

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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THANK YOU WOOD FAMILY

The family of Frank and Agnes Wood attended and were honored at the Band Extravaganza on Sunday, March 27, 2011. The Wood Family has donated money to the Denmark Music program for over 30 years. Many, many instruments have been purchased with these dollars and music students take a trip to see the Chicago Symphony Orchestra every other year, which is also paid for by the Wood Family Foundation.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2011!

ART SHOW

If you do all your banking on-line, you will miss an incredible display of creativity and artistic talent by Denmark's art students. Denmark students are once again well represented in the district-wide art show held at both local Denmark banks. The district Art teachers saved student art work from all grades throughout the year to display in the community. This yearly show is in progress now through May 6. The artwork on display represents the coursework of students from the classrooms of Candice Boutelle (High School), Beverly Stearney (Middle School, High School and Early Childhood Center), and Lisa Krause (Elementary and Early Childhood Center). Thanks goes out to both banks for providing the space to showcase the work of our talented artists.

Please find some excuse to do your banking this month in person. Or, just stop in to support and enjoy the arts in our schools. You won't be disappointed.



Ink drawing by High School Senior, Derek VandenBush

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The School District of Denmark is committed to providing high quality Early Childhood programs that instill a love of learning and create the building blocks for future academic success. The mission of the Denmark Early Childhood Center is to educate the "whole" child by providing every child with a social, emotional, and academic foundation through various learning opportunities in a nurturing and supportive environment. The Denmark Early Childhood Center is home to a half-day four-year-old kindergarten program, an Early Childhood Special Education program, and a full-day five-year-old kindergarten program. The curriculum is designed to be developmentally appropriate for each child, with a focus on language experiences and active, exploratory learning. The Center also has specialists in Art, Physical Education, Media Center, and Music. Traditionally, strong parent involvement through an active Parent Teacher Organization and Parent Outreach program has empowered parents and staff to develop strong relationships and facilitate activities that benefit all stakeholders.





ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION 2011-12

Concussion testing for all incoming freshmen and juniors, or first time athletes for the 2011-12 school year, will be held on May 11, 2011 in room 207 at the high school. The concussion test is a 30 minute computer test that athletes take as a baseline score. If a student were to get a possible concussion, they would be re-tested and that score would be compared with the baseline score. Our current 2010-2011 spring athletes (8th grade track and all high school spring sport athletes) will complete the concussion testing during sports practice on May 4, 2011. Other athletes will need to sign up in the high school/middle school offices, or by calling 863-4200 ext. 0. Each athlete needs to complete one session — at 3:30, 4:00 or 4:30 p.m.

Parents and students that plan to participate in athletics next school year will be required to attend the 2011-12 Mandatory Athletic Informational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 25, 2011 in the High School Cafetorium. Middle School parents and athletes are encouraged to attend the meeting but it is not mandatory in order to participate in athletics. If you are unable to attend the meeting on July 25, you will need to view the meeting (available after July 25, 2011) on the district website at www.denmark.k12.wi.us. Go to the high school page, bottom right-hand corner and click on [2011 DHS Athletic Meeting Videos](#).

All student athletes (high school and middle school) will need to complete the 2011-12 Athletic Packet Forms which may be picked up in the office or downloaded from the school website at www.denmark.k12.wi.us. For high school forms, go to the high school page, click on Athletics, and then Athletic Packet Forms (8 pages). For middle school forms, click on the middle school page, click on Athletics, and then Athletic Packet Forms (2 pages). All forms need to be turned into the school office before the first day of practice along with a \$15 participation fee for the student's first sport of the school year. (If the student is participating in high school football, volleyball, basketball or wrestling also include a \$10 laundry fee.)

The dates for 2011 physicals will be July 19, 20, 21 & August 1, 2, 3 at Aurora Baycare. The \$25 cost for the physical is donated back to the Denmark High School Varsity Club by Aurora Baycare. Physical examinations taken before April 1 and thereafter are valid for the following two school years; physical examinations taken before April 1 are only valid for the remainder of that school year and the following school year.

