

Denmark Elementary



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, November 10th 3:30 – 8:00pm

Tuesday, November 15th 3:30 – 8:00pm

Conferences will be held IN PERSON
this year.

Please leave children at home unless
your teacher has specifically
requested that they attend.

**Conference Sign-Up will begin on
Monday Oct 31st at 12:00am and will
close on Tuesday Nov 8th at 12:59pm**

Instructions to sign your child up for
conferences were sent home with
students, emailed to parents, and can
also be viewed here:

[Parent-Teacher Conference Letter](#)

Upcoming Events

November 1 ~ Picture Retake Day

November 10 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences

November 10 ~ Students attend Newsies @ HS

November 15 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences

November 23 , 24, 25 ~ Thanksgiving Break





From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a busy month for us here at DES. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grades all had field trips. 1st grade held a family event, Camp Read S'more, and we had a family dance for families with students at the ECC and DES. We have loved opening our doors once again to hold these fun events. It was nice to see so many of you dancing, playing games and reading together. Thank you so much for being involved with your child(ren) in these events.

Parent teacher conferences will be on Thursday, Nov. 10 and Tuesday, Nov. 15. Please watch for information on how to sign up for conferences. These conferences are critical to your child's success. Your child's teacher will share with you the

things that your child is doing well, ask how things are going at home academically, socially and emotionally, and will offer suggestions on ways you can help your child. If your child is struggling or isn't liking school right now, it's even more important for you to come to conferences. We know that you only want the absolute best for your child and we want to partner with you to make that happen.

Every year a few students will report to their parents that other students are mistreating them at school. It's great when students are communicating with parents about how they are feeling. Please let your child's teacher know if something is going on. The sooner we know what is happening, the sooner we can respond.

One of the first things we review with students at school is the difference between being rude vs mean vs bullying. **Rude** is when a person inadvertently says or does something that hurts someone else. **Mean** is when a person purposefully says or does something to hurt someone else once or maybe twice. **Bullying** is when a person is aggressive towards someone else, repeatedly over time and does not stop when asked to. This typically involves an imbalance of power and the bully says or does something to directly harm the other person's character.

As students have more and more access to technology, things are being said on social media that are rude, mean or bullying. Please monitor your child's technology use. Most social media apps have an age requirement of 13 and up. My first suggestion is to adhere to these age requirements. If you do allow your child to have any social media apps or even texting, make sure you have their log-in information and password. Frequently check the messages your child is receiving and sending. Also, make sure you know all of your child's contacts/friends on their apps.

There is a ton of information on-line about bullying and cyberbullying. Here are just a few links if you would like more information: [A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying](#), [Parents Can Prevent Cyberbullying](#) and [What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Children](#).

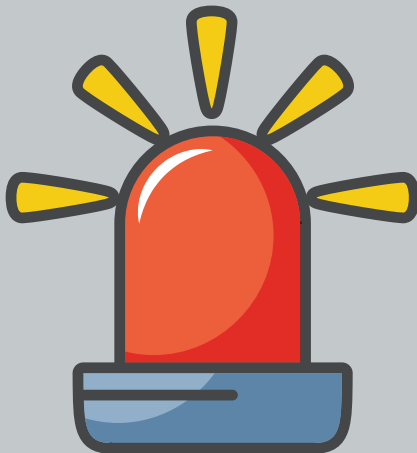
Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns. I am also available to help support you, your child and the staff as needed. Enjoy the fall days as the temperatures are starting to drop and help your child dress for the weather. Thanks!

Mrs. Hager

Reminders

Evacuation Drill

We will be practicing our Evacuation Drill sometime the week of Oct. 31. The date will be dependent on the weather. If the weather cooperates, we will do our drill on Oct. 31, with Officer Dzekute. We will all walk to one of our rally points, on school grounds. After taking attendance, the classes will return to school. Rally points are safe locations we would meet as a school in case of any sort of emergency, including but not limited to: active shooter, intruder, gas leak, or large fire. This is a safe place where students could reunite with their classmates and teachers in order to take attendance and make sure all are accounted for. This will be a casual walk with their teacher and their entire class so all students know where to go.



