



School District of Denmark Newsletter

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District Administrator

2019-2020 Tax Levy

The Denmark School Board approved the tax levy of \$7,307,317 for the 2019-20 school year. The mill rate for the School District is \$8.88 per \$1,000 of property value. This is a slight increase from the 2018-19 mill rate of \$8.64 per \$1,000 of property value. For \$100,000 of property value, this is an increase of approximately \$24.00 per year.

Please keep in mind, each municipality within the School District of Denmark can be and will be different than this general mill rate. Your school property tax decrease or increase will depend on if your property was improved, you were re-assessed or if there was growth within your municipality. There was an approximate increase of 4% in the equalized property value in the District as a whole.

For a very simplified example how increased assessed value can impact taxes, see the example below:

Happy Town Municipality has only two property owners. The municipality must have \$1,000 to cover the District portion of the tax bill. Each property is valued the same in this example and is taxed by the District at \$500 each. During the next year, a third house is built. The School District needs an additional \$200 to meet their needs as a referendum question was approved, and therefore, the Happy Town Municipality has to pay \$1,200 in District taxes instead of \$1,000. However, because each homeowner in this example has the same assessed property value, each homeowner owes \$400 to cover the \$1,200 owed. Each former property owner actually owes \$100 less in school property tax to cover the increased cost.

Denmark has historically been below the mill rate compared to most school districts, and is considered a low revenue district. Last year the average school district mill rate was \$9.34 per \$1,000 of property value. Currently we pay approximately \$46 less per \$100,000 of property value than the average school district in Wisconsin.

School District of Denmark Facility Study - Phase 1

In August, the Board of Education had a public presentation on Phase I of the facility study and educational needs assessment that Miron Construction and Bray Architects conducted for the District. Over the past few months the District has reviewed this study and prioritized our maintenance needs District-wide. We are nearing the conclusion of Phase 1 of the facility study and by January 2020, the District will have developed a short term (3 year) plan to maintain our current facilities that meet the mission of our District, which is to provide the highest level of educational programming to ensure student success within school and beyond.

Beginning in spring, the District will begin working on long term facility plans, options and solutions that meet the needs of our educational programming.



MAMMA MIA!

Our students
showcased their
talents to a
combined audience of
1,954 people!



Operational Referendum

In 2008, 2014 and 2017 our community supported 3 year operational referendums that allowed the District to maintain programs, address building maintenance, enhance security and upgrade technology.

This school year, the funding from the 2017 referendum will end. At this time the District is developing a scope for a future operational referendum that would be put to a public vote April of 2020.

2019 Great Apple Crunch

The School District of Denmark once again participated in the Great Lakes Apple Crunch on October 10th. This event is to bring awareness to purchasing local produce and celebrate farm to school month by crunching into a locally grown apple all at the same time! Our apples that we crunched were locally purchased from Stedl Orchards. Thank you to Mr. Stedl for supplying us with fresh apples every fall!



Denmark FFA Competes at Nationals

The State Parliamentary Procedure Champions, Denmark FFA, competed in the National Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development event in Indianapolis from October 30th - November 1st. This contest is considered the Super Bowl of all leadership development events due to the intense competition and the amount of time required for competition. Members demonstrated their knowledge through three written exams, two team problem solving activities and two meeting demonstrations where the team successfully finished overall in 6th place out of 42 teams. The team earned 1st place in the secretaries minutes exam where they had the highest combined team score on this exam. Team members include **Katrina Hoesly, Joe Schlies, Emily Nelsen, Autumn Kaminski, Abbey Wanek, and Owen Petrich.**



Owen Petrich and Autumn Kaminski

Owen Petrich and Autumn Kaminski earned the highest honor of becoming certified Agricultural Education Parliamentarians.



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Denmark School District



Formula Student USA

The Engineering Principles class at the high school has always been problem-based where students are given a problem with a set of constraints that they need to solve. Past problems have included catapults, Rube Goldberg devices, and bridge design. This year, the students in Engineering Principles have been challenged with their biggest problem yet; build a race car! The car will be designed, built, and tested while following guidelines set forth by a program called Formula Student USA.