FORENSICS

Several members of the DHS Forensics team participated in the State Forensics Meet in Madison on April 15. Receiving Gold ratings were: Austin Cole, Jessica Brown, Bobby Wautier, Megan Gauthier, Brandon Rentmeester, Miranda Stelmach, Katie Loberger, Abby Sigl, Amanda Gauger, and Jessica Knuth.



BOY'S BASKETBALL CAMP

June 20-23 12:30—2:00 p.m., grades 4-6*
June 20-23 2:00—3:30 p.m., grades 7-9*
Cost: \$30.00

*Grade is for the 2011-12 School Year

Contact boys varsity coach Bob Gaulke at gaulkeb@denmark.k12.wi.us

DENMARK COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, May 16, 2011

1:00—6:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church

435 Wisconsin Ave., Denmark
Walk-ins Welcome

*For an appointment, Call Becky @ 863-3428



FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN

WILL YOUR CHILD BE FOUR YEARS OLD BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2011?

It is with great pleasure that I invite your child to attend our four-year-old kindergarten program for the 2011-12 school year. If your child will be four years old on or before September 1, 2011, they are eligible to participate in our 4K program, focused on developing "the whole child."

A **parent orientation meeting** for those parents who have registered their child(ren) will be held on **May 25, 2011 at the Denmark High School cafetorium from 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Administration and the 4K teachers will share specific information about the school district and 4K program, including a curriculum overview, our parent outreach program, as well as transportation information. Any questions you may have about our 4K program can be addressed at that time.

Based on feedback received from some parents, we are exploring various programming options for Four-Year-Old Kindergarten beginning next fall. If you have a child enrolled for next school year, or have an age-eligible child to consider enrolling, we would appreciate your feedback regarding our program structure. We are considering offering a full-day rather than half-day program and providing child care before and after school for the 4K children. The attached survey is an opportunity for us to gauge possible parent interest in a full-day program and wraparound child care. Your responses will help the district make a decision on which program structure(s) to offer. **Please understand that the program preference you select will not guarantee that schedule will be offered for all students.** Please also note that all licensed child care options would be available on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited space availability. Child care, though run by an independent, licensed provider, would be located at the ECC. Once surveys are collected and reviewed, the final program structure and options will be determined and shared with all parents at the 4K Spring Meeting in May. We appreciate your timely response and feedback!!

Current 4K Program Structure: Our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program currently runs four half days a week with one no school day, which is an outreach day for parent-student activities. The morning session runs 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. and the afternoon session runs from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. This half-day structure traditionally has been the most desirable and beneficial to students for academic and social-emotional growth based on program history; however, with schedules and child care making this increasingly more difficult to accommodate, the full-day option is being considered once again.

Please select the survey options that best fit you and your child's needs. Please check all areas that apply to your situation.

PLEASE RETURN THE SURVEY TO THE DENMARK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER BY May 20, 2011.
Your feedback is greatly appreciated!!

Dave Harper, Principal

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The District has adopted the State Model Academic Standards in both core and elective subject areas in developing a District Professional Learning Community that focuses on three questions: "What do we expect students to learn and be able to do?" (Curriculum); "How will we know when they have learned it?" (Assessment); and "What will we do for those students who don't learn it or already know it?" (Differentiated Instruction and Intervention). In maintaining this Professional Learning Community, the district has adopted the curriculum mapping process to establish local benchmarks and grade level expectations for students at each grade level. Programs are developed to meet the needs of individual students within the classroom. An enrichment program is available to gifted students as well as a K-12 Special Education program.

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FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN SURVEY

Option 1 – Half-Day Program

Half-Day Classes – Students attend four (4) half-days of school per week either in the morning (8:00-11:00 a.m.) or afternoon (12:00-3:00 p.m.) with one day off per week designated for parent-student-school outreach activities. Busing would be provided to and from home or care provider on school days.

_____ **I WOULD** be interested in **half-day child care** for my child at the ECC opposite his/her school session and/or **full-day child-care** on non-school weekdays (i.e., morning 4K session students would have lunch and afternoon child care would be provided so students are able to spend the entire day at school; vice-versa for the afternoon session students). These half-day care hours would be available on days when school is in session and full days on non-school weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. based on space availability on a first-come, first-served basis at an approximate cost of \$12.50 per day for half-day care/\$25.00 per day for full-day care.