Drop Off/Pick Up Safety Reminders

Please remember when dropping off along the sidewalk to not park in front of the crosswalk. Please form a line and as the line moves forward, each car will get a timely spot.

Please do not pick up students in the middle of the roadway in front of school. Instead pull into a parking spot or use the car pick up line along the sidewalk.

Lastly, we ask that adults use the crosswalks provided, both when crossing to pick up at the end of the day and when dropping in the morning. That helps to keep students from running into the roadway to meet their Parent/Guardian. There is a crosswalk between the MS and ES and near the ES flagpole.

PTO News

Thank you to all that came out to Smart Cow on October 11th! The PTO received a "sweet" check for \$223!



The Nurses Station

Even at the elementary level, small talks about underage drinking can make a big difference in a kid's choices later in life. That's because kids really do listen! Research shows having frequent, casual conversations about alcohol, starting around age 8, can be a lot more effective - and a lot less intimidating- than one super serious discussion. So, start talking. Keep listening. Help give your child the confidence to grow up alcohol-free. Here is more information to help you start those small talks:

Small Talks by WI Dept of Health Services

If you have questions, please contact:

Amber Kapinos, RN

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920-863-4032





Celebrate World Kindness Day on Nov 13

- Leave a note in your kid's lunchbox
- Pay for someone's coffee or meal
- Give a compliment
- Let someone check out ahead of you
- Listen to a friend
- Smile at someone just because

And be kind to your teeth! Brush twice a day, and don't forget to floss!



OHP treats more than 10,000 underinsured and uninsured kids yearly through multiple clinics locations, school-based programs, and hospital services.

920.965.0831 • smilegb.org

What's So Special About Specials?

Music

5th Graders have just completed their guitar unit and will now start working on reading notes with the recorder. It is a valuable tool for hand/eye coordination, playing as a group, as well as working on their confidence.

4th graders are getting ready for an upcoming Veteran's Day Program at the elementary school on November 11th at 8:15am. We take the time to honor those who have sacrificed their time and lives for a great nation. With limited space in the gym with all the staff, students, and veterans, we are not inviting parents, but please ask your child about the short program we are performing for the school. Recorders are also the focus for reading music this month.

3rd graders have started to work on the Christmas program, coming up on Thursday, December 1st at 7pm at the Denmark Performing Arts Center at the High School. Songs, dancing, and parts are being learned for this fun and exciting musical presentation!

2nd graders will be starting to work on their Christmas musical. Our program is on December 15th at 7pm at the High School Performing Arts Center. Songs will be sung, as well as dancing and speaking parts will be worked on. It is an exciting time in the music room!

1st graders will be starting to work on their December concert music as well. We will be singing, dancing and playing instruments for the program. It will be held on December 15th at 6pm in the High School Performing Arts Center.

Mrs. Carley
ES/ECC Music
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Save The Date!

Upcoming Music Concerts

December 1st ~ 3rd grade

December 15th ~ 1st & 2nd Grade

February 21st ~ 5th grade

March 23rd ~ 4th grade

April 27th ~ Treble Maker Choir



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Spanish

Students 1st through 5th grade have been learning different feeling words to respond to the question (¿Como estás?) All students have the goal of accurately expressing how they feel in Spanish. Older students will be introduced to a larger vocabulary. Common responses across grades are *feliz* (happy), *cansado/a* (tired), *frío* (cold), and *hambre* (hungry).

1st and 2nd grade students are focusing on color words in Spanish. Soon we will also be learning numbers to 20.

3rd - 5th grades recently completed a feeling word assessment in SeeSaw. They have reviewed colors and will be testing soon. Additionally they are currently working with numbers to 40. Students from 3rd - 5th grade will periodically bring home reading in Spanish. This reading reviews what they have learned in class. All books should take less than 5 minutes to read, and should be returned the following school day.

When you have an extra moment, quiz your student. Ask them what the color names are in Spanish?

*Mrs. Michel-Klug
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Art

5th graders are completing their cactus gardens and uploading to Artsonia. They will be starting their string art lesson next which will focus on pattern and unity.

