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School District of Denmark

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Our Mission:

The mission of the School District of Denmark is to provide the highest level of educational programming to ensure student success within school and beyond.

Our Vision:

Learning transfers to life beyond the School District of Denmark experience, enabling each student to flourish as a responsible citizen in the global community.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

High School PAC

June 29, 5:00 PM

July 27 and Aug. 17, 6:00 PM



Luke Goral
District Administrator

Abrupt School Closure and Planning Moving Forward

Sitting in my office over spring break reading and hearing reports from state education agencies, health care agencies and collaborating with local superintendents about our decisions and actions pertaining to COVID-19 was nothing I could have ever imagined. At the time of the statewide announcement for school closures, there were and still are several unknowns of the impact COVID-19 has had and how it will impact our schools and communities moving forward. With the responsibility of keeping 1,500 students as safe as possible, we will always side on caution. During the closure, every school district did their very best to educate our students and support our families the best we could. We made it through the 2019-20 school year, but we still have several challenges ahead of us.

At this point, all School District of Denmark facilities are closed and all school sponsored activities are on hold through June 30. We are collaborating with area school districts, state agencies and health care agencies to slowly reopen our facilities in July under social distancing and health care guidelines. Our administration and staff are learning more everyday and planning for what August summer school, co-curriculars and September 1st may look like. At this time, we are discussing and planning several scenarios for September 1st including virtual education, hybrid scheduling and a normal start with the use of realistic social distancing guidelines at every level. We have surveyed parents to gauge what their current comfort level is with returning to school and what concerns they have for their children and families. I personally understand that there will always be risk in living our lives and at the same time it is our responsibility as a school district to make our schools as safe as possible for our students, staff, families and community.

Payoff of 2018 Land Purchase

In 2018, the District purchased a parcel of vacant land along Highridge Ave. and adjacent to the east side of the elementary and middle school. With a vote of approval at the 2018 annual meeting, the District took out a 10-year loan for \$420,000 to purchase the property. Because of unspent 2019-20 budget allocations due to the school closure, the Board of Education approved the payoff of the loan.

By paying off the loan, the District will save a total of \$62,000 over the next eight years in interest.



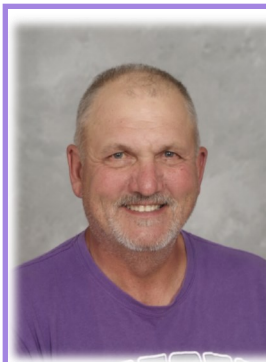
2019-20 Staff Retirements

We thank Ann, Rick and Cindy for their years of dedication and wish them the best in their future endeavors.



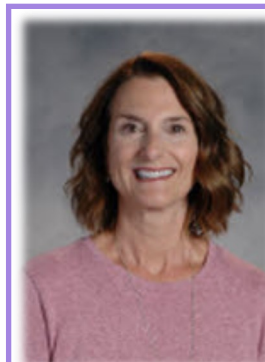
Ann Birdsall

34 years
in the District



Rick Fischer

28 years
in the District



Cindy Grueneberg

23 years
in the District

2019-20 School District Maintenance Projects

Luke Goral - District Administrator

Beginning in 2018, the District conducted a very in-depth District-wide facility study and developed a comprehensive short and long term facility maintenance plan. Much of this maintenance is only possible because of the funding from the operational referendum that the District residents have supported.

This school year, our major facility maintenance projects include a new middle school roof, patching and sealing District parking lots and playgrounds, updating HVAC controls at the high school and middle school, replacement and removal of flooring at the middle school, high school rubber track painting/patching and replacement of classroom lighting at the elementary school.



New Middle School Roof



Elementary Playground

To School District of Denmark Residents,

Referendum Election Results

1239 Yes 1051 No

The School District is grateful for the voter support of the referendum and the evident support for our students. The passage of this referendum will make a significant difference in the District's ability to maintain quality educational programs and services for our students. We extend our appreciation for our community support and look forward to continuing to provide a high-quality education to create a bright future for our students and community.

