

# Denmark Viking District Newsletter

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## “SOCKTOBER”

As part of a worldwide challenge set out by internet sensation Kid President, Denmark Middle School participated in Socktober! Socktober is a month-long sock drive where students and staff are asked to bring in new pairs of socks of all sizes and designs to be donated to local area shelters at the end of the month. To put a fun spin on it, the homeroom classes competed against each other from October 6 through October 31.

Donated socks were collected weekly by Student Council members and hung in the foyer of the middle school so that students and staff could see where they stood against each other. Many strategies were used throughout the month to try and secure the winning title, but ultimately Mrs. Goral's 8th grade homeroom class won with a total donation of 246 pairs of socks!!

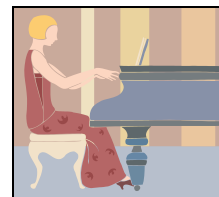
In total, Denmark Middle School donated a whopping 846 pairs of socks to three different shelters. It was a great month-long challenge that opened our eyes and hearts to those who may not have been able to keep their toes warm as the cold weather comes upon us. Check out Kid President at [KidPresident.com](http://KidPresident.com) to find more fun ways to help the world be a happier place!



## WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULE

The students at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming concert season. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy any of the productions:

|             |                  |                         |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| December 2  | 2:15 & 7:00 p.m. | 3rd Grade Concert       |
| December 8  | 6:00 p.m.        | MS & HS Choral Concert  |
| December 11 | 6:15 p.m.        | MS Band Concert         |
| December 15 | 7:30 p.m.        | HS Band Concert         |
| December 18 | 2:00 & 7:00 p.m. | 1st & 2nd Grade Concert |



## VETERAN'S DAY



On Veteran's Day, SFC Gary Jensen came to talk to Kindergarten students about Veteran's Day and his experience in the military. SFC Jensen also gave each student a bag with Army goodies and miniature flags. Students had many questions that were answered and they were very excited to hear of his experiences in the military.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the 2014-15 Denmark High School National Honor Society! New members were inducted at a ceremony on Tuesday, November 11.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa will be on December 2 at the ECC and December 9 at the Elementary.  
Snow date will be December 11.



## TECHNOLOGY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

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

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

Tuesday, January 6, 2014, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Denmark High School, Room 211

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





## DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT GOALS for 2014-15

After examining the school district's assessment results for 2013-14, along with the school district report card provided by the Department of Public Instruction, the emphasis for the near future will be on improving literacy among our students. While our school district scores were in the average range compared to other districts, we believe our students should be performing at a higher level as measured by state assessments. We have re-dedicated ourselves to improve student learning in the area of literacy.

The two district goals read as follows:

**District Goal #1: All non-disabled and non-economically disadvantaged students** will increase proficiency in reading compared to the state average for students of the same demographic population.

Rationale – Even students who were not disabled and did not come from economically disadvantaged homes did not score as well as comparable schools with the same demographics. All of our students need to perform better on state exams, which means district personnel and parents have to hold students accountable and make sure they are reading challenging material daily.

**District Goal #2: All students with disabilities** will show an average growth percentile increase of 35% in overall proficiency on the STAR assessment from Fall 2014 to Spring 2015.

Rationale – Students with disabilities (special education) as a group were far behind the regular education students in scoring on the statewide test. This is an area titled the “achievement gap.” In other districts the achievement gap is usually considerable between students of poverty and those not in poverty. However, for our district, the gap is significant for students in our special education program.

Each school within the district is using the district literacy goal as a target in developing specific building goals focused on improving student learning. We have also reached out to other districts in the state that have been high achieving districts to learn from them and make improvements in our teaching and learning. We are quite confident student performance on state assessments will improve as we move forward.

As parents and relatives, please encourage students to read every day and challenge themselves to set goals for improving their reading achievement. If reading is valued in the home, students will have an improved attitude toward literacy and perform better at school.

## Dining Services at the School District of Denmark

Is accepting applications for part-time work.  
If interested, please contact Jody Behringer at the High School Dining Services office.