Dozens of schools from all over Wisconsin are involved with the Formula Student USA program. Some programs, like Denmark, are new to the competition, while others have been participating for over a decade. However, the experience at Denmark is unique from most schools because the program is part of a class where other schools run it as an extracurricular activity. In addition to designing and building the car, the students are also tasked with program promotion, fundraising and ordering parts. There is also a strong focus on soft skills such as communication, respect, time management and initiative work ethic.

The program culminates with a pair of race days (May 11th and 12th) at Road America in Elkhart Lake. Team Denmark will compete against dozens of other teams to see who can turn a lap the fastest! The competition will be great, but the experience of solving a complex problem is even more beneficial for these students.



Bill Schroeder (Retired GB Packer)
Spoke about the Stars and Stripes
Honor Flight



Local Veterans



**Marv Kostka, Korean War Veteran
and Bill Jartz (WBAY)**



DMS Veterans Day Assembly

On Friday, November 8, Denmark Middle School held their annual Veterans Day Assembly. A packed house with special guests including Veteran Marvin Kostka, Bill Jartz (WBAY), Bill Schroeder (Retired GB Packer) and Jamie Fletcher (Local Musician) paid tribute to our local Veterans.

Following the event, the FFA, Student Council and National Junior Honor Society hosted a luncheon for all the Veterans and their families.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DENMARK Annual Notices

Special Education Referral/Evaluation Process

Referral:

Any person, including parents, who reasonably believes that a child is a child with a disability may refer the child to a local educational agency, LEA. A person wishing to make a referral must make it in writing. The referral should explain why the person thinks the child has a disability. Contact the special education office for a referral form.

Getting Consent to Evaluate:

Within **15 business days** of receiving a referral to evaluate a student, or initiating a re-evaluation, the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team must complete its review of existing evaluation data and send the parent/guardian a request for consent to evaluate, or if no additional data are necessary, notify the parents of that determination. "Business day" means Monday through Friday except for Federal and State holidays. Parents can refuse to give consent to evaluate, but if a school district feels strongly a child needs to be evaluated, they may go to due process to get permission to test. (For a re-evaluation, consent is not required.)

Determining Eligibility:

Within **60 calendar days** of receiving parent consent to evaluate, or informing parents that no additional assessment or evaluation data are needed, the LEA/School District must complete its evaluation of the student and determine whether the student is or continues to be a "child with a disability" under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

The 60-day timeline may be extended for the following reasons:

- *When the student is being evaluated for a specific learning disability for the first time and the school needs more time to gather information about a student's response to interventions (RtI).
- *When a student transfers from one district to another during the 60-day time period.
- *When the parent repeatedly refuses or fails to make the student available for an evaluation or a re-evaluation.

IEP and Placement:

Within **30 calendar days** of determining a student is or continues to be a "child with a disability", the IEP team must meet to develop an IEP and determine a placement for the student. *If agreed upon by the parent, the IEP and placement meeting can take place at the same time of the eligibility meeting. However, if a parent needs time to review information, another meeting will be set up. At the IEP/Placement meeting, a parent/guardian can deny placement and services and a school cannot override this decision. Only one parent's consent is required.

***Once per year, an annual IEP meeting is held to review IEP goals, services, and placement.**

***Every 3 years the IEP team will conduct a re-evaluation unless agreed upon by parents and IEP team that it is unnecessary. The same above timeline is used for re-evaluations.**



Chartwells Food Service

Parents are able to access meal information and add funds online for your child's meals through Infinite Campus. There is a flat \$2 fee per transaction to make online payments. You may still pay with cash or check through the school office. Please contact your school office if you need access to Infinite Campus.



Save the Date for Summer School 2020!

More detailed information and registration instructions will be coming in March or April of 2020.

