

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

Issue #1

August 2013



First Day of School September 3, 2013

Early Childhood Center7:50-3:05

Elementary School.....8:00-3:10

Middle School.....7:57-3:10

High School..... 8:00-3:15

Denmark Community School... 8:00-3:15

School Phone Numbers

Early Childhood.....863-4175

Elementary School.....863-4050

Middle School.....863-4100

High School.....863-4200

Denmark Community School.. 863-4153

District Office.....863-4000

Transportation.....863-4018

Lunch Accounts.....863-4220

Special Education.....863-4030

Free/Reduced Lunch.....863-4217

NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following new staff members:

Wesley Couch, High School Band

Susan Ernst, 5th Grade

Erica Goral, Middle School Science

Mary Handrich, Agriculture

Leah Harry, Middle School Language Arts

Adam Kohn, Agriculture

David Lutze, 3rd Grade

Jolene Mezera, Elementary Reading

Renee Swetlik, Kindergarten

Brent VanBoxel, Middle School Math

Nick Willow, High School Science

MESSAGING ALERT SYSTEM

For the past three years AlertNow has been the system used by the district for sending mass email, voicemail and text messages. AlertNow has been purchased by another company and the district realized a cost savings by switching providers. Starting in late August or Early September, the messages will be sent from the company School Messenger.

**FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION

What's to Eat?

Families can find menus posted on the district page of our website: www.denmark.k12.wi.us. Click the Chartwell's School Dining Service link. Breakfast is served at all buildings except the High School.

Meal Prices:

Early Childhood.....\$2.25
Elementary School.....\$2.25
Middle School.....\$2.60
High School.....\$2.60
Adult Lunch.....\$3.55

Breakfast.....\$1.50
Reduced Breakfast.....\$0.30
Reduced Lunch.....\$0.40

Milk.....\$0.40

How Do Students Qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch?

Household size and income determine your status for free/reduced lunch benefits. Eligibility for foster children is based on the children's income alone, not the household income where they reside.

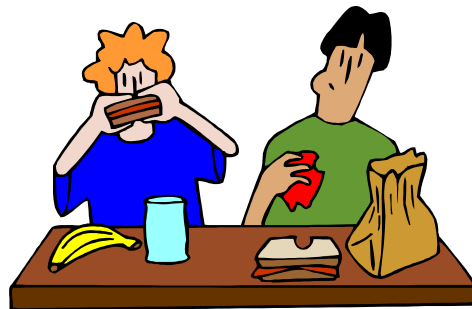
Only one application is needed per household (available in every school office) and can be submitted to your school office or sent to Tony Klaubauf, District Administrator, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI 54208. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling can discuss the decision with Kristi Buhr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

Reduced Price Lunch Income Guidelines 2013-14

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2013-14			
Household	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,257	\$1,772	\$409
2	\$28,694	\$2,392	\$552
3	\$36,131	\$3,011	\$695
4	\$43,568	\$3,631	\$838
5	\$51,005	\$4,251	\$981
6	\$58,442	\$4,871	\$1,124
7	\$65,879	\$5,490	\$1,267
8	\$73,316	\$6,110	\$1,410
Each additional person:	\$7,437	\$620	\$144

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

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



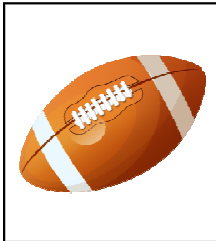
BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES AND EARLY REGISTRATION

Early Childhood Center	August 28	4:30—6:00 P.M.
Elementary School	August 28	5:00—6:30 P.M.
Middle School		
Early Registration	August 21	7:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.
Open House	August 28	5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.
6th Grade Meeting	August 28	6:00 P.M.
High School		
Freshmen Orientation	August 19	7:00 P.M.
Early Registration	August 21	7:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.



HOMECOMING 2013

September 24 @ 7:00 p.m. Volleyball at Marinette
September 26 @ 3:45 p.m. Cross Country at Mishicot
September 26 @ 6:30 p.m. Boys Soccer @ Seymour
September 27 @ 7:00 p.m. Football vs. Seymour
September 27 @ 5:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
September 28 @ 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance



2013-14 BYOD

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) will start with the 2013-14 School Year. Notices and reminders via email regarding the 6th—12th grade BYOD and the technology fee if a device is not available have been sent to families this summer. If you were not able to access this information, it is posted on our website at www.denmark.k12.wi.us. Click on the link on the left titled Technology Fee/ BYOD or call your school office for more information .



2013-14 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

September

3 First Day of School
20 Professional Development Time (PDT Day)*

October

24 No School
25 No School

November

22 PDT Day*
27 No School
28 No School—Thanksgiving
29 No School

December

13 PDT Day*
20 Last School Day Before Holiday Break

January

2 First School Day After Holiday Break
23 PDT Day*
24 No School

February

21 PDT Day*

March

7 No School
28 PDT Day*

April

18 No School
21 No School

May

23 PDT Day*
26 No School

June

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

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

*Dates are subject to change

SCHOOL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Under section 115.38(2) of the state statutes, the parent/guardian of each student enrolled in the district can request a copy of the School District Performance Report. The report is also available on the Denmark Schools website under the District tab.



WHY CHOOSE SCHOOL LUNCH?

Your participation is beneficial to the life of the program:

***Revenues from school lunch go back into the school district food service fund for program improvements.**

***Chartwells receives only a small fee per meal served. (\$0.045 per meal)**

TIME-SAVER

Choosing Hot Lunch saves YOU time:

*At the grocery store

*In the morning or the night before

FRESH

We get FRESH produce 1-2 times weekly!

Food is prepared just before the lunch service, so it's FRESH! (Unlike the lunch bag that sits in a student's locker all day...)