Ask your student to explain how they uploaded their art to Artsonia.

4th graders are completing their abstract selfies and uploading to Artsonia. They will be starting their clay sugar skulls next which will focus on form, texture, balance, and unity.

Ask your student to explain how they uploaded their art to Artsonia.

3rd graders are completing their woven sunflowers and uploading to Artsonia soon. They will be starting their jellyfish paintings next which will focus on analogous colors, organic shape, value, and space. Ask your student to explain how they uploaded their art to Artsonia.

2nd graders are completing their dinosaur prints and uploading to Artsonia. They will be starting their clay leaf dish next which will focus on organic shape, texture, and form.

Ask your student to explain how they uploaded their art to Artsonia.

1st graders completed their Mary Blair castle, and sculpted their clay texture necklaces. While those are waiting to be fired they are working on a Cezanne inspired apple still life. They will be learning how to upload to Artsonia after these lessons are complete.

Ask your student to describe different textures or name some organic shapes.

Mrs. Hagen
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ARTSONIA REMINDER:

If you have not received an email from Artsonia it's because I do not have your current email address. *Please send me a short note so that you can connect with your child's digital art gallery. There are sooo many cool personalized products you can order through Artsonia and the holiday season is coming up fast!! Be sure to check out the gift shop:
<https://www.artsonia.com/gifts/products/>

Physical Education



3rd, 4th, and 5th grades: All fitness testing and goal setting is complete and being entered into our fitness program (Wel-Net). All students will receive a print out with their 1st trimester report card, showing all of their results and what they set for their goals. We talked about how when you set a goal you want it to push you to get better but also you want it to be "achievable". When you see your students' goals, talk to them about how they chose it and what they are going to do throughout the year to help them to achieve it. Maybe the whole family can work on setting fitness goals too!!

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have also been working on playing 4-square - using "official" 4-square rules. Many of our students play it out at recess. Maybe they can teach the whole family how to play - what a blast that would be!!

1st and 2nd grades: Students had fun experimenting at different stations (rock wall, rope swing, obstacle course, scooters, spooner boards, hula hoops, jump ropes), while stopping off at Mrs. Chester and showing off their locomotor skills. They have also had fun with Mr. Wright working on their soccer skills: foot dribbling and passing.

Mrs. Chester
ES/ECC Physical Education
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Mr. Wright
ES Physical Education
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On November 15, 16, and 17, the students at Denmark Elementary will be participating in helping to set a new world record in speed stacking (cup stacking). The event is called "STACK UP!" and each year the WSSA (World Speed Stacking Association) tries to set a new world record for how many people across the globe are participating in speed stacking for at least 30 minutes or more, throughout these 3 days. We have participated in this event for quite a few years now and it is always fun to see if we are part of setting a new world record. This year the goal is to have 650,000 participants. Stay tuned for the results!!

Coding



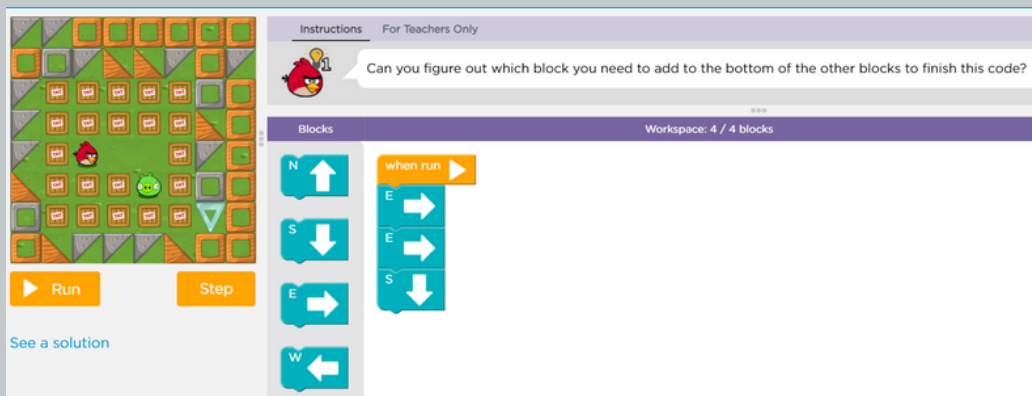
Ozobots:

1st thru 5th grade students are exploring coding with Ozobots! Students have learned about symmetric and asymmetric codes. They are experimenting with Ozobot's six speeds and are beginning to understand input and output by coding their Ozobot to perform different actions and speeds.

