

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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First Day of School September 1, 2010

Early Childhood.....	8:00-3:00
Elementary School.....	8:00-3:10
Middle School.....	8:00-3:13
High School.....	8:00-3:15

School Phone Numbers

Early Childhood.....	863-4175
Elementary School.....	863-4050
Middle School.....	863-4100
High School.....	863-4200
District Office.....	863-4000
Transportation.....	863-4018
Lunch Accounts.....	863-4220
Special Education.....	863-4030
Free/Reduced Lunch.....	863-4217

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Welcome Back Students!!

RETIREEES

The following teachers retired from the School District of Denmark at the end of the 2009-10 school year. We thank them for their dedication to student learning and wish them a long and healthy retirement! (The years listed are those employed in Denmark)

Sue DuFresne, Elementary School Teacher—34 Years
Cheryl Frohlinger, Elementary School Teacher—20 Yrs.
Diane Fischl, Middle/High School Agri-Science,
FFA Advisor—19 Years
Jeanne Mease, High School Art Teacher—33 Years
Dyan Pasono, Middle School Principal—8 Years
Steve Pasono, Special Education Director—10 Years

NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following new staff members:

Candice Boutelle, High School Art Teacher
Cynthy Buhrandt, High School Language Arts Teacher
Mary Handrich, Middle/High School Agri-Science, FFA
Advisor
Heather Sandstrom, Middle School Language Arts
Teacher
Joe Koch, High School Associate Principal/Special Educa-
tion Director

DAVE STENCIL

As all of you know by now, Dave Stencil, former School District of Denmark School Board Member, passed away this summer. Dave, along with his wife Shelly, donated a lot of time and energy to the District. Dave's leadership will be missed by the entire community. Our condolences go out to Shelly and their children—Chad, Elliot and Kaila.

EXERCISE CLASS

The School District of Denmark is offering exercise classes starting September 8. Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Middle School gym. Each session will run for six weeks and cost \$25.00 per session or \$3.00 per night. If interested, call Roseanne Polacek at 863-5301.



LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

What's to Eat?

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.....\$2.15
Elementary School.....\$2.15
Middle School.....\$2.50
High School.....\$2.50
Adult Lunch.....\$3.25

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

Milk.....\$0.40

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 (available in every school office) and can be submitted to your school office or sent to Tony Klaubauf, District Administrator, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI 54208. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling can discuss the decision with Kristi Buhr at (920) 863-4217. A formal appeal can be requested by phone or in writing to School Board President, Joseph Duckett, 560 Green Bay Rd, Denmark, WI 54208; (920) 863-6187.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

If your child will be four years old on or before September 1, 2010, they are eligible to participate in our 4K program focused on developing "the whole child." The Denmark Early Childhood Center's 4K program is

offered four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (Wednesday is an outreach and planning day), with both morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session is from 8:00—11:00 A.M. and the afternoon session is from 12:00—3:00 P.M., with bussing provided.

It is never too late to enroll your child for 4K; if interested, please contact Principal Dave Harper at 920-863-4176.

Reduced Price Lunch Income Guidelines 2010-11

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice/Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$835	\$771	\$386
2	\$26,955	\$2,247	\$1,124	\$1,037	\$519
3	\$33,824	\$2,823	\$1,412	\$1,303	\$652
4	\$40,793	\$3,400	\$1,700	\$1,569	\$785
5	\$47,712	\$3,976	\$1,988	\$1,836	\$918
6	\$54,631	\$4,553	\$2,277	\$2,102	
For each additional member add:					
	+6,919	+577	+289	+267	+134

No child will be discriminated against in this program because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, age, or mental or physical handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, write the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250

If you would like an application or have any questions, call (920) 863-4217.

PLANT SALE FOR LITERACY



Floral Plant Growers LLC of Denmark opened their doors to the public and hosted a two-day, Friends & Family community plant sale. \$500.00 was donated to the school which will be used to purchase reading books for students.

A big Thank You to all who purchased plants and to Floral Plant Growers!



SUMMER PROJECTS

This summer, as usual, a number of projects were completed to maintain or improve the buildings and grounds of the school district. Below is a list of those projects:

ECC – Completed replacement of ceiling tiles in the cafeteria/music/art area. Many of the tiles were sagging. The new tiles have brightened this area significantly.

ES – Continued replacement of windows on the east side of the school. The old windows were not energy efficient. This project has been ongoing for the past four years as we try to completely replace all the windows over time. A “climbing wall” protected by mats for physical education classes was also installed in the gymnasium. The PEP Grant (*Carol M. White Physical Education Program*) awarded last year paid for this improvement.

MS – The loud, inefficient gymnasium lights were replaced with the help of a Focus on Energy Grant. In addition, a fitness area was constructed aided by the PEP grant, with the goal of students beginning a lifetime habit of exercise. The Middle School also received a new boiler to improve energy efficiency.

HS – The front entrance concrete was in poor condition and was replaced this summer.

