

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2013

The students and staff of both the Middle School and High School held outstanding assemblies to honor our veterans.



The following is a comment shared by Tim Wattleworth, a parent of students in the Denmark School District:

"Career advancement may require our family to consider moving, however, we really don't want to move our children out of the Denmark School District because of the great educational opportunities and programs they are benefiting from. If the day comes, deciding whether or not to leave the school district will weigh heavily in our considerations."

INVESTING IN WISCONSIN SCHOOLS



On December 5, the Denmark School Board invites the public to take an active part in a simulation activity entitled "Investing in Wisconsin Public Schools". The simulation will help residents of the district understand the complexities of school district finances. The Board is hoping for a wide range of participants from those with students currently in school and those in their retirement years. The evening will be a fun, yet engaging, event. There will be a light meal at 5:30 pm in the HS Cafetorium - with the simulation starting at 6:00 pm. We are hoping to have 30 - 40 residents participate. If you are going to attend, we ask that you contact Kristi Buhr at 863-4217 or buhrk@denmark.k12.wi.us.

FULLBRIGHT-HAYS SCHOLAR



Fulbright-Hays Scholar Kazuko Stone presented at the annual Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Teachers in Appleton. Denmark High School teacher Mrs. Kazuko Stone's presentation highlighted Common Core connections to Social Studies curriculum as a result of her trip to Japan on a Fulbright-Hays Study Abroad scholarship last summer.



SCHOOL SAFETY

After the school shooting in Newtown, the district held a public meeting to discuss our current safety precautions and to solicit additional safety recommendations. We have added security cameras to areas that weren't covered previously, especially at the Early Childhood Center and Middle School, and reinforced procedures at each building when allowing visitors to enter the schools. In addition, we have a signed agreement with the Brown County Sheriff's Department and the Village of Denmark Officers to allow off-duty officers to carry firearms on campus and public events.

One of the questions raised at this meeting was, "What is the district doing to help prepare staff in case of a school shooting or other tragic event?" Because of this good question, the district is moving forward with ALICE training for all staff and students. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. While we have in the past practiced lockdowns for intruders, ALICE Training moves beyond just hiding in a classroom and teaches staff and students to seek out best options for staying safe if an intruder, intending to do harm, should ever get inside one of the buildings. Specifically, if an intruder should enter one of our buildings intent on doing harm, communication would be specifically designed to all adults to lead students to a safe place. This may mean to barricade themselves in a room or it may mean to evacuate to a safe location.

The district is just in the beginning stages of this training. Leading the training, in cooperation with our local officers, will be Melissa Arps, a Two Rivers City Police Officer and School Liaison Officer. Two Rivers has been involved with ALICE for the last two years. Staff in each building will learn about the different aspects of ALICE Training over the next few months.

We will be discussing this training with the students, but don't want them to be alarmed or scared to come to school. Schools are one of the safest places for children to be. While we don't want children or their parents to be fearful, we want parents to know we are continually monitoring our safety protocol, making improvements, and preparing for the rare chance that something could occur in our buildings.

LEARNING EXPRESS LIBRARY

<http://www.learnatest.com/lel/>

Do you need a resource for preparing for the ACT, PSAT, or an AP exam? Or, do you just want resources for elementary, middle or high school math, science, social studies, vocabulary, writing, and reading? Check out the Learning Express Library available through the Brown County Library.

Each Learning Center offers practice tests, exercises, skill-building courses, eBooks, and information you can use at school, at work, or in life. Beyond academic skills there are learning centers for job search skills, software tutorials, and practice tests for jobs and careers.

You will have to register for an account to use the resources. All that is required is an email address.

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D.A.R.E.

On Monday, December 9, 2013, fifth grade students will be graduating from the D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and all community members are welcome. The graduation will take place in the elementary gym.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Denmark Branch of the Brown County Library, along with the Denmark School District, is hosting a FREE technology session.

**Join us for
“iPad/iPod/iPhone Basics”**

Tuesday January 7, 2014
5:30-6:45 P.M.
Denmark High School, Room 211

Please register by calling
Theresa Olsen at 920-621-4125
or email: olsent@denmark.k12.wi.us

HOVERCRAFT



Students in Mr. Fredrickson's energy class constructed a hovercraft that was able to carry 1035 pounds.

DENMARK BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

New Members:

The Denmark Booster Club would like to welcome new members Mark and Brandy Nelson and Janel Satori. We greatly appreciate their interest and support. To become a member, you can contact Sheryl DeLarwelle at 863-4146 or delarwes@denmark.k12.wi.us. There is a one-time membership fee of \$10.

Last Fundraiser:

On Sunday, August 25th, we held our 3rd annual golf outing. It was a fun and successful event with many teams, sponsors, and prizes for the participants. Next summer, the outing will be on Sunday, August 24th at Twin Oaks.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

The Key Club Event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at Eddie Whipp's. With the purchase of a ticket, you will receive a chicken dinner and drinks for two and entertainment by The Cougars. You will also receive a 1 in 250 chance to win one of the following cash prizes: 1st place - \$3000, 2nd place - \$2000, 3rd and 4th place - \$1000, 5th - 7th place - \$500, and 8th - 12th place - \$100. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, they are available at the Denmark High School office, Denmark State Bank, and Eddie Whipp's. You may also contact Sheryl DeLarwelle at 863-4146, or any Booster Club member to purchase a ticket. The cost of a ticket is \$100. A ticket would make a great Christmas or birthday gift for a friend or loved one.



