

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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NEW MURAL AT DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL

A new, permanent Viking logo at Denmark High School is more than just a symbol of school spirit for some of our students—it's the product of an ongoing partnership between Denmark High School and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College that is allowing students to get first-hand experience in a potential future career.

To create the Viking logo made of ceramic tile, eight students from Denmark Tech. Ed. Teacher Rick Anderson's Construction class worked closely with NWTC's Masonry Apprenticeship Program students. For two weeks in March, NWTC Instructor John Zellner brought six tile setting apprentices to DHS to lay out the tile pattern and set the background tile on a hallway wall while the Denmark students observed. The high school students then spent another 12 hours completing the mosaic Viking logo and grouting the tile wall. Through this project, NWTC instructor John Zellner was able to secure all materials, plus a donation of the tile cutting saw to the school, from Norton Construction Products through Lincoln Construction Supply Inc. of Green Bay.

"Students take pride in such visible lessons, and this allows students to give back to the school district and the community—confirming the value of these partnerships and programs," Anderson said.



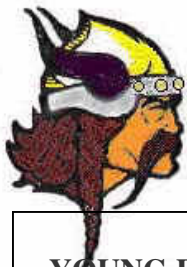
CONGRESSIONAL PAGE

Denmark High School junior, Kirsten Larson has been selected from a pool of secondary school applicants on the basis of academic achievement, aptitude, and the sponsorship of Congressman Steve Kagen, M.D., to be a congressional page this summer in Washington D.C.

"It was a pleasure to lend my recommendation to Miss Larson," Kagen said. "Her background, dedication and her commitment to excellence are emblematic of Badger State values. She's an excellent representative of the people of Denmark, Brown County and of Northeast Wisconsin."

Pages have been serving in the House of Representatives for nearly two hundred years. Working as a team, they assist members with their legislative duties, deliver correspondence and small packages within the congressional complex, answer phones in the member cloakrooms, and prepare the House Floor for sessions.

Kirsten is the daughter of Dr. Chris and Jody Larson and will serve from June 6 until July 2.



YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

The Denmark High School Leo's Club has won the Young Philanthropist Award which recognizes exemplary student contributions to local charitable organizations. This is the second time in eleven years that the Denmark Leo's have won this award.



BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

High School Gym
June 21-24

Grades 4 & 5
12:30-2:00 p.m.

Grades 6 & 7
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 includes a T-Shirt

SUMMER BASKETBALL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Grades 8-12
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:00—5:00 p.m.
in June and July

Cost: \$25.00

For more information contact:
Bob Gaulke
gaulkeb@denmark.k12.wi.us

2010 High School and Middle School Athletics Fall Season

HIGH SCHOOL

Girls Golf:

August 9- First Day of Practice
Gr. 9-12 - 8:00-9:30 a.m. @ MS Rm 113
9:45-12:00 @ golf course.

Football:

August 9- Equipment Pick-Up and Physical
Testing @ HS
Seniors/Juniors- 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Sophomores/Freshmen- 4:30-6:00 p.m.
August 10- First Day of Practice
Everyone- 4:00-7:30 p.m. @ HS

Volleyball:

August 16- First Day of Practice
August 16-18: Gr. 10-12 - 8:00-11:00 a.m. @ HS
Gr. 9 - 11:00-1:30 p.m., @ HS
August 19-20: Varsity and JV, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 @ HS
Freshmen- 8:00 a.m.-12:00. @ ES

Cross Country:

August 16- First Day of Practice
Gr. 9-12 - 3:00 p.m. @ HS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Football:

August 27- Equipment Pick-Up
Gr. 7 - 2:00-3:30 p.m. @ MS back door
(east side of building)
Gr. 8 - 3:30-4:30 p.m. @ MS back door
(east side of building)
August 30- First Day of Practice
Gr. 7-8 - 3:30-5:30 p.m.
September 3- Official Weigh-In @ 3:30
(Players in gear)

Volleyball:

September 1- First Day of Practice
3:15-5:00 p.m. @ MS

Cross Country:

September 1- First Day of Practice

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2010!

