

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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THE MITTEN TREE



The Denmark Early Childhood Center's 4K program had a parent outreach activity night called "The Mitten Tree." Families donated mittens and made scarves to give to the local pantry!

BIOLOGY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL



Mr. Justinn Heraly's Biology students are studying comparative biology. The students observed a skunk and porcupine that were borrowed from the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT FABTECH



On December 6, 2011, Mrs. Arneson took her 8th Grade Building and Construction classes to the FABTECH Service Technician Education Center in Oshkosh. The students were able to tour the center and experience first-hand what is involved with the training there. FABTECH is part of the Fox Valley Technical College and offers four Caterpillar specific service technician career tracks. The tracks focus on developing Caterpillar rental services, engines, construction equipment, electric power generation and marine engine service technicians. It was a wonderful experience for all of the students that went.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS VISIT BARKHAUSEN



Denmark Elementary Fifth Grade students recently went to the Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve for an ecosystem related field trip. The students participated in two outdoor activities – a pond study and recycling, nature's way.



DISTRICT NEWS

FROM TONY KLAUBAU, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

One of the most difficult decisions the Denmark School Board made the past three years was setting the tax levy for the district. This year the Denmark School Board approved a tax levy of \$6,127,494 which brings the district-wide mill rate to 10.157 or \$10.16 per \$1,000 of property value. This change means an additional tax of \$69.65 for property valued at \$150,000 for the 2011-12 school year. (The increase will vary across municipalities.)

The School District of Denmark has historically been a very low spending district. According to the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, the Denmark District's fund balance remained in the bottom 10% of all schools in Wisconsin, and spending-per-child in the bottom 30% for the 2010-11 school year. The previous two years, the district did not use the full authority granted by the voters because federal stimulus dollars were available to offset decreased State support. By not using full revenue authority, the savings to taxpayers the past two years was \$263.50 for \$150,000 of property value. Last year the Board refinanced long-term debt to lower the tax rate. In an attempt to match decreasing revenue allowed by the State, the School District has cut close to \$1.5 million from the budgets since the 2004-05 school year.

For the 2011-12 school year, the district has implemented a number of steps to balance the budget yet keep programs in place. To reduce the tax burden to local property owners, the Denmark School Board refinanced debt again this year. Employees are paying 50% of the Wisconsin Retirement System pension payments and additional dental and health insurance premiums. The employee-paid portion of the health insurance deductible doubled from last year. A number of teaching positions open from retirements were not filled, two aides were put on lay-off, and the administrative staff was reduced by one halftime position.

While the increase in the tax levy is difficult for all, good news does exist. The Denmark School Board does not plan a referendum to exceed the revenue limit for the 2012-13 school year. The Board will attempt to balance the 2012-13 budget by continual reductions where appropriate or use the district fund balance if needed. Currently, the mill rate is projected to decrease significantly from the 2011-12 school year. We will have some clear estimates of this reduction when the district receives aid estimates from the State. After the 2012-13 school year, an additional \$386,375 will be removed from the tax roll because long-term debt payments will decline significantly.

As a result of the School District of Denmark's positive public perception, the number of students Open Enrolling into our district continues to climb. For 2011-12, 68 more students entered our district than left under open enrollment, bringing in \$475,000 of additional revenue for this fiscal year. For this reason, among others, the Denmark School Board continues to maintain and improve academic and co-curricular programs allowing our district to be attractive to families.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 863-4005 or klaubauft@denmark.k12.wi.us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
DENMARK





DENMARK NAMED RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION DEMONSTRATION SITE

Project will exemplify effectiveness of the Wisconsin RtI Framework developed by the Department of Public Instruction

Six schools have been named Response to Intervention (RtI) demonstration sites in the first year of the Wisconsin RtI demonstration sites project. Those schools are

Denmark Elementary School, School District of Denmark;
Community Elementary School, Edgerton School District;
Marshall Elementary School, Marshall Public Schools;
Northern Hills Elementary, School District of Onalaska;
Stanley-Boyd Elementary School, Stanley-Boyd School District;
Barton Elementary, West Bend Joint School District.