Code.org

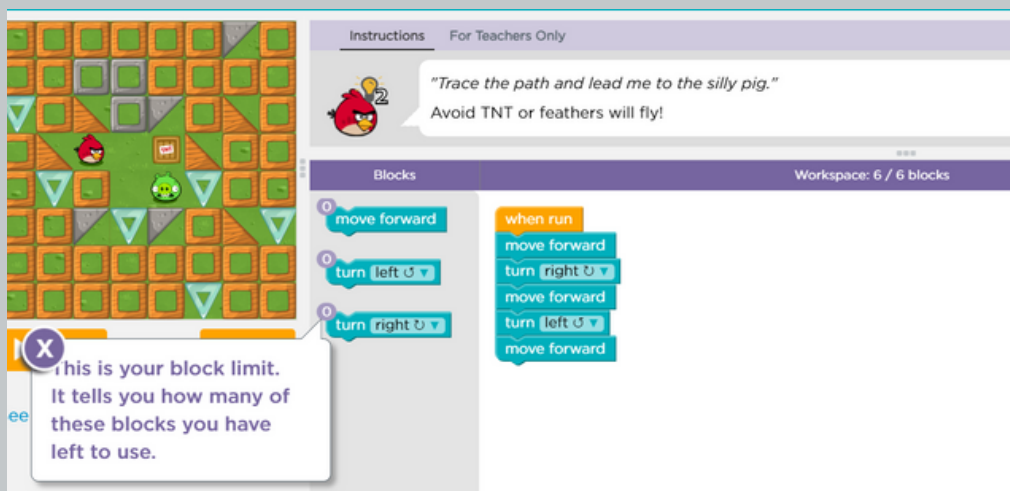
1st grade students are using code.org to:

help the angry bird get to the pig by building a computer program from a set of written instructions.



2nd grade students are using code.org to:

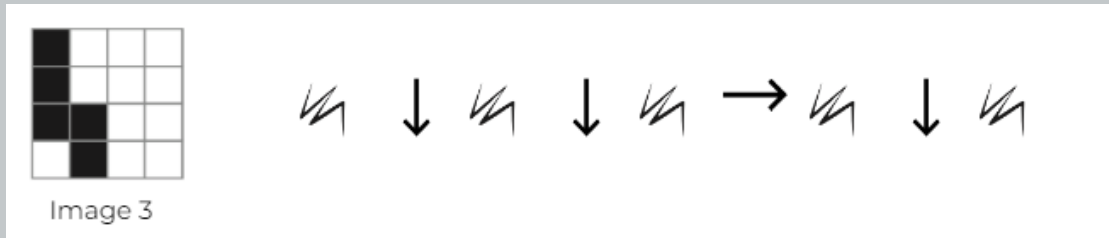
identify and locate bugs in a program and modify an existing program to solve errors



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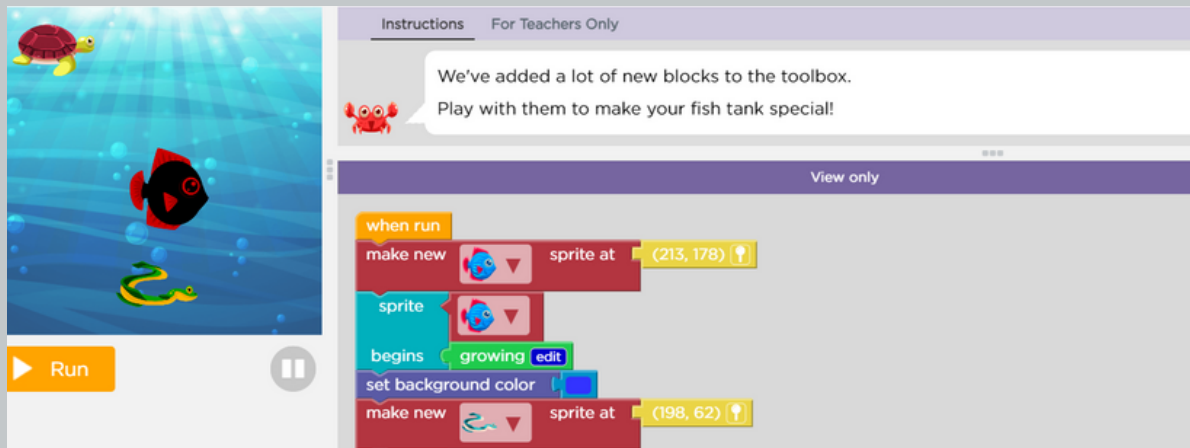
3rd grade students are using code.org to:

complete an unplugged activity in which they need to write a program so that their peers can correctly fill in the boxes and solve which puzzle they made.



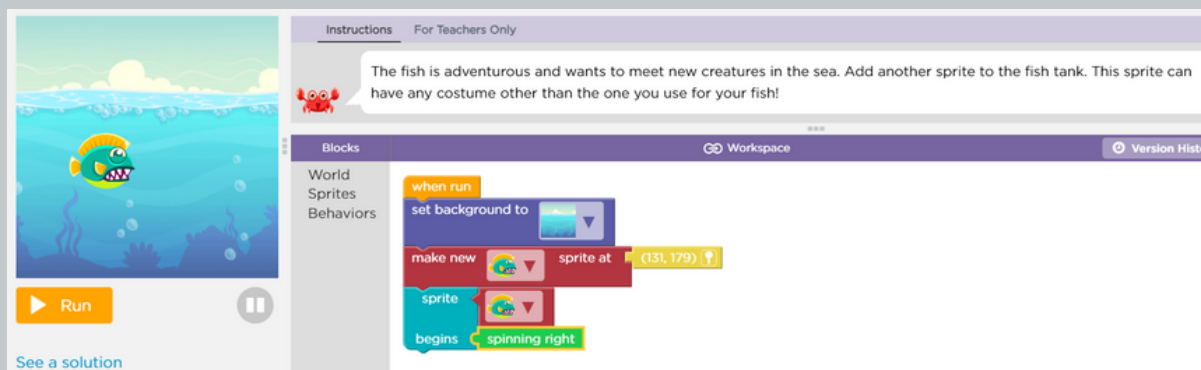
4th grade students are using code.org to:

learn what sprites are and assign them costumes and behaviors.



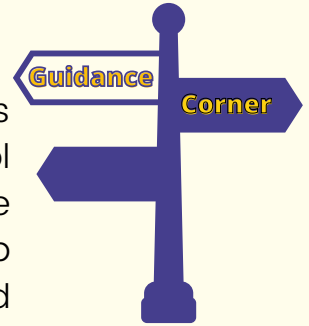
5th grade students are using code.org to:

create animations with sprites and assign them a costume, location, and give them behaviors.



Mrs. Swetlik
ES Coding
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What are we learning in Guidance in November?



At the Elementary level we are implementing a new curriculum. This curriculum is called Purposeful People. Every three weeks, the school counselors will be going into the classroom to teach a specific topic. The world is changing quickly and we want to do everything we can to help students be successful in school and life. We believe that students should have safe, predictable places to learn where they feel included. Students should have healthy and helpful connections with teachers and classmates. They should also experience learning that will help them tackle challenges inside and outside of school. Purposeful People is more than a set of lessons – it is a partnership between schools and families to create a place where students feel like they belong and learn skills that will help them be the best they can be!

Purposeful People has three main goals for students: Be Kind, Be Strong, and Be Well.