_____ **I WOULD** only be interested in **before or after school care** (6:00-8:00 a.m. or 3:00-6:00 p.m.) for my child on his/her regular school days at an approximate cost of \$7.60-\$10.00 per day.

_____ **I WOULD NOT** be interested in any child care options for my child at the ECC.

Option 2 – Full-Day Program

Full-Day Classes – Students would have school all day, two (2) or three (3) days a week, depending on enrollment. An additional non school weekday would be dedicated as a parent-student-school outreach day for activities. Child care at the ECC may be provided before and after school from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on regular school days as well as on non school weekdays (weather permitting) on a first-come, first-served basis (i.e., if your child has school all day on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, full-day care may be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, based on limited space and availability at an approximate cost of \$25.00 per day).

_____ **I WOULD** only be interested in **before or after school care** for my child on his/her three full school days at an approximate cost of \$7.60-\$10.00 per day.

_____ **I WOULD** only be interested in child care for my child on **non-school days** opposite his/her regular school days (i.e., if my child's 4K session runs Monday, Wednesday, and Friday all day, I would prefer child care all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the ECC at an approximate cost of \$25.00 per day).

_____ **I WOULD** be interested in **before/after school child care** for my child on his/her **regular school days AND full-day child care on non-school weekdays** opposite his/her regular school days (i.e., if my child's 4K session runs all day Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, I would prefer before/after school child care on those days and also all-day on Mondays and Wednesdays at the ECC).

_____ **I WOULD NOT** be interested in any child care options for my child at the ECC.

Additional Comments/Suggestions for consideration:

Contact Information:

Parent/Guardian Name (first and last): _____

Child's/Children's Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number(s): _____ (home) Email address: _____

_____ (cell)

_____ (other)

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO THE DENMARK EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER BY **FRIDAY, May 20, 2011.**

Your feedback is greatly appreciated!!!



2010-11 STAFF RETIREMENTS

We thank all of our retirees for their years of dedication and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

JEANETTE COONEN, 28 Years

DENISE FLICKINGER, 10 Years

MARY KORNELY, 36 Years

CHRIS KVALHEIM, 23 Years

SANDY LEMENS, 32 Years

ELIZABETH MOERI, 20 Years

JIM MOSTEK, 21 Years

KATHY ROMSOS, 37 Years

SUE SCHMIDT, 35 Years

CATHY SHINER, 25 Years

BILL SOLDNER, 25 Years

2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

September

- 1 First Day of School
- 5 No School—Labor Day
- 23 Early Dismissal - Professional Development Time (PDT)

October

- 26 PDT Day
- 27 No School—Teacher Convention
- 28 No School—Teacher Convention

November

- 18 PDT Day
- 23 No School — Teacher In-Service
- 24 No School—Thanksgiving
- 25 No School—Thanksgiving Break

December

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

January

- 3 First School Day After Holiday Break
- 20 No School—Teacher In-Service Day

February

- 3 PDT Day

March

- 8 PDT Day
- 9 No School—Teacher In-Service Day

April

- 5 PDT Day
- 6 No School—Holiday
- 9 No School—Holiday

May

- 25 PDT Day
- 28 No School—Memorial Day

June

- 1 Last Day of School—Early Release

2011 CALENDAR CHANGES

May 27 – Will no longer be a PDT Day –
School in session all day

June 2 – Will no longer be the last day of
school – School in session all day

June 3 – Last day of school — School in
session all day

ECC CONCERT

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten students entertained family and friends at their spring concert on April 12.





WEAR YELLOW DAY—MAY 12, 2011

Wear Yellow Day is Thursday, May 12. All of Brown County is celebrating Wear Yellow Day which was originally started by the Lance Armstrong Foundation to raise cancer awareness. The motto this year is “ALONE we can do little; TOGETHER we can do so much...”~ Helen Keller

This year we are celebrating Wear Yellow Day with all of the Sting Cancer groups in Brown County and Wisconsin on Thursday, May 12. Shirts are \$6.00 and can be picked up on May 9-11 at DHS in room 182 until 5:00 p.m. Some extra shirts will be available for purchase, but on a first come first serve basis.