NEWS FROM THE DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are off to a great start to the school year. A number of student activities have taken place over the first two months of school and many excellent events will be occurring before Christmas.

Do you realize that 52%, or over 250 students, of Denmark High School participated in a fall co-curricular activity? This includes all athletic and non-athletic events. These are such positive experiences for students and the community overall. While athletics always get the most publicity, the district provides opportunities for students to excel in many areas.

The High School, under the guidance of Student Council Advisor, Mr. Mark Weigman, staged an "Every Fifteen Minutes" alcohol-related car accident simulation of the death of two Denmark students along with injuries to others. Many local personnel including police, fire and rescue helped stage this event to make the experience as realistic as possible. It is always difficult to measure prevention, but if this event affects even one student's decision to not drink and drive, it was well worth the effort by all.

The high school musical, Legally Blonde, was a great success. The talent level within our district is outstanding. Also, a huge thanks needs to go out to all of the adults who helped provide direction and leadership for the students.

Music concerts have already been performed and there are a number of events to come shortly. Don't miss the splendid music provided by our students with the help of dedicated advisors and encouragement from parents.

MS/HS Jazz Concert - Thursday, November 21, 7:30 PM – DHS Cafetorium
MS/HS Winter Chorus Concert – Monday, December 2, 7:30 PM – DHS Cafetorium
HS Winter Band Concert – Monday, December 9, 7:30 PM – DHS Cafetorium
MS Winter Band Concert – Thursday, December 12 - 6th Grade @ 6:15 PM,
7th/8th Grade @ 7:30 PM - DHS Cafetorium
ES Winter Concert 1st and 2nd Grade – Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:30 PM – DHS Cafetorium

Work is being completed on a sign in front of the Greenhouse thanking all those who contributed to it being constructed and supported. The sign pillars were completed with a donation of bricks from County Materials Corporation. The Construction Class of Denmark High School, advised by Mr. Tim Kapinos and instructed by Mr. John Zellner from NWTC, raised the pillars during the fall class.

Both Denmark Middle School and High School organized fantastic Veterans Day Programs to honor the men and women who have bravely served our country. The programs were emotionally moving for the participants as well as for those who attended.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or positive news about the Denmark School District, please contact me.

Tony Klaubauf, District Administrator – 863-4005 or klaubauf@denmark.k12.wi.us



BYOD COMPUTING SPECIFICATIONS

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) started with the 2013-14 School Year. All students grades 6-12 are able to bring in their own device to use during the school day. The chart below specifies what devices can and cannot be used by students.

Recommended Devices	Not Recommended Devices
Netbooks	Windows Surface RT
Laptops	Polaroid Tablets
Chromebooks - with limitations - no printing on a school printer, no vmware	Nooks
iPads	Kindles
Samsung Galaxy Tab 2	Laptops with Vista Operating System
Macbooks	iPad mini
	Google Nexus 7
	HP Slate Tablet
	XPS 10 Tablet

Acceptable Screen Sizes: 9.5-15 inches

Acceptable Operating Systems: PC: Windows XP, Windows 7, Windows 8

TAX LEVY APPROVED

The Denmark School Board approved a tax levy of \$5,344,501 for the 2013-14 school year. The levy is down \$388,010 from the \$5,732,511 levy of 2012-13, primarily because long-term debt of the middle school was paid off during the 2012-13 school year.

The mil rate per \$1000 of property value across the district will be \$8.64 for 2013-14 as compared to the \$9.54 mil rate for the 2012-13 school year. This means property value assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$864 this year as compared to \$954 for 2012-13, or a decrease of \$90. Please note the district establishes the mil rate for all municipalities of the school district and individual taxes can vary between municipalities.

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER CALENDAR

November 22-Early Dismissal-PDT Day
November 27, 28, 29-No School
December 13-Early Dismissal-PDT Day
December 20-Last School Day before Holiday Break
January 2-First School Day after Holiday Break

2014 SUMMER SCHOOL

This year Summer School will be starting
on a Wednesday.

June 11-13
June 16-20
June 23-27
June 30-July 2

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.



BROWN COUNTY TEEN LEADERSHIP

Every spring high school students around the county apply to be part of the Brown County Teen Leadership program managed by the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. We would like to share a letter with you from the Youth Development Manager of the Commerce.

Dear Mr. Klaubauf,

Recently we held our interviews for the 2014 class of Brown County Teen Leadership. We interviewed a record number of 75 candidates from 12 area high schools. The one thing that stood out in the interviews was the high caliber of the eight Denmark students we interviewed. The caliber of the candidates from Denmark surpassed that of the candidates from the larger PIE schools. Every one of them were excellent candidates and interviewed well. Because of this, Denmark has the most representation in the 2014 class of Brown County Teen Leadership.