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## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DUGOUTS PROJECT

The dugouts on the east side of the Denmark Middle School, used by the Denmark JV and Freshmen Baseball Teams as well as the Denmark Pony League Team in summer, are nearing completion. The dugouts were first being considered in the fall of 2013 with a generous donation of \$2,500 by Schultz Trucking Enterprises (Dennis and Karen Schultz) of Denmark. However, because of weather delays, along with ball games and practices occurring from April through July, the project wasn't started until this September.

With the help of many local contractors, along with the Construction Class of Denmark High School, the project now nears completion. Tim Kapinos, Technology Education Instructor at Denmark, along with John Zellner, Building and Trades Instructor at NWTC, were the leaders in having students complete much of the work. Denmark High School students learned valuable construction skills in concrete block, framing and roofing work, along with gaining one college credit in the masonry program at NWTC. Students also obtained OSHA Safety Certification that will benefit them in any future construction jobs. Instructor John Zellner, who has worked with the Denmark School District on a number of other projects, also brought along apprentice students in the masonry program at NWTC to gain valuable experience. NWTC also provided a construction trailer for tools and storage during construction.

Other local contractors, businesses and organizations that helped with the construction were:

- Denmark Area Youth Baseball and Softball – provided design and oversight
- Deterville Lumber – supplied wood and roofing materials
- Dick's Lawn Care – excavated the ground where the dugouts are placed
- Allied Concrete – framed and poured the floors for the dugouts
- Lakeland Doors – provided doors for storage area
- Custom Fence - provided fence in front of dugouts
- Denmark District Maintenance Staff – helped with numerous responsibilities

We appreciate the expertise of these local professionals. The total cost of the dugouts was approximately \$15,000 in materials and contractor costs. Besides the \$2,500 from Schultz Trucking, the district used money provided by Aurora, which was paid to the district for providing athletic training. This project was a win/win for the community, the students, and everyone who helped in the construction. Thanks to all.





## BYOD COMPUTING SPECIFICATIONS

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) started with the 2013-14 School Year. All students grades 6-12 are able to bring 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—VMWare web access is available for printing, accessing District software, and accessing student files on district network. | Nooks                               |
| iPads                                                                                                                                  | Kindles                             |
| Samsung Galaxy Tab 2                                                                                                                   | Laptops with Vista Operating System |
| Macbooks                                                                                                                               | iPad mini                           |
|                                                                                                                                        | Google Nexus 7                      |
|                                                                                                                                        | HP Slate Tablet                     |
|                                                                                                                                        | XPS 10 Tablet                       |

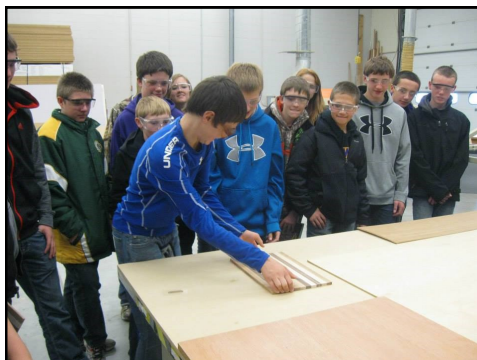
**Acceptable Screen Sizes: 9.7 to 15 inches**

**Acceptable Operating Systems: PC: Windows 7, Windows 8**  
**Mac OS : OS 6 or higher**

## 8TH GRADE STUDENTS VISIT FABTECH

On November 13, Mrs. Arneson took her 8th Grade Building and Construction, and Manufacturing and Engineering classes to the FABTECH Service Technician Education Center in Oshkosh. The students were able to tour the center and experience first-hand what is involved with the training there. FABTECH is part of the Fox Valley Technical College and offers two Caterpillar specific service technician career tracks. Each track is a one-year program.