Denmark Early Childhood Center



"Educating the Whole Child"

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Greetings as we begin to plan for another exciting new school year! Welcome to our school district, and if you're new to the community-welcome to Denmark! You may or may not be aware of the wonderful opportunities that await your child(ren) within the Denmark School District, particularly for your Four and Five Year-Old Kindergarten at the Denmark Early Childhood Center. We hope that the enclosed information will help you develop an awareness of the programs and services we offer children and families who enroll in our school, and cordially invite you to come visit the Denmark Early Childhood Center (ECC) any time you may be in the neighborhood. As you walk into the front doors, either before or after you receive a warm greeting, you will see throughout our building the many joys our staff shares in educating young children. At the ECC we believe in "Educating the Whole Child". Rest assured that our outstanding staff of teachers and paraprofessionals have the best interest of your child (our children) in mind as we educate and celebrate cognitive, social-emotional, and physical development in your son/daughter's early years of learning. Thomas Dewey, "Father of Public Education", once wrote, "What the wisest and best parent wants for his or her child, that must be the community want for all of its children." The aim of our ECC family is to, as they say, "walk the walk, not just talk the talk." We look forward to meeting with you throughout the year about our school and programs. And we will be glad to help you become involved in your child's education to create "lasting impressions". Please stop by the office and visit us, or call Lori at (920)-863-4175 to schedule a tour. The Denmark Early Childhood Center is a wonderful school in which children learn and grow.

Denmark's goal of "Educating the Whole Child" depends greatly on parent/guardian and community involvement, and we are always thankful to the many parents who contribute or have dedicated time in the past to school programs that may blend well with their talents and time. As you become involved in the school year and its programs, you may have questions. If you need help, please do not hesitate to ask. The Early Childhood Center phone number is (920)-863 – 4175. We can connect you with parents whose children have graduated from the Early Childhood Center or are currently involved in our school programs that can help you better understand the quality educational and personal growth opportunities children experience during their time at the ECC. Thank you for your anticipated support and assistance in helping your child (our children) this upcoming school year. We're looking forward to another wonderful year of tremendous growth for students!

Yours in education,

Dave Harper

Early Childhood Center Principal
Director of Curriculum and Instruction
School District of Denmark

WILL YOUR CHILD BE TURNING FOUR YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1ST?

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I invite your child to attend our four year-old kindergarten program for the 2010-2011 school year. 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".

A parent orientation meeting for those families who have already registered their child(ren) will be held on **May 26, 2010 at the Denmark High School cafetorium from 5:00-6:00 PM**. Administration and 4K teachers will share specific information about the school district and 4K program, including curriculum expectations and parent outreach components as well as transportation information.

If you are still undecided about the best early childhood program for your child in the fall, I cordially invite you to **"A Typical Day In 4K" on JUNE 1st from 4:30-6:00 PM. Parents will have an opportunity to experience some of the curricular activities with their children as well as meet all of our 4K teachers and principal. Any questions you may have about our 4K program can be addressed at that time. Please see below if you are interested in attending this event on June 1st.

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 morning and afternoon sessions. The morning session is from 8:00-11:00 AM, and the afternoon session is from 12:00-3:00 PM. Session assignments will be determined over summer and parents will be notified of placement in August. Thank you for your interest in our programs, and we look forward to having you and your child(ren) join the Early Childhood Center family.

Sincerely,

Dave Harper, Principal

If you are interested in attending the "TYPICAL DAY IN 4K" event, please contact the Denmark Early Childhood Center office at 863-4175, email (harperd@denmark.k12.wi.us), or return the bottom portion of this form to the Denmark ECC office (450 N. Wall St.) by May 28, 2010.