The Wisconsin RtI demonstration sites project joins schools with the Wisconsin RtI Center, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI), and the National Center on Response to Intervention (NCRtI) for the purpose of exemplifying and researching the Wisconsin RtI Framework as outlined in DPI's *Response to Intervention in Wisconsin Guiding Document* (<http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org/assets/files/rti-guiding-doc.pdf>).

In an extensive application process, these schools showed strength throughout the 17 criteria, such as: a commitment to the RtI principle that every child can learn; involvement and commitment from the school and district leadership to RtI; an infrastructure that can support a quality RtI system through appropriate scheduling, staffing, etc.; use of teaching tools that have been proven through research to be effective; and the systematic use of data by the entire staff in making educational decisions. In addition, the six schools were carefully chosen to represent a cross section of the state, such as geographical location, size of school and community, and cultural diversity of the students.

"Over the past years, these demonstration schools have worked diligently to create an effective multi-level system of support for their students. Participating in this partnership demonstrates their continued dedication to refining and improving their system of support," said Heidi Thuli, academic coordinator of the Wisconsin RtI Center.

The Wisconsin RtI Center will guide these chosen demonstration sites, which are already implementing RtI with quality and fidelity, in expanding their process to be in line with the Wisconsin RtI Framework.

The first year of the project includes schools focusing their current RtI efforts on reading at the elementary level. Data will be formally collected to assist in documenting the schools' journeys and their outcomes.

For the schools, this partnership will recognize, improve, and refine their current RtI implementation with the assistance and resources of the Wisconsin RtI Center and via partnership with the other demonstration schools.

This project will also provide a concise consistent "Wisconsin RtI Implementation Story" for other schools in the state including

- a description of each level of reading support regarding instructional resources and practices, collaborative structures, and balanced assessment tools and processes; and
- outcomes of RtI implementation on student data, system structures, and staff climate.

Schools and school districts nationally have been embracing RtI as a data-driven process to help students achieve high levels of academic and behavior success. In the Wisconsin RtI Framework, the emphasis is placed on high quality instruction, collaboration, and balanced assessment, with the awareness that all of these need to be enacted with culturally responsive practices. Interventions are administered at varying levels of intensity in a multi-level system of support as determined by student needs.

"We believe the Wisconsin RtI Framework makes a difference in schools choosing to implement. This project gives us an opportunity to showcase that difference and celebrate the success of these six schools," said Thuli.

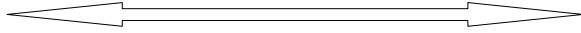
More information on the demonstration site project can be found at www.wisconsinrticenter.org or by contacting Heidi Thuli, academic project coordinator, at thulih@wisconsinrticenter.org or 608-697-4874.



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Picnik
Shutterfly**



**This session will be FREE
but space is limited so
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serve a spot.**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2012
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Brown County Library Denmark Branch
To register call Theresa Olsen at 920/621-4125
or Janet Sager at 920/863-4240
Or email:
olsent@denmark.k12.wi.us
or sagerj@denmark.k12.wi.us**

DENMARK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 29, 2011
1:00—6:00 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
435 Wisconsin Ave.
Denmark

For an appointment, please call Becky at
920-863-3428



DENMARK BOOSTER CLUB ART & CRAFT SALE

MAY 5, 2012
Denmark High School
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

If you are interested in having a booth for the craft sale,
contact Doug Kufalk at 609-3016 or
lazyk924@yahoo.com The vendor fee is \$50.00.
Set-up times will be Friday evening and
early Saturday morning.

DONATION THANK YOU

A special thank you to Frank Finnel, Denmark High
School graduate of the Class of 1936,
who generously donated
\$8,000 in the fall of 2010, to help fund materials for our
new greenhouse. We Thank Mr. Finnel for his generosity.

STING CANCER



**Wear Yellow Day—
Friday, May 11, 2012**

**Walk—Saturday, May 19,
2012**

**Denmark High School
Football Field**

**All proceeds are used to
help families in the Denmark area.**

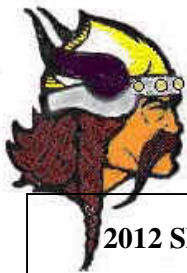
FREE AND REDUCED MEAL PROGRAMS

The School District of Denmark
has free and reduced meal programs
available to families at any time
during the school year. These pro-
grams are based on federal income
levels.