Grounds – The largest project completed was the track resurfacing. The previous track was blacktop and was in need of major repairs. The new track has a rubberized surface common in most tracks today providing a safer and faster running surface for student athletes. A fence was added to keep foot traffic to minimum, especially during football games. While the track can obviously handle some foot traffic, a continual grinding of shoes, stones and other objects can shorten the life of the track. One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) of the cost will be paid off over ten years by an interest free loan as part of the Qualified School Construction Bond Project. (This is explained in more detail in this newsletter.) Because the new fence is close to the concession stand, concessions will now be sold from the north end of the building instead of the east side. The construction class from the high school, as well our maintenance department, provided the changes to the concession stand/storage area.

Since the track was going to be uprooted, the Denmark School Board approved the reseeding of the football field this summer prior to the track work beginning. The football field, used also as a soccer field, endures a lot of wear and tear due to heavy usage in fall.

Local contractors helping with many of the projects this summer include: Bielinski Excavating, Dick’s Lawn Care, Northern Concrete, Van Oss Electric, Hubs Carpeting and Thorne Plumbing. We thank all of our talented local contractors for working with the district on the improvements around our campus.

Also, we don’t want to forget our maintenance, painting and cleaning departments who have worked tirelessly through summer getting our buildings in tip-top shape.

DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT CENSUS

If you are new to the district or have changes/additions to your household, please take a moment to complete the census information which is available at: www.denmark.k12.wi.us or call for a paper form. This form only needs to be completed if you are new to the district or if there is a change (addition/deletion) to your household. Resident response is important because library aid is calculated on census results. All information is confidential and used for school district planning and budgeting purposes only. Completed forms can be returned to any of the district schools, mailed to the School District of Denmark, 450 North Wall Street, Denmark, WI 54208, faxed to the district office at (920) 863-4015, or emailed to goralc@denmark.k12.wi.us. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Tina Kvitek, District Office, at 863-4006. *We thank you in advance for your assistance.*



2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

September

- 1 First Day of School
- 6 No School—Labor Day
- 24 Professional Development Time (PDT Day)

October

- 27 PDT Day
- 28 WEAC Convention (Schools Closed)
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November

- 19 PDT Day
- 24 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 25 No School—Thanksgiving
- 26 No School—Thanksgiving Break
- 29 First School Day After Thanksgiving Break

December

- 10 PDT Day
- 23 Last School Day Before Holiday Break

January

- 3 First School Day After Holiday Break
- 21 PDT Day
- 24 No School—Teacher In-Service Day

February

- 11 PDT Day

March

- 10 PDT Day
- 11 No School—Teacher In-Service Day

April

- 22 No School—Holiday
- 25 No School—Holiday

May

- 21 PDT Day
- 30 No School—Memorial Day

June

- 2 Last Day of School—Early Release
- 5 Graduation—1:00 P.M.

*Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. on PDT Days

*Dates are subject to change

ECONOMIC NEWS FROM TONY KLAUBAU, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Everyone was negatively impacted by the downturn in the economy that began in 2007 and continues today. It has also had a major impact on school funding. In November of 2008, the community passed a three-year revenue limit exemption for the school district. The amounts of this revenue limit override were as follows:

2009-10 - \$700,000

2010-11 - \$800,000

2011-12 - \$900,000

For the 2009-11 State Budget, state aid was significantly reduced for school districts across the state. High aided/low spending districts like Denmark were negatively impacted to a larger degree than many other districts. If the Denmark School Board had voted to use the entire \$700,000 for the 2009-10 school year, taxes would have risen significantly more than they already did in some municipalities. The Denmark School Board only used \$150,000 of revenue limit authority for the 2009-10 school year to minimize the impact on local taxes. The district was able to maintain providing programs by continued cuts to the budget, and the district also received federal ARRA funds provided to school districts for the 2009-11 school years. At this time, the Denmark School Board is deliberating about refinancing long-term debt, thus minimizing any tax increase for residents. Currently, the Board will consider using \$300,000 - \$500,000 to maintain programs for the 2010-11 school year.

QSCB – Qualified School Construction Bonds is a federal program that provides loans to schools at zero percent (0%) interest. The Denmark School District received \$850,000 of the QSCB dollars. Currently, the Denmark School Board committed using \$150,000 for repairing the school track. In addition, the Board is beginning to plan the use of some of these dollars to develop the eight acres of land east of the football field for soccer fields and possibly locate the shot put and discus track events in this area. (The District now has a boys' club soccer program and a WIAA girls' soccer program at the varsity level.) With very limited green space available around the schools for practices and games, a playing surface needs to be developed. The Denmark School Board will also consider working together with local groups while using the QSCB dollars to provide an educational greenhouse/large animal area for the Denmark Agri-Science/FFA programs and providing a bathrooms/concession stand in the football, track and soccer area.

Very recently, the federal government has provided dollars to offset cutbacks in education, police and fire departments across the nation. The School District of Denmark was awarded \$267,000.00. Since the Education Fund has just been awarded, the Denmark School Board has not had a chance to discuss the use of these dollars to offset costs. The money can be used for the 2010-11 or 2011-12 school years.

If you have any question regarding the school budget, please contact District Administrator, Tony Klaubauf at 920-863-4005 or send e-mail to klaubauf@denmark.k12.wi.us



ANNUAL NOTICES

PUPIL RECORDS

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that the School District of Denmark, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the School District of Denmark may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the School District of Denmark to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll and other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings – unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. (These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908) as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.)