CANCER AWARENESS

Former student, Samantha Hessel was recently interviewed by CNN for her advocacy in warning of the dangers in sun tanning.

Samantha was diagnosed with Melanoma in 2009, and has devoted much of her spare time to the awareness of the dangers of tanning beds and the importance of sun screen.

We applaud Sam in her efforts and wish her health and happiness.

STING CANCER WALK MAY 21, 2011

Registration: 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Program: 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Walk: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m.

Denmark High School

Speaker—Diane Schlies

Emcee—Bill Jartz

Visit the High School page of our website
www.denmark.k12.wi.us and click on
Sting Cancer for more information.

All funds raised from this walk will benefit cancer patients in the Denmark community. Money will go toward expenses such as groceries, gas cards, meals, or other financial needs.

Questions: Contact Karen Bloom at
920-863-4270 or email at
bloomk@denmark.k12.wi.us

ST. BALDRICKS'S EVENT

Ten Denmark High School students and two adults shaved their heads at the St. Baldrick's event in Green Bay. They raised more than \$1000 for childhood cancer research! Many of the Sting Cancer members volunteered at the event! If you see any of these brave guys...tell them thank you!



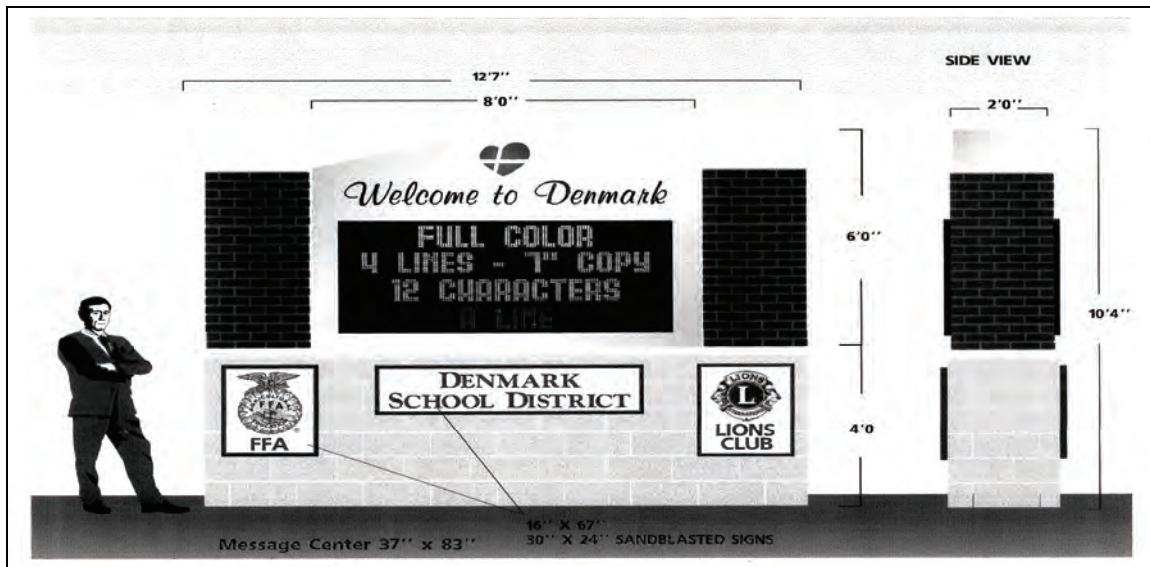


WELCOME TO DENMARK SIGN

Below is a drawing of the new electronic sign that will be located at the entrance of the Village of Denmark (across from McDonalds) to help promote the school district and many other organizations within the community. (All the major donors will be recognized at the bottom of the sign) The sign construction will start shortly and we hope to have it in operation by July 1, 2011. This project was completed with a financial partnership between the following organizations:

School District of Denmark
Village of Denmark
Denmark Lions Club
Denmark FFA Alumni
Denmark Wrestling Club

In addition, the Knights of Columbus, American Legion and VFW groups have volunteered to pay for all costs of relocating the flags from the corner of DePere Road and County R. Northern Concrete has volunteered to supply the base for the sign with the help of Bielinski Trucking. High school students, with the help of NWTC and Mr. Anderson, will assist with the cement block and brick work of the sign. Thanks to all!