Dates for Summer School 2020 are as follows:

Session One (June Session)

Week One: June 8 - 12
Week Two: June 15 - 19
Week Three: June 22 - 26

Session Two (August Session)

Week One: July 27 - 31
Week Two: August 3 - 7
Week Three: August 10 - 14

Denmark School District Preschool Screening Notice Children Age 3 (and turning 3 or 4)

In Accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Child Find Law, School District of Denmark follows a procedure to locate, refer and identify, as early as possible, young children who are in need of an Early Intervention Program or Early Childhood Services.

If you live in the School District of Denmark and have a child who is age 3 or turning age 3 or 4 during the upcoming school year, please notify the School District of Denmark's Early Childhood Office at 920-863-4177.

Once you have contacted the school, you will be placed on a list to receive a questionnaire to complete called the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). The ASQ is sent in early January of the current school year and helps the district Child Find Team determine if further screening is needed for your child.





Community Connection Page

This Community Connection page is for those community organizations or non-profits that would like to get a special message out to all the residents of the School District of Denmark. Please keep the message as brief as possible. If you have a message that you would like placed in the next newsletter, send it to Joy Frelich at frelichj@denmark.k12.wi.us.

If the content is appropriate for the District newsletter, it will be printed.

Ruby's is a local excess food distribution program, NOT an income-based food pantry. For a \$20 donation, each guest will receive 2 boxes filled with food. This donation helps to cover expenses related to warehousing and transporting the food items. Once per month, a semi-truck full of food is delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran Church (435 Wisconsin Ave., Denmark). Volunteers from around the community work to unload the truck, and to organize the various food items. Volunteers then distribute up to 400 shares during the event to individuals who live in Denmark, Green Bay, Manitowoc, and the surrounding areas. Each guest should bring 2 totes for each share they receive. Some guests arrive much earlier than 4:30, and there is usually a line of 100 people when we open at 4:30. **DON'T LET THAT STOP YOU FROM COMING!** Our Ruby's distribution is designed to move quickly--but not too quickly. Our volunteers will greet you, and certainly want to meet you. We will help to get your totes filled and then load everything into your vehicle. It's as simple as that. No qualifications, just a \$20 donation, and bring 2 totes. **Here are the upcoming dates in 2019: Tuesday, November 26, and Wednesday, December 18.** Groups and individuals looking for opportunities to volunteer should contact Ginger Zoerb at Our Savior's Lutheran Church by phone at (920) 863-2230, or by email at oslcedenmark@gmail.com.

Ruby's PANTRY



Feeding the Community

Denmark Community Cupboard

The Denmark Community Cupboard serves residents living within the School District of Denmark. Once per month, we provide nutritious food to families who may need a helping hand or two. The Denmark Community Cupboard distributes food on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Here is the upcoming date in 2019: December 17. Food is distributed at the Veterans Memorial shelter house at Denmark Veterans Memorial Park (across from the wading pool). There are no income requirements for the Denmark Community Cupboard. This notice does not include the Maribel site, whose operating hours and day will remain the same, as well as any requirements. ***We are also seeking donors for the Denmark Community Cupboard.*** Whether you can give \$1 or \$10 or \$100 per month, doing so is even easier with our electronic giving program. To download giving forms, visit www.oursaviorsdenmark.org, and choose "Denmark Community Cupboard" in the "Get Involved" menu.

Thank you for any contribution you can make!

Cutting Hunger on Weekends (CHOW)

Our Denmark Community Cupboard works to help children receive nutritious foods on the weekends when they are away from school. We assemble bags with the food items at the end of the week and deliver them to the local schools, and the children can then take them home with them. Children who are eligible for free or reduced lunches are eligible to participate in this program.

Please contact Lindsey Reckelberg, School District of Denmark Social Worker, for more information. (920) 863-4024 or reckelbergl@denmark.k12.wi.us.





Community Connection Page

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Denmark Neighbors in Action

Please consider coming together with other neighbors from the Denmark area for a discussion focused on the ways we can continue to make positive changes in our community. This conversation will specifically discuss the ways in which businesses and organizations can work together, strengthening our individual efforts in the Denmark community. This is *not* a conversation to discuss Village concerns. This is only intended to help us focus our efforts on positive changes we can work together to accomplish using the gifts and skills and talents we have. We will gather at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 435 Wisconsin Ave., Denmark on Tuesday, November 19, from 6:30-8:00.