If you think you may be eligible
would like to check into the guidelines, please contact
Kristi at the District Office, 863-4217, during school
hours.



or



2012 SPRING ELECTION NEWS

The present three-year terms for School Board members Nancy VanElzen and Jim Crawford will expire on April 23, 2012. The spring election will be held on April 3, 2012. If you are a School District of Denmark resident and interested in filing candidacy papers for the upcoming election, they are due in the district office by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2012. If we have five or more candidates for the spring election, a primary will be held on February 21, 2012. That primary will narrow the field to two candidates. The final candidates will have their names on the spring election ballot.

If you're interested in running for a position on the School Board, Declaration of Candidacy papers can be obtained during normal business hours at the School District of Denmark District Office, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

School District of Denmark residents are cordially invited to attend regular board meetings held once a month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 211 of the high school, unless otherwise posted. An opportunity is provided at each meeting for citizens to address our Board of Education. Please visit the district webpage <http://www.denmark.k12.wi.us/sbmeetings.cfm> or call the office at 863-4217 to confirm the meeting date and time.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FEBRUARY 6-24, 2012

Take a virtual tour of Denmark Schools. Visit www.denmark.k12.wi.us and click "**Start Your Journey to Denmark Here.**" For enrollment information, click "**How Do I Enroll in Denmark Schools?**" Non-district residents are welcome to apply for open enrollment/school choice in Denmark. Applications for the 2012-13 school year are accepted online from February 6 - 24, 2012. If needed, computers are available for your use at the Brown County Library within Denmark High School. Help entering applications is available by contacting the number below. Current open enrolled students **do not** need to re-apply unless you receive a letter and instructions through the postal service. Please contact the open enrollment coordinator with any questions at 920/863-4006 or email kvitekt@denmark.k12.wi.us.

DENMARK SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

December

23 Last School Day Before Holiday Break

January

3 First School Day After Holiday Break

20 No School

February

3 Professional Development Time (early release)

March

8 PDT Day

9 No School

April

5 PDT Day

6 No School

9 No School

May

25 PDT Day

28 No School

June

1 Last Day of School—Early Release

3 Graduation—1:00 P.M.

DENMARK SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

September

4 First Day of School

28 PDT Day

October

25 No School

26 No School

November

16 PDT Day

21 No School

22 No School

23 No School

December

14 PDT Day

21 Last School Day Before Holiday Break

January

2 First School Day After Holiday Break

24 PDT Day

25 No School

February

15 PDT Day

March

8 No School

28 PDT Day

29 No School

April

1 No School

May

24 PDT Day

27 No School

June

2 Graduation

6 Last Day of School—Early Release



ANNUAL NOTICES

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act—AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos containing building materials. The School District of Denmark has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the School District of Denmark were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared, and the state approved, a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the School District of Denmark has completed their 3-Year Re-inspection required by AHERA. Our district buildings, where asbestos containing building materials:

*Continued our Operations and Maintenance Program

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be re-inspected every three years after a management plan went into effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc. will accomplish this under contract.

Short-term workers (outside contractors—i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the district's Designated Person before commencing work to be given this information.

The School District of Denmark has a list of the location(s) and type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the School District of Denmark at 920-863-4000.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUPIL NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the School District of Denmark that no pupil may be denied admission to any public school in this district, be denied participation in, benefits of, or be discriminated against in any school district curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the pupil's sex, race, religion, national origin, color, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability or handicap, or homeless student status as defined by Sec. 118.13, Wis. Stat. This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. The District encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is also available. To discuss allegations of pupil discrimination or to file a formal complaint of pupil discrimination, please contact: Joe Koch, Director of Special Education, School District of Denmark, 450 N. Wall Street, Denmark, WI 54208. Phone: (920) 863-4031.

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

As required by state statute 6.28 (2)(b), students and staff are able to register to vote at the Denmark High School. Please see Kristi Buhr, High School Office, 863-4211.