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DENMARK CENSUS

If you are new to the district or have changes/additions to your household, please take a moment to complete the census information. This information need only be completed if you are new to the district or 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.* Census forms are available at www.denmark.k12.wi.us or on the next page.

If you have children between the ages of 0 and 20 years of age, this notice is for you!

If you do not have children between the ages of 0 and 20, please disregard this notice.

If you are new to the district or have changes/additions to your household, please take a moment to complete the information requested below. This information need only be completed if you are new to the district or there is a change (addition/deletion) to your household.

This information is vital in allowing the district to plan for educational programming, as well as facilities. The 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 Kvittek, District Office, at 863-4006. *We thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.*

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION			
LAST NAME:		FIRST NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS AND PO BOX:		CITY:	ZIP CODE:
PHONE NUMBER:		SPOUSE:	SPOUSE FULL MIDDLE NAME:

Check the municipality in which you live Check the distance your home is from school.

Cooperstown	Circle county of residence	0 – 2 miles	Is this address the same address you lived at during April of 2010? ____ Yes ____ No <i>If changed: Please indicate the address you moved from:</i>
Eaton		2.1 – 5 miles	
Franklin		5.1 – 8 miles	
Gibson		8.1 – 12 miles	
Glenmore		12.1 – 15 miles	
Ledgeview	Kewaunee	15.1 – 18 miles	ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
Morrison	Manitowoc	Over 18 miles	
New Denmark			
Village of Denmark			
Village of Maribel			

Household Members Ages - Birth to 20 (Any person who will not become 21 years old by June 30, 2011)							
Child's Name First, Full Middle Name, Last	Child's Birth Date MM/DD/YYYY	2010-11 Grade	Sex M or F	School Student Will Attend in 2011-12	Ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino?)	Race (circle one or more) I A B P W	Disability
					Yes No	I A B P W	
					Yes No	I A B P W	
					Yes No	I A B P W	

Race Key: I - American Indian or Alaskan Native; A –Asian; B –Black or African-American; P –Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander; W –White



NEWS FROM THE DESK OF TONY KLAUBAUF

The public school environment in Wisconsin is volatile, to say the least, at this time in our history. Obviously, Governor Walker's repair bill and bi-annual State Budget are driving a great deal of the uncertainty and anxiety within Wisconsin regarding planning for the next two budget cycles locally. However, there is also a great deal of change occurring outside of budgetary issues. The district has been and will continue to grapple with issues surrounding preparing students for education and employment opportunities that we cannot even envision. Creating a world class set of citizens who can read and find information efficiently, can easily adapt to change, are highly effective communicators, have creative problem solving skills and have a strong work ethic, are the students who will have the greatest chance of success as we move through the 21st century. Providing that education under difficult financial constraints is what is expected of all districts today.

Besides the financial challenges the district faces, there are many valuable experiences students have a chance to experience every day in our Denmark School District. In addition, some of the initiatives we have been developing, we believe, will help prepare students for the future.

- Providing training and technology tools to staff and students. Students will be competing with students from around the world. We are trying to fund, through a variety of sources, improving computer and other technologies that will enhance student learning. For the 2011-12 school year, we plan on having one-to-one computing for every child entering sixth grade (more information for these students and parents will come later). We will also be moving from textbooks to laptop computers in a number of high school science classes for the 2011-12 school year.
- We will continue to have all students learn two languages, with the goal of every student being competent in two languages by the time this year's Kindergarten students are seniors in high school. World language instruction will be advancing from Kindergarten to First Grade for 2011-12, while continuing to teach Spanish at the 5K level.
- We have a group of teachers and administrators working on a committee discussing 21st century learning for middle and high school students. While this committee is in its infancy, we want all students who graduate from Denmark to be engaged learners who can adapt to the changing expectations of higher education and the work world. The group is going to be discussing helping students grow in financial literacy, developing projects connected to real world applications, and others ways to engage older students during their middle and high school years.

