune. Sara is forced by the greedy Minchin to become a servant and live in a wretched attic room. When a mysterious gentleman from India moves next door, curious things begin to happen. Sara even discovers that her fortune has been retrieved. A touching and beautiful score adds a magical touch to this enchanting show.” (The Pioneer Drama Service)

Where: Denmark High School Cafetorium

When: Friday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door

We hope to see you there!



“PUNKINS” FOR PKD



On October 3, 2009 the Denmark FFA, along with the Todd & Tammy Christensen Family, will be holding a Fall Festival at the Christensen homestead. The “Punkins for PKD” patch is part of an effort to help raise money for research to try to find a cure for PKD (Polycystic Kidney Disease). There will be food, fun and yes PUNKINS at this activity! The Denmark FFA and the Christensens hope that the community will join them for this day, for a very worthy cause.

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Attention: Non-Residents of the School District of Denmark

This newsletter is a service provided to all residents of the School District of Denmark. The most effective and affordable process to circulate this newsletter throughout our community is to use a saturation mailing which occasionally picks up a few streets in the postal route areas of non-residents. Avoiding a few non-residents from receiving this newsletter is difficult and costly. Our efforts to communicate with our resident families is important. Thank you for understanding.