If you do not want the School District of Denmark to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by December 31, 2008. The School District of Denmark has designated the following information as directory information:

- The student's name
- The student's address
- The student's telephone listing
- The student's date and place of birth
- The student's major field of study
- The student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports.
- The student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team
- The student's dates of attendance
- The student's photograph
- The student's degrees and awards
- The name of the school most recently previously attended by the student

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD: WINSS ON THE WEB

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has developed a website entitled "Wisconsin's Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS)" to assist parents, community members, and educators learn more about Wisconsin school districts. The WINSS Successful School Guide is accessible on the web at www.dpi.state.wi.us/sig/index.html and includes detailed information on student achievement, student adequate yearly progress, student graduation rates, schools identified as in need of improvement, and professional qualifications of teachers.

Feel free to explore information on this web page from the comforts of your home, from the local branch of the Brown County Library (located on the second floor of our high school), or contact the school district office at 863-4000.



ANNUAL NOTICES CONTINUED

STUDENT SURVEYS

As a school district receiving funds under U. S. Department of Education programs, the School District of Denmark must notify parents of their right to inspect certain student surveys and to opt their children out of those surveys and other activities that collect, disclose, or use personal information from students, including materials designed to sell or market student information to others. The types of surveys include those created by third parties (outside of the school district) and their subject matter as specified below. Parents must be notified of their rights before the survey is distributed to students.

Schools must involve parents in establishing policies that annually notify parents of this right at the beginning of each school year and when substantive changes are made to related school policies. The notice to parents must state the specific or approximate dates during the school year when activities are scheduled.

If a survey asks students for information in any of the following eight categories, schools must give parents the right to inspect the survey:

- Political affiliations or beliefs of students or their family.
- Mental and psychological problems of students or their family.
- Sex behavior or attitudes.
- Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior.
- Critical appraisals of individuals with whom students have close family relationships.
- Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those with lawyers, physicians, and ministers.
- Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of students or their parents.
- Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for program participation or financial assistance).

The School District of Denmark will provide the survey to parents within a reasonable amount of time after the request and before surveys are distributed to students. The School District of Denmark will also involve parents in developing and adopting policies that establish the right of parents, upon request, to inspect student surveys and opt their children out of a survey.

ESEA TEACHER QUALITY NOTIFICATION

The School District of Denmark is committed to hiring and retaining high quality educational staff members. All teachers in our school district have at least a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college and are licensed by the State of Wisconsin, Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as the No Child Left Behind Act, requires school districts to notify parents of their right to request the following information about the qualifications of the school district teachers and paraprofessionals who are educating their children.

Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?

Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher?

What was the college major of my child's teacher?

What degrees does my child's teacher hold?

Are there paraprofessionals working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

You may obtain this information on the Wisconsin DPI website at www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsis/tel/lisearch.html or by contacting Peggy Heise in the Denmark Schools Human Resource Department at 863-4012.



ANNUAL NOTICES CONTINUED

HOMELESS CHILDREN

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth (twenty-one years of age and younger) as:

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
 - sharing the housing of others persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up);
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - abandoned in hospitals; or
 - awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children who may qualify according to the above criteria, the School District of Denmark provides the following assurances to parents of homeless children:

- The local district staff person (liaison) for homeless children is the Director of Pupil Services.
- There shall be immediate enrollment and school participation, even if educational and medical records and proof of residency are not available.
- All educational opportunities and related opportunities for homeless students (preschool to age 21), including unaccompanied youth, shall be the same as for the general student population.
- Enrollment and transportation rights, including transportation to the school of origin, shall be possible. "School of origin" is defined as the school the child attended when permanently housed or when last enrolled.
- Written explanation of why a homeless child is placed other than in a school of origin or school requested by the parent, with the right to appeal within the local dispute resolution process.
- Meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in the education of their children. These shall include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.

Please contact Cindy Weller homeless liaison for the School District of Denmark, for additional information about homeless issues. Mrs. Weller can be reached at 920-863-4032.

SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

Upon request, the **School District of Denmark** is required to evaluate a child for eligibility for special education services. A request for evaluation is known as a referral. When the district receives a referral, the district will appoint an Individualized Education Program (IEP) team to determine if the child has a disability, and if the child needs special education services. The district locates, identifies, and evaluates all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private (including religious) schools, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district.

A physician, nurse, psychologist, social worker, or administrator of a social agency who reasonably believes a child brought to him or her for services is a child with a disability has a legal duty to refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides. Before referring the child, the person making the referral must inform the child's parent that the referral will be made.

Others, including parents, who reasonably believe a child is a child with a disability, may also refer the child, including a homeless child, to the school district in which the child resides.

Referrals must be in writing and include the reason why the person believes the child is a child with a disability. A referral may be made by contacting **Joe Koch**, Special Education Director, School District of Denmark at (920) 863-4031 or by writing him at 450 N. Wall Street, Denmark, WI 54208

*For questions about this information, contact **Joe Koch**, Special Education Director, School District of Denmark (920) 863-4031*

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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.