YES, we are interested in attending the "TYPICAL DAY IN 4K" event on June 1st to learn about the Denmark 4K program. We understand this is for families who have **NOT YET registered** their child(ren).

_____ Number and Name(s) _____ of eligible 4K student(s) attending.

_____ Number and Name(s) _____ of adult(s) attending.



Student Success Sometimes Overlooked

Tony Klaubauf
District Administrator

I would imagine everyone gets bogged down in their day-to-day lives and we forget to occasionally look up, take a breath of air, and be thankful for what we have. I admit, when it comes to the school district and the future financial clouds hanging over us, along with the challenges in keeping our district vibrant for the 21st century, I let the day-to-day issues overwhelm my thoughts.

However, a person just has to page through this one newsletter and notice all of the successes of individual students and of student groups to know we all do make a difference in helping students in Denmark achieve at a fantastic level. If there are not enough success stories in this newsletter, take a look at the individual newsletters of each school, buy a copy of the *Denmark News* and look at the volume of school related news, come to a music concert, a play, an athletic event, or walk through school during a school day and observe students engaged in learning. It is easy to see there are many more successes than failures each and every day.

I want to thank parents for supporting their child by asking questions of that child, transporting and watching a son or daughter's activities, and by holding each student accountable for their actions. I want to thank the staff for their sincere efforts in helping each student they come in contact with. I want to thank the community for their continued support of the Denmark School District by providing facilities that foster educational learning. Above all, I thank the students for their efforts in pushing themselves to greater heights than they ever imagined were possible.

We have some major budgetary issues that face our district and that face many districts across the state and the nation. However, for me it is extraordinary, even if it is for a minute or two, to reflect on the outstanding work of so many of our students, staff, parents and community members who have contributed to the overall success of the Denmark School District. Thank you to all and enjoy the moment! Enjoy the summer!

WISE SCHOLAR

Janet Sager, Middle School business teacher, has been selected as a WISE Scholar through the University of Wisconsin System School Library Education Consortium's Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The scholarship will provide tuition for eight courses required for initial licensure as a school library information specialist in Wisconsin. In addition, it will provide Janet with a personal laptop, student membership to the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association for two years, and funds to attend one of their annual conferences. This is a great opportunity for our district to become part of the exciting changes in school libraries as we enter the 21st century. Congratulations and Thank You to Janet for her hard work and dedication.



Thank You to Leona Nelson for
13 years of dedication to the School District of
Denmark as a School Board Member.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School 2010 still has some openings. Classes will run Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., June 14 through July 2. Visit www.denmark.k12.wi.us/2009ss.cfm or call Kristi Buhr at 863-4217 to enroll.



COMMUNITY ART EXHIBIT

If you do all your banking on-line, you will miss the incredible display of creativity and artistic talent by Denmark's art students. This spring, Denmark students were once again well represented in the district-wide art show held at both local Denmark banks. Art teachers saved student artwork from all grades throughout the year to display in the community. The yearly show was held April 21-19. The artwork on display represented the course work of students from the classrooms of Jeanne Mease (High School), Beverly Stearney (Middle School and Early Childhood Center), and Lisa Krause (Elementary and Early Childhood Center).

Denmark State Bank and the M&I Bank have graciously allowed the schools to display local work year after year. Thanks go out to both banks for providing the space to showcase the work of our talented artists.

Below, 8th grader Alex Rukamp helps hang artwork at M&I Bank. Other students that assisted in setting up the display (not pictured) were Sarah Calaway, Dustin Dworak, and Zach Miller.



WISCONSIN COVENANT PLEDGE

Attn: Students and Parents of the Class of 2014

Make sure that you do not miss out on the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge. This program gives your student a chance to be recognized as a Wisconsin Covenant Scholar at graduation. The program is free and will assist you with funding for all types of higher education. **Students must sign up by September 30, 2010.** Enrollment forms can be picked up in the middle school office or by visiting the website: www.wiscinsincovenant.wi.gov

Mrs. Lee
DMS School Counselor

SHARE!