These are just a few of the many ways the District is working to improve the education for students now and into the future.

Below is part of a recent letter to Mr. Nehls, high school principal, from a parent who visited the high school with the intent of open enrolling their children. As can be seen, it is a very positive letter about our district and, in particular, the high school. (Names have been changed and the letter altered slightly to protect confidentiality)

"Mr. Nehls,

The visitation to Denmark was a very good experience for us as well. Mary felt like she belonged and the focus on academics is all the girls are talking about. We did open enroll and will wait for the paper work. Beth, her guide, made Mary feel so comfortable and it helped both the girls feel like Denmark is the school for them. Our other daughter, Jane, was taking it all in and trying to be open minded...her observing stage. She is usually the dynamic one so it was interesting to see her so quiet and reflective. She did go home and talk non-stop to my husband about the school and how she and her siblings would excel. Another family we know open enrolled as well.

I must admit we were worried that we talked too much in the classrooms and disrupted learning; however, it helped the girls feel connected to the students. It was a very positive experience for all of us. Currently we are trying to help save the music department at our school. It is such a sad situation. I cannot begin to voice the difference in leadership within the two schools. We appreciate the vision and collaborative atmosphere in your school. And, the positive energy from everyone! We hope our family can be an active part of your community - despite the drive :-)"



FOOD NUTRITION UPDATE

Highlights of 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization December 13, 2010

- Foster children are automatically eligible for free meals.
- Allows schools in high-poverty areas to offer free meals to all students if the level of direct certification exceeds 40 percent.
- Requires school districts to gradually increase their “paid” lunch charges until the revenue per lunch matches the federal free reimbursement level.
- Allows only lower-fat milk options.
- Ensures that water is available free of charge during the meal service.
- Gives the USDA authority to establish national nutrition standards for all foods sold on the school campus throughout the school day.

Highlights of the Proposed Rules in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs—January 13, 2011

- Starchy vegetables (e.g., white potatoes, corn, lima beans, and green peas) would be limited to one cup per week to encourage students to try new vegetables. Starchy vegetables cannot be served for breakfast.
- Low fat milk cannot be flavored. Only fat-free milk can be flavored.
- Half the grains offered during the week must be whole grain.
- Weekly requirements for dark green and orange vegetables, and legumes.
- Daily requirements for fruit and vegetables will increase.

ROBOT COMPETITION

High School students in Mr. Anderson’s engineering class took 5th place in the robot competition held at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.



CHORAL ENTRIES ADVANCE TO STATE

Congratulations go out to all choral students who participated in the Bay Area Music Association solo & ensemble music festivals on Thursday, March 31 and Saturday, April 2 at Denmark High School. Of the 86 total Denmark choral entries, 88% received a “first” rating, with 44 Class A entries receiving a “starred first” rating, advancing them to the state festivals in May.

Entries that will be performing at the state solo and ensemble festivals include:

The show choir, The vocal jazz ensemble, The madrigal.

The vocal solos of Brad Ripp, Liz Neuberger, Ali Breuer, Allison Kozelek, Ali Ashley, Colleen Galligan, Liz Lacenski, Laura Duescher, Amanda Gauger, Morgan Smeester, Kirsten Larson, Sierra Polzin, Mackenzie Linzmeier, and Kelsey VandenLangenberg.

The music theatre solos of Liz Neuberger, Elise Ott, Kirsten Larson, Morgan Smeester, Lindsey Bosetski, Amanda Gauger, Colleen Galligan, and Ali Breuer.

The vocal duets of Kirsten Larson, Amanda Gauger, Brad Ripp, Briana Keahiolalo, Liz Lacenski, Tenaye Watzka, Allison Kozelek, Morgan Smeester, Sam Parmentier, Ali Breuer, Laura Duescher, Becca Skaletski, Kayla Schweiner, Carolyn Petersen, Elise Ott, Liz Neuberger, and Colleen Galligan.

The trio consisting of Kirsten Larson, Liz Neuberger, and Amanda Gauger. The trio consisting of Ali Breuer, Laura Duescher, and Colleen Galligan.

