

Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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First Day of School September 2, 2014

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

SCHOOL WEBSITE www.denmark.k12.wi.us

The Denmark School District and school web pages have gone through an update this summer. On school pages, we tried to streamline it and organize it to provide you the most sought after information in the easiest navigation possible.

Also, check out the Students, Families, and Community tabs at the top. Students will find icons that represent the links they use most often. Families will find information that is the same for all families, no matter what grade your child (ren) are in.

The purpose of this update is to streamline the navigation and make it easier for our users to find what they are looking for on our web site. Please contact Theresa Olsen at olsent@denmark.k12.wi.us with any questions or feedback. Thank you!

NEW STAFF

Welcome to the following new staff members:

Emmy August, 7th Grade English

Janet Brandt, HS/MS Business

Amanda Couch, 5th Grade

Kimberly DeCock, Reading Teacher

Emmie Delveaux, 5K Teacher

Jesse Delveaux, High School Math

Sarah Fredrikson, MS/HS Art

Kristin Gagnon, Reading Teacher

Samantha Hessel, 7th Grade Special Education

Ashley Paplham, 5K Special Education

Jill Pearson, HS/MS Media Specialist

Lucas Richards, HS Business

Amanda Seyer, Speech & Language

Alyse Tegland, Reading Teacher

Annie Treml, MS Counselor

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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.....\$2.30
Elementary School.....\$2.30
Middle School.....\$2.65
High School.....\$2.65
Adult Lunch.....\$3.60

Breakfast.....\$1.55
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.

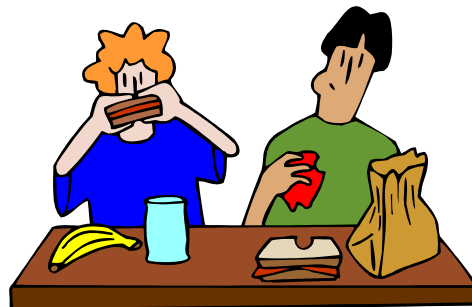
Only one application is needed per household (available in every school office) and can be submitted to your school office or sent to Tony Klaubauf, District Administrator, 450 N. Wall St., Denmark, WI 54208. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling can discuss the decision with Kristi Buhr 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 2014-15

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2014-15			
Household	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$416
2	\$29,101	\$2,426	\$560
3	\$36,612	\$3,051	\$705
4	\$44,123	\$3,677	\$849
5	\$51,634	\$4,303	\$993
6	\$59,145	\$4,929	\$1,138
7	\$66,656	\$5,555	\$1,282
8	\$74,167	\$6,181	\$1,427
Each additional person:	\$7,511	\$626	\$145

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.



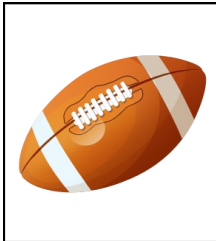
BACK TO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES AND EARLY REGISTRATION

Early Childhood Center	August 27	4:30—6:00 P.M.
Elementary School	August 27	5:00—6:30 P.M.
Middle School		
Early Registration	August 19	6:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.
Open House	August 27	5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.
6th Grade Meeting	August 27	6:00 P.M.
High School		
Early Registration	August 19	6:30 A.M.—5:00 P.M.
Freshmen Orientation	August 27	6:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.



HOMECOMING 2014

September 25 @ 7:00 p.m. Volleyball at Menasha
September 25 @ 3:55 p.m. Cross Country at Mishicot
September 25 @ 4:30 p.m. Boys Soccer vs. Seymour
September 26 @ 7:00 p.m. Football vs. Fox Valley Lutheran
September 26 @ 5:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
September 27 @ 8:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance



DENMARK BOOSTER CLUB NEWS GOLF OUTING

Sunday, August 24th

Twin Oaks Golf Course

**Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.
Shotgun at 10:00 A.M.**

**\$75.00 per player includes 18 holes, cart,
lunch, dinner, drinks and prizes.**

**Money raised supports the DBC
and district student.**

**To register contact Chris Delarwelle @
delarwec@denmark.k12.wi.us or 366-5513**

2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

September

2 First Day of School

October

3 Professional Development Time (PDT Day)*

23 No School

24 No School

November

21 PDT Day*

26 No School

27 No School—Thanksgiving

28 No School

December

19 PDT Day*

23 Last School Day Before Holiday Break

January

5 First School Day After Holiday Break

22 PDT Day*

23 No School

February

20 PDT Day*

March

6 No School

20 PDT Day*

April

3 No School

6 No School

May

22 PDT Day*

25 No School

31 Graduation

June

4 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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA FUNDRAISER

The Denmark Middle School FFA members had a fundraiser at Culver's on Voyager Drive in Bellevue from 5:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15th. The FFA also had a petting zoo set up during this time with kittens, rabbits, lamb, goat and baby chicks. The FFA received 10% of profits made during this time!