We are required to follow food safety laws –you can be assured we serve SAFE food!

NUTRITIOUS

Recipes created by Chartwells Chefs & Registered Dietitians – Healthy and still a taste the students love.

Chartwells is fully compliant with the new USDA federal lunch program regulations. Whole Grains: pizza crust, bread, chicken nuggets, French toast sticks...just to name a few!

VARIETY

Cold lunch often means the same lunch day after day. Hot Lunch + More Variety = Better Nutrition

AFFORDABLE

Where else can you get a fresh, nutritious meal at such a reasonable cost. **Don't forget...Your time is valuable too!**

Let's say you made minimum wage... \$7.25 x 15 minutes per day x 5 days/week = \$9.06 labor cost for the week to prepare a sack lunch. Per day: \$1.81 Average Cost of a sack Lunch Is approximately \$3.50 not including Fruits and Vegetables

~You can apply for Free/Reduced Priced meals any time during the year. A new application is required every school year. Save time, money and know your child is getting a great meal

DENMARK BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Denmark Booster Club will be hosting its third annual gold outing at Twin Oaks Country Club on Sunday, August 25. Registration is from 9:00-9:45 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10:00 a.m. The cost for the two person scramble is \$75 per person which includes 18 holes with a cart, two drink tickets, lunch, dinner, and prizes. If you are interested in forming a team, please contact Sheryl or Chris DeLarwelle at 863-5563 or delarwes@denmark.k12.wi.us. For \$5 golfers will have a chance to win \$51,000 or \$300,000. This large cash prize is being sponsored by Associates Insurance of Denmark.

To date the booster club has provided funds for the following programs/items:

Volleyball, golf, band, strength & conditioning, speaker system for track & field, milk for athletes.

Future Events:

The next Key Club Event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014, at Eddie Whipp's. Watch for more information.

Membership:

The DCB welcomes any new members. To become a member, you may contact Sheryl at the above given contacts. There is a one-time \$10 membership fee. Meetings are every other month and are efficient and timely.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DENMARK UPDATES

Tony Klaubauf - District Administrator

A number of events are occurring within the school district during the summer months. One of the most obvious is the concrete in front of the high school being removed and replaced. There are a couple reasons the concrete was replaced, at no cost to the district. The first is that the concrete coloring chipped away. There were attempts to re-apply the stain to the concrete over the last two years, but this did not work. The second reason was the slippery conditions during rain. Even after a heavier grit was added to the finished concrete, we had repeated complaints about how slippery the surface was. Northern Concrete understood the concerns and replaced the concrete at no cost to the district.

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) is the determining organization in placing schools in conferences. The WIAA seeks input from districts; but, in the end, they place districts across the State in conferences they believe work the best for all 426 public schools and the private schools that participate. The School District of Denmark formally asked the WIAA to look at a new placement for Denmark that better fit our student population and traveling distances and yet maintained the same sports that Denmark offers. The process to find a new conference is difficult and slow. Many schools request to either be placed in certain conferences or request not to be with certain schools. We have gotten word that this fall the WIAA will announce a new alignment based on comments they received after the initial plan about a year ago. Schools will have some time to react to this plan before the WIAA votes on the specific changes. When we receive the new re-alignment, we will communicate the information to community members. There most likely will not be any changes until the 2015-16 school year as many schedules for 2014-15 have already been set.

Taxpayers approved the district tax levy at the annual meeting on July 22, 2013. The preliminary mil rate was set at \$8.93 for \$1000 of property value. This is a reduction from \$9.54 for the 2012-13 school year and from the \$10.16 mil rate of 2011-12. The final mil rate for 2013-14 will be set in late October when all information, such as property value and student attendance, is known. If the present mil rate is approved, the following is the reduction in school taxes on \$100,000 of property value over the past two years. Note: Property taxes vary across municipalities based on reassessment and other taxing entities such as technical schools and local and state government.

2011-12 - \$1016

2012-13 - \$954 (decrease of \$62 from 2011-12 on \$100,000 property value)

2013-14 - \$893 (decrease of \$61 from 2012-13 on \$100,000 of property value)

With the failed referendum this past spring, inquiries have been made regarding what projects were or were not completed as a result. Because of the lack of funding, the bigger projects such as replacing the boilers at the ECC, replacing blacktop, and purchasing buses have been delayed. The district is attempting to balance the 2013-14 school year budget on a combination of personnel reductions and insurance savings totaling approximately \$550,000. The district maintenance budget for larger projects, normally set at \$100,000, has been reduced to \$30,000. The technology budget has also been reduced for the 2013-14 year. The district will also be spending down the fund balance this year and will increase short-term borrowing during the year to cover times when expenses are higher than the savings the district has.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 863-4005 or klaubauft@denmark.k12.wi.us

Changes to Specific Learning Disabilities Criteria

Wisconsin's rule for identifying students with specific learning disabilities (SLD) has changed. No later than December 1, 2013, all initial SLD evaluations of public school students will use information from interventions to make eligibility decisions.

This article is to notify you that beginning on September 2, 2013 initial SLD evaluations in the School District of Denmark will begin using information from a student's response to intensive, scientific research based or evidence based interventions when making special education eligibility decisions.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Co-Directors of Special Education Amy Monroe at (920) 863-4102 or Amy Schuh at (920) 863-4035.



ANNUAL NOTICES

PUPIL RECORDS

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT CARD: WINSS ON THE WEB

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

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



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STUDENT SURVEYS

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

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

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

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

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

ESEA TEACHER QUALITY NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

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

What degrees does my child's teacher hold?

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

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



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HOMELESS CHILDREN

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION REFERRAL AND EVALUATION PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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



ANNUAL NOTICES CONTINUED

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-Yer 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.

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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.