

Denmark Elementary



Fall Is In The Air

As the weather is changing and our days are getting cooler, please remember to send in sweatshirts, jackets, hats, and mittens/gloves with your children.

Once the snow arrives, all students must wear a jacket, hat, mittens/gloves, snow pants and boots to play in the snow.

Students at Denmark Elementary will go outside for recess if weather, with the windchill is -10 F. If the weather, with the windchill is below -10 F, recess will be held indoors.

Please label all extra clothing with your child's name.



Picture Day



Picture Day is **Monday, October 3rd!**

This year, our school will be partnering with Ambrosius Studio to capture the smiles of your children. Pictures will be put online for you to view and order. Your son/daughter will be given a QR Code Card at the time of pictures to bring home. This card will have the code you will need to order pictures and will have information on ordering from Ambrosius Studios website (ambrosiusstudios.com)

Images will be on the Ambrosius Studio website within 5 days after photos are taken. Each student will have 2 images online to view and select from.

Please view your son/daughter's images within 14 days of picture day to ensure no retake is necessary. If a retake is necessary, this must be indicated online to have a retake done. All retakes MUST be entered online.

Picture retake day has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st.



From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The start of this school year has been amazing! We started the year off with an all school assembly to review our school rules of being respectful, responsible and safe. Anytime an adult at school notices a student following our school rules or making great choices, students can earn a purple "Thumbs Up" ticket. Students then put their "Thumbs Up" tickets in a bucket in their classrooms. Whenever we have a full week of school we celebrate the great choices students are making.

On Mondays, each 1st grade teacher picks one winner from their bucket. All the 1st grade winners are celebrated on the Daily Buzz, our school video announcements.

Then the students get to come to the office and pick a special prize. Prizes range from things like using the principal's chair for the day, picking a friend to eat lunch with Mrs. Ehlert or Mrs. Hager, wearing a hat in school all day, erasers, Denmark T-shirts or scarves, match box cars, Barbies, hair ties, etc.

On Tuesdays, the same process is followed for 2nd grade, Wednesday for 3rd grade, Thursday for 4th grade and 5th grade is on Friday. Ask your child how many purple tickets they have earned so far this year, but more importantly ask them what they did to earn them. For our younger students, I ask them to tell me about good choices they made to earn their purple ticket. Our students are making such great choices and are being kind to each other!

SeeSaw is an amazing tool to see what's happening in your child's classroom and what your child is learning. Teachers often send their classroom newsletter, information about field trips and special events through SeeSaw. Please check it out. If you haven't logged into SeeSaw since your child started at the elementary school, you will need the directions that your child's teacher sent home at the beginning of the year. If you can't find that information, just contact your child's teacher.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the PTO Read-A-Thon. Thank you for promoting reading with your child by helping them set aside time every night for reading. All grade levels ask students to read between 10-20 minutes every night. This is a life long skill and will help your child grow as a reader. The funds raised by the PTO will benefit our school in many different ways. Thank you for your support!

Finally, our Parent Teacher Conference dates have been set. They will be held in person on Thursday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 15. More information about scheduling your parent teacher conference will be sent to you at the end of October.

I hope you are able to enjoy the fall colors with your family this month!

Mrs. Hager



Reminders

Volunteer /Chaperoning

If you plan to volunteer at school, we will need a current volunteer background check on file AND a Chaperone Agreement for the 22-23 school year. You can find these forms on the Denmark Elementary Website under the menu in the "Families/Students" section.

Bike Safety

Students riding their bike to school must dismount and WALK their bikes across the crosswalks. Students also must WALK their bikes on all sidewalks in front of the school buildings. Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe!



Upcoming Events

- October 3rd ~** Picture Day 
- October 3rd ~** 3rd Grade 1/2 -Hillside Orchard Field Trip
- October 5th ~** 3rd Grade 1/2 -Hillside Orchard Field Trip
- October 6th ~** 4th Grade Heritage Hill Field Trip
- October 7th ~** Early Release, 11:30am Dismissal
- October 11th ~** 5th Grade 1/2 - Barkhausen Field Trip
- October 11th ~** Smart Cow Day! 
- October 12th ~** 5th Grade 1/2 - Barkhausen Field Trip
- October 13th ~** Referendum Meeting, ECC 6:00-7:30pm
- October 14th ~** 2nd Grade Wildlife Sanctuary Field Trip
- October 19th ~** Referendum Meeting, ES 6:00-7:30pm
- October 21st ~** School Dance, ES Gym 6:00-8:00pm
- October 24th ~** Literacy Night, 1st Grade 5:00pm
- October 27th & 28th ~ NO SCHOOL**

PTO News

A HUGE thank you goes to everyone that donated to our first ever Denmark Viking Read-A-Thon! We surpassed our goal of \$15,000 in less than a week.