BACKPACK DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following organizations for donating backpacks to our school district. Thanks to these organizations we had 110 filled backpacks to distribute to families that need them. All backpacks were filled with some of the essential items students need to learn.

Cummins NPower and their employees donated 50 backpacks.

The Green Bay Service League donated 35 backpacks.

The PTO and Summer School Concession stand donated 25 backpacks.

Thanks again for your generosity!



STUDENT BUSING

Lamers Busing Inc. will now provide all busing of students for daily routes as well as co-curricular routes. The majority of the drivers will continue to be drivers previously employed by the Denmark School District. Routing, pick-up and drop-off information will be provided by Lamers.

Last winter, as the Denmark School Board was gathering information to decide whether to sell the buses or not, the board received an estimate that the buses, in their current condition, were worth \$371,000.00. After the Board voted to contract with Lamers to provide student transportation and sell the bus fleet, a new valuation was obtained from two separate bus suppliers. From those two valuations, the bus sale price was negotiated and sold to Lamers for \$351,000.00 to be paid back to the district over the next five years of the contract with Lamers. The reason the value of the buses decreased was for two reasons: 1) the buses were six months older with more miles driven from the winter estimate; 2) three of the buses that were road worthy in winter were no longer drivable in late spring due to major repairs needed.

We look forward to having a long and successful relationship with Lamers, as so many area school districts have had for years.

The bus coordinator from Lamers is James Schad. James will eventually have an office in the bus garage. As of right now his office is in the High School and he can be reached at 920-367-3777 or jamesschad@golamers.com.

MESSAGING ALERT SYSTEM

For the past four 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.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DENMARK UPDATES

Tony Klaubauf - District Administrator

This past April, the voters of the Denmark School District approved additional revenue for the district over the next three years, starting with the 2014-15 school year. Below is some information as to where these additional monies are being used to provide strong programs for students and maintain the buildings and grounds of the district.

In area of academics, the Denmark School Board has approved an additional reading teacher to help students behind their grade level peers. Research is crystal clear, if students are not reading at grade level by the end of third grade; it is very difficult to catch up after this time. The Board also authorized a part time math instructor at the High School to allow for smaller class sizes and to provide more individual help for students.

One of the most obvious expenses this summer was the replacement blacktopping completed by Northeast Asphalt Inc. The areas replaced were north and south of the Middle School, the playground and north parking lot of the Elementary School and east side of the high school along with the entire Early Childhood parking lot being replaced. All areas were completed at the budgeted cost of under \$300,000.00.

Safety concerns were also addressed this summer. All classroom doors now have a secondary locking mechanism on the doors in case of an emergency and a classroom would go into a lockdown situation. It would be very difficult for someone to penetrate the door of the classroom with the device secured. Parents can see how this works at Open Houses at individual schools. Also, to limit the access to buildings, the Middle and ECC Buildings had fob controls added this summer. Only those authorized to have access to the building will be provided fob control.

Technology infrastructure and access was a third area addressed with the referendum. While BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) will continue in grades 6-12, providing the bandwidth, access points and safeguards for the district's infrastructure, is a constant challenge. In addition, there has been increased demand for the elementary students to have more access to devices. The district purchased more Ipads, Ipods and netbooks for the elementary students, along with storage and charging areas during the summer. At the ECC, new windows along the south façade, including the exterior walls, were replaced this summer. Areas around the windows were deteriorating and the windows were energy inefficient. This work was completed within the budget allotted by Delsman Construction.

Other maintenance areas that were worked on this summer not related to the referendum dollars were:

- New carpeting and ceiling tiles in the ECC that was previously the Denmark Historical Museum. This area will now primarily become the ECC Music Room. (The Denmark Historical Museum is temporarily in the basement of the BMO Bank)
- Three rooms at the Middle School had carpeting replaced.
- The Agriculture Science Room at the High School remodeled by blocking where windows and grow lights were once used as plant starters. The room also received new desks and chairs.
- The Denmark Area Youth Baseball Softball Organization is providing the funding to construct a ball field on the far East side of the elementary school. The ball field will be used by the freshmen softball team as well as practice fields for youth softball and baseball in spring and summer. Obviously, students can use the field during recess also.

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

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.