- Be Kind: Social skills like listening, friendship, solving conflicts, and leadership.
 - These skills are taught alongside Empathy, Respect, & Cooperation
- Be Strong: Skills that help students focus, stay organized, and set goals.
 - These skills are taught alongside Responsibility, Courage, & Perseverance
- Be Well: Skills that help students handle their emotions and deal with stress.
 - These skills are taught alongside Gratitude, Honesty, & Creativity

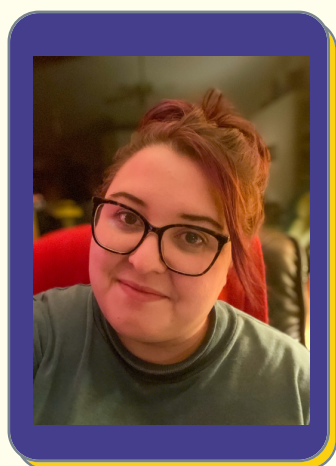
This year, you'll be invited to join the fun! We will send letters home about the skills and strengths being taught each month. Each letter will include some ways to build these skills at home, discussion starters, and fun challenges you can try with your family. The path forward is full of growth! We cannot wait to partner with you in this work...

- To teach students how to build strong friendships
- To work together to solve problems, big and small
- To grow skills for life
- To become PurposeFull People

Over the next few weeks all grade levels will be talking about RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY!!!! Please take time to look in your students folder and read the letters sent home with them.

Mrs. Ehlert
 ES Guidance Counselor
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My name is Danielle Tauscher (or Ms. Dani) and I am so excited to be a part of your child's first grade team as a School Counselor! I was at the ECC part-time last year, and I'm looking forward to a full year growing and learning with your child. This year, in addition to the ECC, I'm happy to add first grade to my roster with lessons that focus on important social and emotional skills.

I can be reached at (920)863-4189 or via email at tauscherd@denmark.k12.wi.us

I'm looking forward to working with our ECC and 1st grade students this year!

Ms. Dani
ES/ECC School Counselor
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Tips and Tricks for Parents

It's 30 minutes before bedtime and you walk into your child's room. You find the homework that they should have finished is still half-done. It's been over an hour since you reminded them to finish up, but instead they're watching TV. You ask your child several times why they've been wasting time and before you know it, you've lost it. You're not proud of your reaction, but you feel cornered. If you feel like this as a parent: you are not alone.

When homework is left unfinished, here are some tips:

- Take a deep breath! Focus on the exhale. Do that 3 times or more until you feel calm.
- Think....My child needs my help. We can get through this. We're on the same team.
- Try to say this:

"First homework gets done, then we watch TV. Need help with that?"

"What's the next step you need to take on your homework?"

"It looks like something about this is difficult. Do you want some help?"

"I notice you have homework left to finish."

- When all is said and done, collaborate on how you can work together to get it done next time.

"I noticed it's tempting to watch TV when it's homework time. I'm on your side and would love to work on some ideas to help you focus on homework first. Let's make a list."

If you're triggered by your child struggling with homework, it often goes beyond what is happening at the moment. Uncover your fears about the future. Ask yourself:

"If my child struggles with homework right now, I fear in the future" Then try and flip the script and write a different ending to the story.



Message From Food Services: Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank You ALL for your participation in the School Meal Program.

Updates:

- ~Visit our Menu Web Site – denmark.nutrislice.com
- ~Breakfast is available every morning & requires ½ cup of fruit or vegetable per USDA
- ~Breakfast Price For This Year is \$1.80
- ~ Lunch Price For This Year is \$2.75
- ~Milk Break is offered daily, the cost for this is \$.55 per day
- ~If your Child brings a cold Lunch and wants a milk, that cost is also \$.55
- ~Free and Reduced Applications are available all year, please contact Kristi Buhr or click this link: [FREE & REDUCED LUNCH FORM](#)
- ~If you change your E-Mail address or move, please notify the school secretaries so updates can be made.
- ~PLEASE KEEP FAMILY ACCOUNT BALANCES IN THE POSITIVE.
- ~Please have any payments for the Food Service turned in by 8:30 a.m. daily so it can be credited for that day.
- ~PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE THRU THE PARENT PORTAL IN INFINITE CAMPASS
- ~Make checks payable to “DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT”
- ~PLEASE PUT PAYMENTS IN AN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE MARKED WITH THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD & STUDENT(S) NAME.
- ~Please contact Jody Behringer FSD, 863-4220 for any questions

*Jody Behringer
Food Services Department
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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.

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