Thank you for your support of Denmark Schools. I can assure the public that the Board of Education and I are in tune with hardships our families may be facing due to the current situation and the financial impact it is having. We are thinking of you during these difficult times and will continue to offer resources where we can. As a community, we will get through this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Luke Goral
District Administrator



High School Parking Lot

*Have a
Fun and
Safe
Summer*



~Introduction of New Principals~

Denmark High School

Jake Beschta, High School Principal



Jake Beschta
High School Principal

I am extremely excited to join the School District of Denmark and community as the next Denmark High School Principal! I look forward to meeting the students, staff, and families of Denmark when I begin as principal on July 1. For the past two years, I have served as the High School Principal for the Oconto Falls School District. Previous to Oconto Falls, I spent three years as the Associate Principal/Athletic Director for the School District of Sheboygan Falls. My experience as an education professional began at Coleman Middle School in 2007, where I was a middle school mathematics and language arts teacher, as well as a high school football coach and high school girls basketball coach. My family, Allison, Mackenzie, Chastyn, Kasen, Tieg, and Sawyer, mean the absolute world to me. We spend our time traveling, pursuing our passion for athletics and competition, and spending time with our extended family and friends. I am an avid reader who enjoys spending time outdoors biking, fishing, and bow hunting, attending Bucks and Brewers games, and building positive connections with people.

As an educational leader, my priority is to empower and support our educators in creating meaningful, equitable learning opportunities for all students. I look forward to collaborating with building and District staff and leaders to develop a clear understanding of the interests and passions of everyone in our

building, and I will use that understanding to foster a learning environment that utilizes individual strengths, priorities collaboration, and is creative, innovative, and focused on what is best for our students.

As the High School Principal, I will work to build positive relationships with students, staff, and families. Beginning in my new role, I am committed to supporting our staff in providing them the resources and learning opportunities needed to succeed as educators. I will continue to work with all stakeholders to create many career and college pathways for students that successfully prepare them for whatever they choose to pursue in their futures. I will always prioritize being an active listener, a life-long learner, and our students and staff's greatest supporter. I cannot wait to attend athletic events, co-curricular events, and community events that are so important in developing a positive school culture and climate.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of an outstanding school district! I hope you have a great summer, and I look forward to the start of next school year!

Kyle Kapinos, Associate Principal/Activities Director



Kyle Kapinos
***Associate Principal/
Activities Director***

"Home Is Where the Heart Is!" is not only a title to an Elvis Presley song, but a phrase that holds true for me today as I am able to work for a school district that I was born and raised in. Words cannot describe how honored and privileged I am to be the Associate Principal/Activities Director for Denmark High School. I currently reside in K-City a.k.a. Kellnersville, WI with my wife, Jill, and our four children, Emma, Clay, Beau, and Jace with the hopes of moving within the School District of Denmark in the near future. I will bring with me seven years of administrative experience as a principal and over a decade of coaching experience within the School District of Denmark. During my free time, I love spending time with my family, attending/watching sporting events, working on projects around the house, and pulling draft horses with my Dad.

Viking Pride runs deep in my blood and my goal as an Activities Director is to continue to spread that pride throughout the School District of Denmark. Our activities not only represent Denmark High School but rather we represent the entire Denmark community, the surrounding communities, and all of our proud alumni. As a student-centered educational leader, I want to build deep relationships with our staff,

our students, and our stakeholders so that we can achieve great things together. I want to instill confidence within our staff so that they can provide the best education possible for all of our students. As students leave our school, I want them to be well-rounded individuals that experienced great things inside and outside the classroom. They will learn tremendous values and skills that will be developed through a variety of activities and those values and skills will translate into any career path that they may choose.

I am a family first person and I am excited to be part of the Denmark High School family again. I look forward to working with all of you in achieving the goals that the School District of Denmark as set forth through its mission and vision statements. Go Vikings!

~Introduction of New Principal~

Denmark Elementary School

Angela Hager, Elementary School Principal



Angela Hager
Elementary Principal

It is my honor and privilege to join the School District of Denmark as the new Principal of Denmark Elementary School. I will begin serving the staff, students, families, and community beginning July 1. My husband, Mike, and I have been married for 26 years and currently live in Kewaunee with our three children. Alan and Karina are 19 years old and will be starting their second year in college and Lauren is 16 years old and will be a junior at Kewaunee High School in the fall.

For the past 22 years I have been working in the Green Bay Area Public School District. The last eight years, I served as the Principal of Lincoln Elementary School. I spent eight years working as a Literacy Coach to support and coach teachers as they work to refine their practices and six years as a Supportive Resource Teacher, working with students identified as at-risk and/or as gifted and talented. Before working in Green Bay, I spent five years in the School District of Mishicot teaching 5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade life science and 8th grade physical science. I also spent one year on Washington Island teaching 5th & 6th graders.