I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to you, Principal Oran Nehls and Counselor Kathy Farr for continuously sending great students through the Brown County Teen Leadership program. Great students come from great schools. Based on this statement, Denmark is one of those great schools.

Thank you again for your support of the Brown County Teen Leadership program!
Dan

*Dan Terrio
Youth Development Manager
Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATIONS

The local Knights of Columbus has been a great supporter of the Denmark Community. This year they have donated \$1,501.14 to the Special Education Department.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY DECEMBER 6, 2013

The Denmark Community Business Association (DCBA) will host the Second Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the BMO Bank on December 6.

Some of the activities will be caroling and horse pulled rides, and cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Further details will be forthcoming in the *Denmark News*. This is a fun, free community event. Please come and participate. Activities will start at 5:30 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6:00 p.m.





WKCE RESULTS

2012-13 BAY CONFERENCE COMPARISON WKCE/WAA COMBINED—ADVANCED & Proficient Scores from WINSS Website Grades 4, 8, 10

Grade 4				Grade 8				Grade 10			
		No.	%		No.	%			No.	%	
Reading	Oconto Falls	105	45.7	Denmark	91	49.5	Oconto Falls	128	49.2		
	Denmark	78	39.7	Lux.-Casco	166	47.0	Denmark	151	47.7		
	Lux.-Casco	132	39.4	Hortonville	247	46.6	West De Pere	193	45.6		
	West De Pere	195	35.9	Seymour	164	45.7	Hortonville	275	38.5		
	Shawano	163	33.7	Shawano	153	45.1	New London	187	37.4		
	Hortonville	243	33.3	West De Pere	170	42.4	Marinette	152	36.8		
	New London	145	30.3	Oconto Falls	126	42.1	Shawano	172	35.5		
	Marinette	129	30.2	Marinette	143	32.9	Seymour	163	35.0		
	Seymour	172	26.2	New London	169	31.4	Lux.-Casco	135	28.1		
Language											
Arts	Oconto Falls	105	94.3	Denmark	91	75.8	Oconto Falls	128	88.3		
	West De Pere	195	88.2	Oconto Falls	126	74.6	Lux.-Casco	135	83.7		
	Lux.-Casco	132	84.1	Lux.-Casco	166	69.9	Denmark	151	81.5		
	Denmark	78	82.1	Hortonville	247	69.6	Shawano	172	79.7		
	New London	145	82.1	Shawano	153	68.0	Hortonville	275	78.2		
	Shawano	163	76.1	Seymour	164	67.1	New London	187	77.0		
	Hortonville	243	74.5	West De Pere	170	64.7	West De Pere	193	76.7		
	Seymour	172	70.3	New London	169	50.9	Marinette	152	75.0		
	Marinette	129	67.4	Marinette	143	44.8	Seymour	163	68.7		
Math											
	New London	145	62.1	West De Pere	170	60.6	Oconto Falls	128	60.2		
	West De Pere	195	57.9	Denmark	91	58.2	West De Pere	193	60.1		
	Denmark	78	56.4	Lux.-Casco	166	54.2	Denmark	151	52.3		
	Oconto Falls	105	56.2	Hortonville	247	53.8	Hortonville	275	48.7		
	Hortonville	243	52.7	Seymour	164	48.8	Lux.-Casco	135	46.7		
	Lux.-Casco	132	50.0	Shawano	153	47.1	Seymour	163	45.4		
	Shawano	163	49.7	Oconto Falls	126	38.9	New London	187	40.1		
	Seymour	172	47.7	New London	169	36.1	Marinette	152	38.8		
	Marinette	129	40.3	Marinette	143	32.9	Shawano	172	37.8		
Science											
	Oconto Falls	105	93.3	Shawano	153	88.2	Oconto Falls	128	89.8		
	Lux.-Casco	132	87.9	Lux.-Casco	166	88.0	Lux.-Casco	135	88.9		
	West De Pere	195	85.6	Hortonville	247	85.8	Marinette	152	83.6		
	New London	145	82.8	Denmark	91	84.6	West De Pere	193	82.9		
	Denmark	78	79.5	Seymour	164	84.1	Denmark	151	82.1		
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	Seymour	172	77.9	Oconto Falls	126	81.0	Hortonville	275	79.6		
	Shawano	163	77.3	New London	169	74.0	Seymour	163	76.7		
	Marinette	129	73.6	Marinette	143	70.6	Shawano	172	74.4		
Social											
Studies	Oconto Falls	105	99.0	Denmark	91	93.4	Oconto Falls	128	90.6		
	Lux.-Casco	132	97.7	Lux.-Casco	166	91.0	Denmark	151	88.1		
	Denmark	78	96.2	Hortonville	247	87.9	Lux.-Casco	135	85.2		
	West De Pere	195	95.4	Shawano	153	86.9	Hortonville	275	85.1		
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	New London	145	93.8	Marinette	143	73.4	Seymour	163	78.5		

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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.