

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR



The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) 8th District of Wisconsin "Teacher of the Year" award was given to Meghan Retallick from the Denmark Middle School.

Pictured are Department of WI Commander, Larry Kutschma; Chairman of the program for the Ladies Auxiliary, Heather Fifield; Meghan Retallick; Department of WI Ladies Auxiliary President, Linda Feldkamp; and Chairman of the program for the VFW, Rod Fifield.

Meghan was selected by the local Denmark VFW Post 6705 in November and her portfolio was then judged at the District 8 Level. She was honored at a banquet in January. The VFW Citizenship Education Teacher Recognition Award honors educators "who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism," according to the VFW website.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE I

Congratulations to the members of Jazz Ensemble I on their outstanding performance at the UW-La Crosse Jazz Festival. They WON their division, class B (school size), earning a performance in the festival's evening concert. Several students were also awarded "Outstanding Soloist/Performer" certificates for their performances. Those students are: Morgan Smeester—tenor sax, Matt Smeester—alto sax, Tony Deprey—tenor sax, Liz Neuberger—bass trombone, Brett Bosetski—trumpet, Rosie Evans—flugelhorn, Eric Laabs—drums and Luke Ashley—bass. The band was also awarded a plaque.



Jazz I members include: Alex Sekora (front LEFT kneeling), Rosie Evans, Colleen Galligan, Elizabeth Brunner, Brett Bosetski, Matt Specht, Eric Laabs, Tony Deprey. Back row: Morgan Smeester, Tyler Stipe, Alexia Brewster, Mrs. Karen Johnson, Kendall Meyer, Kevin Traeger, Jacob Koenig, Matt Specht, Liz Neuberger, and Luke Ashley.

OPEN ENROLLMENT 2012-13 EXTENDED TIME TO APPLY

February 6 to April 30, 2012

A new Wisconsin law has extended the open enrollment application period for the 2012-13 school year. Anyone wishing to attend Denmark Schools may still apply. For more information about Denmark, you can take a virtual tour of Denmark Schools by logging onto www.denmark.k12.wi.us and clicking "Come and Join us in the Denmark School District." 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 are accepted online from February 6 to April 30, 2012. Computers are available for your use at the Brown County Library within Denmark High School. You are welcome to ask for help entering applications. Current open enrolled students **do not** need to reapply 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.



SPRING STOCK TEAM

Monday, February 6, marked the beginning of the ninth annual SIFMA Foundation "Capitol Hill Challenge" Stock Market Game and Denmark High School is participating this year. It is a zero cost program where schools make investments on behalf of a member of Congress with the goal of earning the most money as compared to the S&P 500. Denmark High is paired with U.S. Congressman Reid Ribble.

Over the course of 14 weeks, Denmark students will compete against more than 400 other schools nationwide. The top three groups will travel to Washington, D.C., meet their elected Member of Congress, tour the nation's Capitol, and see firsthand how our national economic policies are developed.



DHS Participants: Cory Kralovetz, Jake Charneski, Dakota Crosby, Ryan Giltner, Tanner Tanck, Becca Leiterman and Kinghi Thao. Not pictured are Nick VanBeek, Jonah Eickert, Ben Kane and Dan Selner.

POULTRY EDUCATION



Mrs. Mary Handrich's Middle School Agriculture students are learning about poultry production. The students are observing chicks hatching in an incubator and learning to care for them after they have hatched.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

OVER \$1,290 DONATED IN DENMARK HIGH SCHOOL'S FBLA'S 2012 PENNIES FOR PATIENTS FUNDRAISER

Denmark's Future Business Leaders of American organization held its annual **Pennies for Patients** fundraiser in February. FBLA members distributed cans and collected and counted the money that the classrooms donated during this time.

The fundraiser was held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. All money collected helps to fund research and patient service programs for patient aid, education and family support groups. The mission of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

After a VERY successful fundraiser, Denmark's FBLA will be sending a check in the amount of \$1,294.90 to the Wisconsin Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Many first block teachers and their students helped to make this fundraiser such a success. The classrooms of the following teachers donated \$100 or more during the fundraiser: Mrs. Albers—\$118.05, Mr. Baciak—\$263.38, Mrs. Deprez—\$130.76, Ms. Latus—\$131.96, Mr. Liddicoat—\$214.62, and Mr. Morford—\$196.65.



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BAND EXTAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

**PERFORMANCES AT
2:00 AND 4:00 P.M.**



VETERAN'S SHELTER/COMMUNITY CUPBOARD ADDITION

Our local Denmark and Maribel Community Cupboard has helped hundreds of local families with food and other necessities. Terry and Russ Gajeski, coordinators of the food pantry, have used their home to store the goods generously provided by the community. It is now time for the community to help Terri and Russ, by providing an adequate storage facility for the pantry.

The Denmark VFW and Legion are supporting this effort by allowing an addition to be built on the Veteran's Shelter this coming fall. Many people have already volunteered time and talent to make this project a success. The Denmark Lions are one of the local groups who have already stepped forward with a very sizable pledge of support.

We are attempting to raise \$15,000 for this project for materials and some labor costs. The M & I Bank and the Denmark State Bank have both graciously volunteered to accept donations. Anyone can donate any amount at either bank. Checks can be made payable to "**Veteran's Shelter/Community Cupboard Addition.**" We had a \$500 anonymous donation as soon as the accounts were opened.