The double trio consisting of Lindsey Bosetski, Sarah Kane, Heidi Leiterman, Katie Cherney, Whitney Bagnat, and Liz Lacenski. The double trio consisting of Becca Skaletski, Makayla Johnson, Morgan Smeester, Briana Keahiolalo, Elise Ott, and Julia Specht.

The triple trio consisting of Tenaye Watzka, Alisha Clancy, Kayla Schweiner, Allison Kozelek, Jessica Brown, Rosie Evans, Ali Ashley, Danielle Deprey, and Carolyn Petersen.

The quartet consisting of Kirsten Larson, Colleen Galligan, Amanda Gauger, and Liz Lacenski.

The double quartet consisting of Liz Neuberger, Makayla Johnson, Briana Keahiolalo, Laura Duescher, Heidi Leiterman, Rosie Evans, Ali Ashley, and Sarah Kane. The double quartet consisting of Lindsey Bosetski, Carolyn Petersen, Julia Specht, Becca Skaletski, Elise Ott, Kayla Schweiner, Danielle Deprey, and Allison Kozelek.

The barbershop quartet consisting of Kirsten Larson, Liz Neuberger, Morgan Smeester, and Amanda Gauger.

The barbershop quartet consisting of Carolyn Petersen, Heidi Leiterman, Lindsey Bosetski, and Elise Ott

Choral entries were accompanied by Kim Mikulsky-Hess, Kay Busse, Antonio Saldaña, Nicole VandenLangenberg, and Brianna Knoflicek.



New Common Core State Standards Adopted in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction adopted new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in June, 2010. These new sets of standards were developed for English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades K-12 with an emphasis on college and career readiness. The CCSS were developed by the National Governor's Council and the Council of Chief State School Officers with a coalition of other national education experts through extensive national and international research. Most states have formally adopted the CCSS. Science and Social Studies CCSS are projected to be completed within the next two years.

In Wisconsin, the CESAs (Cooperative Educational Service Agencies) have designed and facilitated statewide "Investigation" sessions for teachers and administrators to begin to study these new academic standards. Students will be assessed on these new standards in 2014-15, which implies full implementation of these standards over the next four years. The English Language Arts standards offer a new complexity, rigor, depth, and comprehensiveness in the areas of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language. As teacher teams attend the investigation sessions, they are learning not only what will be expected of their students but are also considering how their classroom instruction will need to be adjusted to meet these standards.

The new mathematics standards for grades K-12 offer complexity in mathematical concepts and practices and a sharper focus with increased rigor and depth of understanding. Because the expectations from grade level to grade level have shifted in their rigor, placement, and emphasis, districts are finding it necessary to take the time to study these standards and understand just what is being required of students – and also of instruction to meet these expectations.

The 2010-11 school year is a year of study, reflection, and investigation of these new standards. In the meantime, the current national system of accountability is still in place, where districts are measured for their "Adequate Yearly Progress" as measured by the WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination). As time progresses, work will follow regarding curriculum development and alignment to ensure the highest level of learning for our students in relation to the new standards. You will find more information regarding this initiative as well as a copy of the Common Core State Standards posted online at www.corestandards.org.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to the implementation of the Common Core State Standards in our school district, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Harper at (920)-863-4176.

DESSERTS WITH DAD & MEMORIES WITH MOM

Denmark Elementary and the Early Childhood recently held their second annual "Dessert with Dad" evening on March 15. Over 150 adults and children played board games and enjoyed ice cream sundaes.



On Thursday, April 14, both schools held their second annual "Memories with Mom" evening. Approximately 200 adults and children created memories by designing a flower pot and enjoying ice cream floats.



THE DREAM PLAY

The fifth grade students of Mrs. Julie Schultz performed the play The Dream Play for students of the Elementary School.



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2011 SUMMER SCHOOL

**June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1
Aug. 1-5, Aug. 8-12, Aug. 15-19**

Summer School is open to all students living in the School District of Denmark.

Registration is open for Summer School 2011. Visit the district page of our website www.denmark.k12.wi.us and click on Summer School 2011. Registration will end on May 8.

Contact Kristi at 920-863-4217 if you do not have computer access, if you have any questions, or if you miss the deadline.

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.