My goal has always been to serve and support staff and students so they are able to achieve their greatest potential. Because I believe the best way to accomplish this is by listening, focusing on developing positive relationships, challenging thinking, providing professional learning and feedback that is focused on the next edge of growth for that individual, you will see me talking and listening to staff, students, parents, and the community as well as spending time observing in classrooms and other areas of the school. I believe all students will achieve success if we are focusing on perseverance, instilling a passion for lifelong learning, and developing empathy and respect for all. I am committed to using my time and talents to further the mission and vision of the School District of Denmark. I know that Denmark is an incredible community because my husband is a Denmark graduate and all of my children started their educational careers in Denmark, so I have seen first hand the incredible people working in the District. I am so proud to join this incredible team.



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

Enrolling new
Kindergartners, too!

#onwarddenmark

#onwardtogether

~For Parents~

Annual Student Information Update (Online Registration)

In our continued efforts to be efficient with student information, all student information data will be updated online. The online Annual Student Information Update link will go live via your Infinite Campus Parent Portal on July 1, 2020. There will be a link located on the left side menu to begin the update process.

There will be no in-person registration for the 2020-21 school year.

New! Athlete Information Forms will be processed through the Annual Student Update program described above. All students participating in a sport this fall, winter, or spring of the 2020-2021 school year, must complete the information in order to attend sports practice.

If you have any questions regarding the student information update, contact the District office at 920-863-4000.

For Infinite Campus Parent Portal questions, email Joan Langenberg at Langenbj@denmark.k12.wi.us

~Congratulations Class of 2020!~

Denmark High School Class of 2020 Graduation!!

Oran Nehls - High School Principal

On Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Denmark High School conducted their graduation ceremony using a "Drive-In" format. A stage was set up in front of the atrium. Graduates and their immediate families were parked in rows facing the stage. One car per family was allowed in the parking lot and social distancing practices were followed. Staff served as the parking attendants. The traditional graduation ceremony was conducted minus the musical numbers from the seniors. Four student speeches were given. Caitlyn Duckart, Class of 2020 Salutatorian, gave the welcome address, followed by Leah Beining and Marcus Roberts addressing the class. The final speech was from the Valedictorian, Chloe Kaminski.

Parents drove up to the stage during the distribution of the diplomas and students got out of the car, picked up and put on a custom made mask and then proceeded to the stage. On the stage, they were greeted by High School Principal, Oran Nehls, District Administrator, Luke Goral, School Board President, Katie Rabenhorst, and School Board Vice-President, Paula Larsen. A photo was taken with Mr. Nehls and the student receiving their diploma, the student then exited the stage, returned to their car and they were then directed back to their original parking spot.

After Chloe's speech, students were asked to get out of their cars and follow her lead and move their tassels from the right to the left. The graduates were then ushered out of the parking lot to the cheers of the staff. The Denmark Fire Department was waiting at the entrance to the parking lot. They led the graduates on a parade through town, complete with horns and sirens. We are happy to report that 100% of the 119 senior class members earned a diploma!! We wish the Class of 2020 the BEST with their future endeavors!! Congratulations!!



~Congratulations Class of 2020!~



~Senior Athletic Night~



Spring Senior Athletic Night

On Wednesday, May 20 from 8:20 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. the lights were turned on at the baseball and softball fields along with the track. All spring senior athletes were recognized with individual signs. The signs for baseball and softball were hung on the fences at each field. The signs for soccer, golf and track were hung on the fence between the soccer and track. All athletes were allowed to keep their signs. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!!



Denmark Wrestling

2020 Wisconsin Academic All-State Team



Cole Tenor
Senior

Recognizing
athletic and academic
EXCELLENCE .

Requirements:
sectional qualifier and
3.5 or better
cumulative GPA.



Alec Bergelin
Sophomore

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!

Denmark HS Dance Team Tryouts - NEW Team Options & Virtual Tryouts

STUDENTS EMAIL COACH KAT FOR TRYOUT PACKET

Borleek@denmark.k12.wi.us

Virtual Tryouts - Video submissions & paperwork due on or before July 18th

NEW Team Options - Opening up more accessibility with 3 teams & 4 options

Option 1 = Football Dance Team (July 27 - End of Football Games October)

Option 2 = Basketball Dance Team (October - End of Basketball Games Feb/March)

Option 3 = Varsity/Competitive Dance Team (July 27 - End of Basketball Games)

Option 4 = Football & Basketball Dance Team, opt out of competition (July 27- End of Basketball Games Feb/March)

Who We Are: The Varsity Denmark Dance Team is an elite group of athletes working together to promote school spirit and community pride through the art of dance. Our mission is to teach students to be their best by instilling the values of creativity, dedication, passion and teamwork! We strive to uphold past traditions while embracing the future. We fearlessly take risks, challenge ourselves, and continue to raise the bar. We perform at Denmark football games, basketball games, compete at dance competitions, and participate at community events. We wear the Denmark "D" with pride and encourage everyone to join us as we promote the greatness of our community!