WINTER SPORTS & MUSIC SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRESHMAN & JV GAME 5:45—VARSITY 7:15
(unless otherwise noted*)

Dec 19	Luxemburg-Casco (JV/Var)	Away
Dec 22	Hortonville (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Dec 27	*Seymour Tournament (JV/Var)	Away
Dec 29	*Seymour Tournament (JV/Var)	Away
Jan 3	*Southern Door (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Jan 5	Shawano (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 10	New London (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 17	Freedom (JV/Var)	Away
Jan 19	West DePere (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Jan 23	Sheboygan Falls (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 27	Oconto Falls (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 31	Marinette (JV/Var)	Away
Feb 3	Luxemburg-Casco (JV/Var)	HOME
Feb 9	Hortonville (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Feb 14	New London (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 16	Shawano (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 21	Seymour (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Feb 27	Freedom (FR)	HOME
Mar 1	West DePere (FR/JV/Var)	HOME

BOYS BASKETBALL

FRESHMAN & JV GAME 5:45—VARSITY 7:15
(unless otherwise noted*)

Dec 17	Sheboygan Falls (JV/Var)	Away
Dec 20	Hortonville (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Dec 22	Southern Door (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 3	Shawano (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Jan 6	New London (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Jan 10	Sheboygan Falls (JV)	Away
Jan 13	Seymour (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 19	Freedom (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Jan 24	West DePere (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 26	Marinette (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Jan 30	Oconto Falls (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 2	Luxemburg-Casco (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 7	Hortonville (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 10	Shawano (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Feb 14	New London (FR/JV/Var)	HOME
Feb 17	Seymour (FR/JV/Var)	Away
Feb 23	Howards Grove (JV/Var)	HOME

SPORTS & ACTIVITY SCHEDULES

For the most up-to-date Denmark sports and activity schedules, go to www.denmark.k12.wi.us and click on the "Calendar of Events" link on the left-hand side of the page. For specific schedules, select an activity in the "View Schedules" list and then click "View." This will show you an updated schedule for whatever activity you would like to view. To narrow your choices of activities select the location at the top of the page and then the event.

WRESTLING

Dec 17	Fond Du Lac Invite (JV/Var) 8:30 am	Away
Jan 5	New London (JV/Var) 6:00/6:30 pm	Away
Jan 7	Little Chute Invitational (JV) 9:15 am	Away
Jan 7	DC Everest Invite (Var) 10:30 am	Away
Jan 12	Marinette/LC Dual (JV/Var) 5:00 pm	@LC
Jan 14	Freedom Invitational (Var) 9:00 am	Away
Jan 19	Seymour (JV/Var) 6:00/6:30 pm	HOME
Jan 28	Manitowoc Invite (JV) 8:00 am	Away
Jan 28	Pulaski Invitational (Var) 10:30 am	Away
Jan 31	Sturgeon Bay (JV/Var) 6:00/6:30 pm	Away
Feb 2	Shawano (JV/Var) 6:00/6:30 pm	Away
Feb 4	Preble Invitational (JV) 8:45 am	Away

DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL LEO'S



For Thanksgiving, the High School Leo's Club made pumpkin pies that were donated to the Maribel Food Pantry.
Nice job Leo's.

FINE ARTS SCHEDULE

Feb 25	Middle School Solo Ensemble @ Lux.-Casco
Mar 5	MS & HS Choral Concert, 7:30 pm
Mar 13	HS Band Concert, 7:30 pm
Mar 20	Large Ensemble Festival, 4:00 pm
Mar 25	Band Extravaganza, 2:00 & 4:00 pm
Mar 31	HS Solo & Ensemble Festival, @ Lux.-Casco
Apr 26	School Play, 7:00 pm
Apr 27	School Play, 7:00 pm
Apr 29	School Play, 2:00 pm
Apr 30	Jazz Concert, 7:30 pm
May 7	Choral Concert, 7:30 pm
May 9	MS & HS Conference Choral Festival @ Lux.-Casco
May 17	MS Band Concert, 6:15 pm
May 21	4th and 5th grade Spring Concert

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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.