The SHARE! Program is interviewing host families in the Wisconsin area to provide a loving home for high school students arriving in August from over 19 countries including Germany, Hong Kong, Brazil, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium. The students, all between the ages of 15 and 18, participate in cross-cultural exchange to learn about America and share their own customs and cultures. Students stay from five to ten months and are screened for academic excellence and English proficiency, both in their home country and by the SHARE! Program. The students are fully insured and responsible for their own spending money.

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding as a way to develop understanding, tolerance and friendships around the world.

Interested families should contact the Cedar Lakes Region Local Coordinator as soon as possible at 920-863-8734 because many high schools have deadlines for enrollment. The SHARE! Program can also be contacted via internet at www.erdshareorg.

Call Fay Lau today:
920-863-8734
800-314-3738

DENMARK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday May 28, 2010 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
435 Wisconsin Ave.
Denmark

Walk-Ins Welcome!
For an appointment, call
Becky at 863-3428



BAND STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE

1st Ratings at State

Cassie Collins, alto saxophone solo
Liz Lacenski, baritone saxophone solo
Matt Knickelbine, trumpet solo
Liz Neuberger, euphonium solo
Luke Ashley, tuba solo
Ali Breuer & Courtney Schultz, flute duet
Cassie Collins & Megan Gauthier, saxophone duet

Symphonic Band Flute Choir - Allison Pantzlaff, Michelle Schroeder, Amanda Gauger, Courtney Schultz, Kerry Hansen, Morgan Pendergraft, Abby Rich, Jessica Diring, Kristen Kozlovsky, Nicole Calaway, Jackie Meyer, Jordyn Danielski, Whitney Baugnet, Stephanie Scherer, Amber Tatum, Cassie Collins, Seenia Thao, Ali Breuer

Symphonic Band Saxophone Choir - Abbey Sigl, Cassie Collins, Kirsten Larson, Shayne Havlovitz, Megan Gauthier, Rachel Jensen, Nicole Denny, Whitney Baugnet, Liz Lacenski

Symphonic Band Woodwind Choir - Seenia Thao, Allison Pantzlaff, Michelle Schroeder, Amanda Gauger, Michael Loberger, Shayne Havlovitz, Sarah Wanek, Tonya Bosetski, Julia Specht, Kelly Butzer, Joanna Wavrunek, Brittney Wotruba, Danielle Boncher, Briana Keahiolalo, Cassie Collins, Jacob Schulz, Megan Gauthier, Abbey Sigl, Nicole Denny, Liz Lacenski

Symphonic Band Trumpet Choir—Eric Gray, Matt Knickelbine, Tony Lau, Nick Grygleski, Jake Hurley, Brett Bosetski, Tony Borkovec

Symphonic Band Percussion Ensemble - Morgan Westlund, Anna Arndt, Alicia Meunier, Jessica Knuth, Jon VanDenBusch, Ben Schmitt, Brittany Kuss, Nick Borkovec

Jazz Ensemble I - Cassie Collins, Megan Gauthier, Shayne Havlovitz, Tony Deprey, Liz Lacenski, Brandon Rentmeester, Christian Hanson, Liz Neuberger, Ira Angoli, Matt Knickelbine, Tony Lau, Eric Gray, Jake Hurley, Brett Bosetski, Samantha Wautier, Renee Christensen, Luke Ashley, Morgan Westlund, Eric Laabs

2nd Ratings at State

Morgan Westlund, parade drum solo
Morgan Smeester, piano solo
Saxophone Quartet: Cassie Collins, Megan Gauthier, Sarah Wanek, Liz Lacenski
Trumpet Quartet: Matt Knickelbine, Tony Lau, Eric Gray, Jake Hurley

DMS and DMS CHOIRS RECEIVE FIRST RATINGS

Luxemburg-Casco High School was the site of the Bay Area Music Association Choral Festival on Wednesday, May 5. Fifteen choirs from area schools participated. The Denmark High School vocal ensemble and the Denmark Middle School choir both received “first” ratings from all three vocal judges for their performances in Class A.