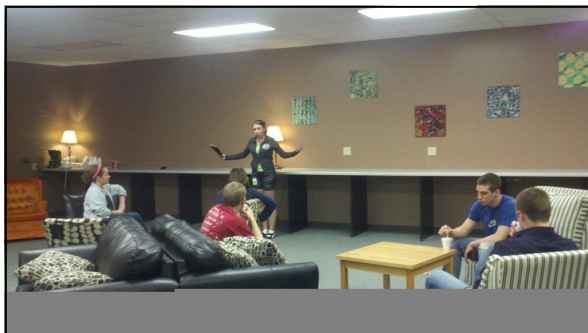
A fundraiser is planned for the evening of **September 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Denmark High School Gymnasium. The Harlem Ambassadors will be playing basketball against a local team along with plenty of other fun and entertainment. Please keep this evening free for a great night of family entertainment. The Ambassadors are very similar to the Globetrotters.

Please do what you can to help. Should you have any questions or wish to volunteer in some way, please contact Tony Klaubauf at 863-4005 or klaubauft@denmark.k12.wi.us.

Tony Klaubauf
Denmark/Maribel Community Cupboard President

THE READER'S CAFÉ

Denmark High School recently opened The Reader's Café. The students and staff created this space to promote recreational reading. This supervised area is open during the enhancement period. Nice work students and staff!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT A Reader's Café Fundraiser

Jeff Michaels
Hypnosis Show
&
Bake Sale

APRIL 13, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Denmark High School Cafetorium

Proceeds to benefit the
student reading lounge.

\$8 ahead of time
\$10 at the door
\$6 11 and under

Tickets may be purchased in the High
School office after April 2nd.



PARENTS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON FACEBOOK?

In a recent article in the Atlantic titled, *Infographic: How Employers Use Social Media to Hire and Fire*, their research indicated that 45% of employers were using social media sites to screen potential hires. The article also stated that employers find negative content more often than positive content. The article further pointed out that there is a new law in place to allow third party companies to gather data for other companies to use as part of their hiring process:

"A new law was recently passed allowing third-party companies to begin compiling social media reports for other companies to use in order to screen potential hires. With this service becoming available in the near future, it's more important than ever to keep your social media presence clean as possible - - you never know if a future employer is going to find something that makes it believe you are not fit for the job, or the type of employee they are looking for."

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2011/08/infographic-how-employers-use-social-media-to-hire-and-fire/243599/>

We here at Denmark High School are continually trying to educate students about the pros and cons of using social media, such as Facebook. We try to explain to students that putting something on their Facebook page does not guarantee that it will remain private or that someone hasn't taken a picture of them and tagged it and placed it on the Web, such as pictures of students in violation of the co-curricular code. Pictures of students that are involved in activities violating the co-curricular code that are posted on Facebook will result in consequences being issued. We have tried to explain to the students to not post pictures on Facebook that you would not want your parents, teachers, coaches, school administrators and possible future employers to see. Once it is out on the Web, it is difficult to erase it or get it back. That is why it is very important for parents to keep a close eye on their child's Facebook page. Parents should ask their children to show you their Facebook page and review their list of "friends." You may be shocked at what you find on your child's Facebook page or their "friends" pages. We here at Denmark High School are not actively reviewing Facebook pages, however, if people turn in photos of students violating the co-curricular code we will be following the code to determine the consequences.

Mr. Oran Nehls
Denmark High School Principal

WORLD BOOK NIGHT

World Book Night is an annual celebration designed to spread a love of reading and books. It will be held in the U.S. as well as the U.K. and Ireland on April 23, 2012. April 23 is the UNESCO International Day of the Book, chosen in honor of Shakespeare and Cervantes, who both died on April 23 1616. (It is also the anniversary of Shakespeare's birthday.) In the Catalan region of Spain, the day is celebrated by giving a book and a flower to a loved one. There will be tens of thousands of people going out into their communities to spread the joy and love of reading by giving out free *World Book Night* paperbacks to young adults.

Mrs. Sager will be celebrating **World Book Night** at the **Denmark Library** from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on April 23**. She will be handing out books to young adult readers on a first come, first serve basis. Come to the library and read awhile.



EBOOKS FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Middle School has been awarded a Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association PET Outreach Grant. The money will be used to purchase Kindles, audio books, and eBooks for Denmark Middle School. Last fall, in a research project that was conducted with the support of a group of students, it was determined that students preferred to read using an electronic device. The research conducted by Mrs. Janet Sager, Denmark Library Media Specialist, was an integral part of securing funds through a grant from WEMTA. Congratulations to Mrs. Sager for her efforts in obtaining these wonderful technology devices for our school!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURS

Mrs. Arneson's DMS Manufacturing and Engineering classes have been working on their company projects. The "Chained Down Vikings" are making Denmark Vikings key chains and the "Box Heads" are making pencil boxes. The students teamed up with Mr. Gauthier's Technology Literacy and Careers class for all of the advertising and marketing needs for selling the key chains and pencil boxes.



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 attached census information 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.* The census form is attached or can be downloaded at www.denmark.k12.wi.us.

TEACHING AT THE ELEMENTARY

Elementary Teachers Scott McPherson, Becky Seabaugh and Lynette Roup are representing Denmark Elementary School on a State-wide panel as one of only six schools in the State of Wisconsin recognized for their work in raising reading levels of all students.



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.



DENMARK BOOSTER CLUB FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Thursday, April 5th, 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

The band Big Mouth, featuring Middle School Band Director Mr. Dennee, at Circle Tap. There is a \$5.00 cover charge.

Wednesday, May 2nd, Current players of the Green Bay Packers will be competing against Denmark students and staff in a basketball game. There will be concessions beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the game will be from 7:00 -8:00 p.m. Autograph signing will be held after the game – one item per person. Tickets are available in all district school offices and at Denmark State Bank. HS student and adult price is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. MS, ES, and ECC student prices are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door.

Saturday, May 5th, There will be a craft sale at the High School from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The sale will be held inside if it is raining.

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.

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 programs are based on federal income levels.



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

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.

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

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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.