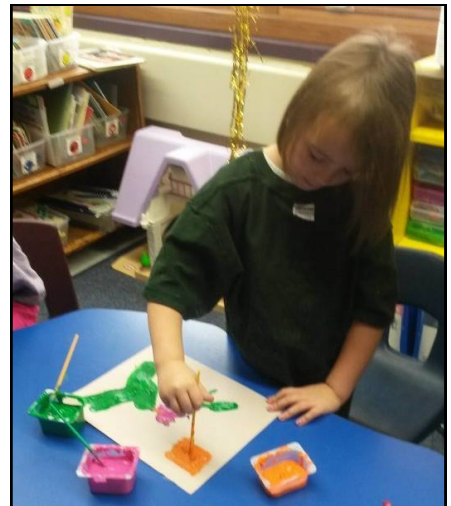
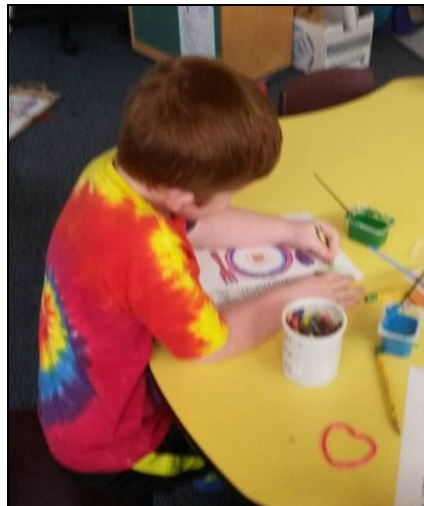
After touring FABTECH, they then went to the Spanbauer Center, which is also part of Fox Valley Technical College, to tour the Construction Management and the Residential Building Construction programs. The students were able to tour the shops, see some of the machines in action, and experience first-hand the one year programs offered there. All of the programs of study that the students toured are careers that are in high demand right now, which was very encouraging to the students. It was a wonderful experience for all of the students that went.





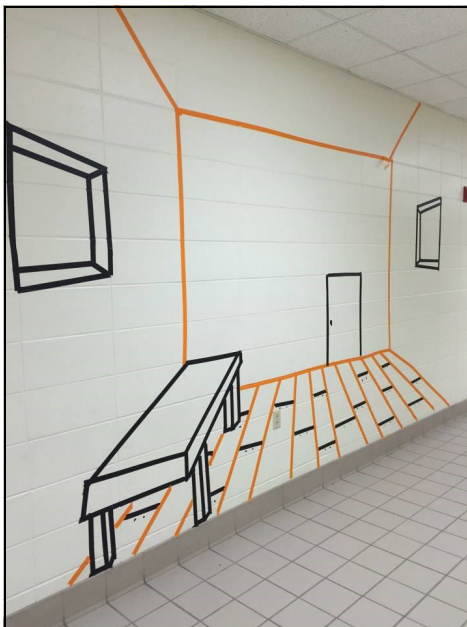
## 5K TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD

Students in the Denmark Early Childhood Center 5-Year-Old Kindergarten traveled around the world learning about different cultures. They traveled to Ireland, Mexico, Africa, Japan, and Jamaica. Students enjoyed getting their passports stamped, trying native food, and making projects to represent the country.



## HIGH SCHOOL ART

Mrs. Fredrikson's Denmark High School Art and Design students studied perspective and created perspective wall installations.



## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY DECEMBER 5, 2014

The Denmark Community Business Association (DCBA) will host the Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the BMO Bank on December 5.

Some of the activities will be caroling led by the high school choir and horse-pulled wagon rides. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be provided. Further details will be forthcoming in the *Denmark News*. The Denmark Area Historical Museum, located in the BMO Harris Bank, will be open to the public during this event.

This is a fun, free community event. Please come and participate. The tree lighting will be at 6:00 p.m.





## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL—ALLADIN JR.

The musical was a huge success this year! Under the direction of Mr. David Harper and his wife Jennifer Harper, approximately 65 students participated either as a performer, back stage crew or in the orchestra. More that 2,400 people came to see the production and the students did an outstanding job.



### DECEMBER & JANUARY CALENDAR

December 19-Early Dismissal-PDT Day  
December 23-Last School Day before Holiday Break  
January 5-First School Day after Holiday Break  
January 22—Early Dismissal-PDT Day  
January 23-No School

### 2015 SUMMER SCHOOL

June 10-12  
June 15-19  
June 22-26  
June 28-29

More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

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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.