The choirs are under the direction of Kim Mikulsky-Hess and were accompanied by Kay Busse.

CHOIR STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

St. Norbert College and the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay were the sites of the 2010 state solo and ensemble music festival. The festival took place April 30 and May 1. Of Denmark’s 34 choral entries, 27 received “first” ratings. The following Denmark Class A choral entries received a “first” rating for their performance:

Show Choir: Whitney Baugnet, Tonya Bosetski, Ali Breuer, Katie Cherney, Amanda Gauger, Briana Keahiolalo, Liz Lacenski, Kirsten Larson, Ariel Ripp, Seenia Thao, Naly Yang, Sarah Larson, Liz Neuberger, Julia Specht, Elise Ott, Carolyn Petersen, Marya Plank, Rebecca Skaletski, Brittney Wotruba, and Heidi Leiterman

Madrigal: Sarah Larson, Ariel Ripp, Naly Yang, Liz Neuberger, Tonya Bosetski, Ali Breuer, Kirsten Larson, Elise Ott, Heidi Leiterman, Amanda Gauger, Julia Specht, Katie Cherney, Whitney Baugnet, Briana Keahiolalo, Liz Lacenski, Carolyn Petersen, Marya Plank, Rebecca Skaletski, Brittney Wotruba, and Seenia Thao

Vocal Jazz: Liz Neuberger, Naly Yang, Seenia Thao, Julia Specht, Ariel Ripp, Elise Ott, Heidi Leiterman, Sarah Larson, Kirsten Larson, Ali Breuer, Amanda Gauger, Katie Cherney, Rebecca Skaletski, Whitney Baugnet, Briana Keahiolalo, Liz Lacenski, Marya Plank, Carolyn Petersen, Brittney Wotruba, and Tonya Bosetski

Vocal Solos: Amanda Gauger, Sarah Larson, Kirsten Larson, Carolyn Petersen, Ariel Ripp, and Tonya Bosetski

Music Theatre Solos: Sarah Larson, Amanda Gauger, Naly Yang, Kirsten Larson, and Ali Breuer

Vocal Duets: Ali Breuer and Amanda Gauger, Tonya Bosetski and Ariel Ripp, Sarah and Kirsten Larson, Brad and Ariel Ripp, Rosie Evans and Carolyn Petersen, Morgan Smeester and Colleen Galligan, and Seenia Thao and Naly Yang.

Trios: Kirsten Larson, Sarah Larson and Naly Yang; Liz Neuberger, Tonya Bosetski and Amanda Gauger

Triple Trio: Carolyn Petersen, Briana Keahiolalo, Brittney Wotruba, Elise Ott, Katie Cherney, Heidi Leiterman, Julia Specht, Colleen Galligan, and Whitney Baugnet

Barbershop Quartet: Ali Breuer, Liz Neuberger, Ariel Ripp, and Amanda Gauger

Double Quartet: Marya Plank, Rebecca Skaletski, Ali Breuer, Kirsten Larson, Sarah Larson, Julia Specht, Ariel Ripp, and Liz Lacenski; and Briana Keahiolalo, Carolyn Petersen, Heidi Leiterman, Seenia Thao, Katie Cherney, Brittney Wotruba, Whitney Baugnet, and Elise Ott

The following received a “second” rating:

The Neuberger Quartet; the vocal duet of Katie Cherney and Heidi Leiterman; vocal solos of Whitney Baugnet, Briana Keahiolalo, Seenia Thao, Ali Breuer, and Julia Specht; and the piano solos of Katie Loberger and Lucy Stedl. The entries were accompanied by Kim Mikulsky-Hess and Kay Busse.

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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.