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

Denmark Varsity Dance Team Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Denmark-Varsity-Dance-Team-1418687415123339/>

Denmark Middle School Dance Team Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Denmark-Middle-School-Dance-Team-104989197631052/>

Denmark Varsity Dance Team Instagram: denmarkvarsitydance team <https://www.instagram.com/denmarkvarsitydanceteam/?hl=en>

Questions: Email Coach Kat: Borleek@denmark.k12.wi.us

~Things Happening in our District~

Thank you to the following staff and family members that helped make masks for graduation.

Karen Bloom
Kazuka Stone
Marisa Leurquin
Tammy Leurquin
Mary Handrich
Laura Chada
Sarah Fredrickson
Ellie Reich
Maggy Albers



Denmark High School Music Theatre “Footloose” Update

Mr. Jordan & the DHS Music Theatre Production Team

This is just a small update about the status of Denmark’s upcoming production of the musical “Footloose”. The production team has been working hard to start preparing for the show, but obviously as of now there is a lot up in the air about the production due to the current global pandemic. Once we know what we can do and when we can do it, you will know! Right now, just keep an eye out for audition info at these sources: Facebook, Instagram, Email, flyers in the mail, and possibly more.

We will do everything we can to get that information to you when we know it. For now, just hang tight and keep an eye on those sources!



Collection of District Student Chromebooks

All student Chromebooks will be disabled after the completion of summer school.

There will be curbside drop off in front of the High School as follows:

- Tuesday, June 30 - 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 8 - 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9 - 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We will be collecting Chromebooks for students from all buildings.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to include the Chromebook case and power cord when turning in the Chromebook.

If you cannot make any of the above times or would like to turn your Chromebook in earlier, feel free to bring them to the High School office. (High School office hours are 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)



~ Denmark Middle School ~



Middle School teachers created a virtual collage for 8th Grade students as part of honoring the students.



National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award

The National Junior Honor Society offers the annual NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award which recognizes exceptional NJHS students nationwide. These members have demonstrated excellence in the five pillars of NJHS: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. This award is a \$500 scholarship that is placed in a college savings account for the student.

Five very worthy 8th grade Denmark students have been granted the scholarship:
Summer Pieschek, Trinity Schott, Calysta Tielens, Olivia Ullman and Sophie Utrie.

The Denmark Middle School NJHS chapter is advised by Erica Goral.



**If you are a student entering 6th grade next year
and are interested in joining the
Middle School Cross Country Team,
please contact Coach Brantmeier at
brantmeierj@denmark.k12.wi.us
for information and some
fun summer running opportunities.
Go Vikings!**



Thank you for your Donation

Jody Behringer - Chartwells Dining Service Director

Denmark School District Food Service Department would like to thank **Cornette Farm Supply/Vita Plus, BelGioioso & D.U.E.** for their generous donations to help feed kids. We also have had some items dropped off by anonymous donors. Please know that your generosity did not go unnoticed. Thank you all for making our life easier so we can feed the kids. From March 17th thru June 17th we have distributed 57,282 meals. I would also like to thank the schools in Wisconsin who were unable to take their commodity food and donated it to the schools who needed it to keep the program in the black, it helped Denmark School District out tremendously!

I also would like to thank all of the Denmark Food Service/District employees for being **ESSENTIAL** and showing up everyday rain, snow, wind, cold, heat and making sure kids had breakfast and lunch during this emergency shutdown.



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 Meals.....	863-4217



2020 - 2021 DENMARK SCHOOL CALENDAR

2020

September 1	First Day of School
September 7	No School - Labor Day
October 2	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
October 22	No School
October 23	No School
November 20	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
November 25	No School
November 26	No School
November 27	No School
December 23	Early Dismissal - PDT Day Last School Day Before Holiday Break

2021

January 4	First School Day After Holiday Break
January 15	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
February 19	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
March 26	Early Dismissal - PDT Day Last School Day Before Spring Break
April 5	First School Day After Spring Break
April 23	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
May 28	Early Dismissal - PDT Day
May 31	No School - Memorial Day
June 4	Last Day of School - Early Release



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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

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Hmong:

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Mandarin Chinese:

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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.