Community Food Drive

A Community Food Drive to benefit the Denmark Community Cupboard and the Maribel Food Pantry will be held from November 18 to December 4. Non-perishable food items will be collected at each of the Denmark schools, the Denmark Village Hall, and various local businesses and churches. Consult the Denmark News for a detailed list of drop-off locations. The pantries are in special need of canned fruit, cereal, macaroni and cheese, and peanut butter. Please be as generous as you can and help our local pantries serve area families during the cold winter months - thank you!

For more information, please contact Lori Wagner, Neighborhood Partners Community Connector at (920)863-2738.



National FFA Alumni Outstanding Achievement

Congratulations to Wisconsin and Denmark FFA Alumni member **Mark Olsen**! He was awarded the National Outstanding Achievement award at the National FFA convention in Indianapolis for his outstanding efforts as an Alumni member.



Fire Safety

On Tuesday, October 8th FFA members volunteered to teach kindergarten students about the importance of fire safety. The lesson began with a game entitled "Hot or Not" so the children would understand what items can be touched safely and what items would burn them. In addition, the FFA members demonstrated stop, drop, and roll to the 5K students. Finally, the day concluded with a short lesson about the fire alarm and its significance in the event of a fire.



Did you know that Denmark FFA is one of the largest student organizations in the school? Members of the FFA have the opportunity to participate in community service, social activities, and leadership building conferences. You can stay up to date on all the current and upcoming Denmark FFA activities by checking out the Denmark FFA Webpage at www.denmarkffa.com, like the Denmark FFA on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter @denmarkffa



School Bus Drivers Needed!

AM Route starting at \$32

PM Route starting at \$32

Monthly Attendance Bonus \$100 - \$200

Your young children may ride with you!

Extra Curricular Trips (sports) starting at \$13.50 hr

Contact: James Schad, Lamers School Bus Manager
(920) 367-2075 ext. 13211

School Phone Numbers

Early Childhood Center..... 863-4175

Elementary School..... 863-4050

Middle School..... 863-4100

High School..... 863-4200

Community School..... 863-4153

District Office..... 863-4000

Lunch Accounts..... 863-4220

Special Education..... 863-4030

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

Transportation

Lamers/James Schad (920) 367-2075 ext. 13211

2019 - 2020 DENMARK SCHOOL CALENDAR

2019

November 22	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
November 27	No School
November 28	No School
November 29	No School

December 20	Early Dismissal - PDT Day & Last School Day Before Holiday Break
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2020

January 2	First School Day After Holiday Break
January 17	Early Dismissal - PDT Day

February 21	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
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March 6	Last School Day Before Spring Break
March 16	First School Day After Spring Break
March 27	Early Dismissal - PDT Day

April 9	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
April 10	No School

May 22	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
May 25	No School - Memorial Day
May 31	High School Graduation

June 5	Last Day of School - Early Release
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ECC - Thursday, December 12th

Elementary - Tuesday, December 17th

A sign up sheet will be sent home
with the students.



NBC26 Meteorologist Michael Fish at ECC

Kindergarten students at the ECC were taught by NBC Meteorologist Michael Fish about weather and the tools he uses to create weather forecasts. Brooke Hafs also joined to share information about working with Michael on the news and bringing this information to families in our area.

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English:

If you need this information in your native language, please contact Deb Kralovetz at kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us or 920-863-4034

Spanish:

Si necesita esta información en su idioma materno, póngase en contacto con Deb Kralovetz en kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us o 920-863-4034.

Hmong:

Yog tias koj xav tau cov ntaub ntawv no ua koj hom lus, thov hu Deb Kralovetz ntawm kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us los sis 920-863-4034.

Mandarin Chinese:

如果您需要使用母语提供的这些信息，请联系Deb Kralovetz，电子邮件地址为kraloved@denmark.k12.wi.us或920-863-4034。

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the School District of Denmark that no person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's gender, color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, gender orientation, physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.

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.