Thank you for sharing your child's webpage, logging their minutes, collecting donations, and most importantly supporting your child's reading. We will be able to do so many amazing things with this money. Donations will still be accepted until October 10th.

Way to go Vikings!

Reminder: Smart Cow Day, Tuesday, October 11th ~ A portion of the day's proceeds will come back to the PTO.

School Dance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

6:00 - 8:00PM



- CONCESSIONS
- GAMES
- DOOR PRIZES
- DJ MUSIC BY McP

WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!

Elementary appropriate please
No face masks or props

More information will be coming
home soon with a parent
sign up

5th Grade Field Trip

5th Graders Are Going To Barkhausen!

Mr. McPherson, Mrs. Seaubaugh, and 1/2 of Ms. Schultz's class are going on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Mrs. Brunette, Mrs. Geffers, and the other 1/2 of Ms. Schultz's class are going on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

While there the students will be participating in a pond study and looking at recycling: nature's way. Students must wear long pants and it is recommended that they bring a change of shoes and socks. If they have waterproof boots, they certainly may bring them along. It is a wonderful way to enhance what they are learning in the classroom.



Health Training Opportunity

This Epi Pen training event is open to students, staff and community members. Students in 5th grade and older are invited to participate. Anaphylactic reactions continue to rise whether it is in response to a food allergy or environmental allergy, such as a bee sting. This event will provide you with great information and the confidence to help those in need. You never know when you may need to help a child's friend, grandchild or community member.

If you have questions, please contact:

Amber Kapinos, RN

kapinosa@denmark.k12.wi.us

920-863-4032



What Epinephrine Products
Are Currently Available in the U.S.?



KIDS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES
A Division of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
kidswithfoodallergies.org/blog



EPI PEN TRAINING EVENT

TUESDAY, NOV 8 IN THE HIGH
SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA
CENTER 3:45PM OR 6:00 PM.

The content of the course is state-approved through the WI Association of Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (WAOPS). The course lasts approximately 1 hour and is free of charge. Those appropriately trained individuals can then carry Epinephrine and administer to anyone in need. Information on how to obtain discounted EPI pens will be provided.

The Dillon Mueller Memorial Fund directly administers and supports these courses

"Do It for Dillon Brraaapp On"

What's So Special About Specials?



Music

Music class is alive and well in our school! Throughout the classes we are creating through movement, performing by ourselves and with others in front of their peers, recognizing musical elements and making connections to other cultures and countries.

1st grade- Finding the beat, singing alone and matching pitch

2nd- Singing alone, recognizing musical families, working on mallet instruments

3rd- Singing alone, as well as starting to learn three chords on the ukulele

4th- Learning about the March King, John Philip Sousa with our National March, "Stars and Stripes Forever" and reviewing our knowledge on the ukulele. We are also starting recorders with reading music and working on hand/eye coordination.

5th- Understanding the lyrics of our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner", performing with others, working on hand/eye coordination on the mallets, as well as learning the fundamentals on the guitar and recorders.

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



Spanish

Students 1st through 5th grade are learning and reviewing how to greet and introduce themselves in Spanish. All students should know how to introduce themselves in Spanish. Ask your student ¿Cómo te llamas? (kohm-oh te yamas) And continue to look for your student's learning posted in their Seesaw account.



Art

We're off to a fun and creative start! Please be sure your child has an art shirt at school. These are stored in their locker and used each week.

1st grade: Students are creating a Mary Blair inspired castle using geometric shapes, and warm/cool colors.

- Ask your student to name some geometric shapes or warm/cool colors they used in their castle.

2nd grade: Students are creating a dinosaur print using a grid drawing technique.

- Ask your student to explain how they used a grid to help them draw their dinosaur.

3rd grade: Students are using the principle of balance (radial symmetry) in their colorful Van Gogh inspired sunflower weavings.

- Ask your student to explain how they created radial symmetry in their sunflower design.

4th grade: Students are creating an abstract self-portrait inspired by Sandra Silberzweig. Sandra has a condition called synesthesia which means her senses are mixed in unusual ways.

- Ask your student to explain the difference between an abstract and realistic portrait, and how synesthesia affects Sandra's everyday life.

5th grade: Students are using the elements of shape, texture, and space with their creative cactus gardens. They're also using geometric patterns and contrasting colors with their Acoma pueblo inspired pottery designs.

- Ask your student to explain how they created space in their cactus garden and what kinds of geometric shapes they used in their pottery design.

ARTSONIA

Students will be uploading their own artwork to Artsonia. If you have not received any emails directly from Artsonia it is because I do not have a current email address. Please send me a short note with your child's name, their classroom teacher's name, and your email address so that it can be added to Artsonia. *First graders will be learning how to upload their artwork by mid-year.

Coding

Students are learning about being a good digital citizen.

- 1st grade students learned about digital trails and what is safe to share online. They also learned what a bug is and how to debug something.
- 2nd grade students learned how to stop bullying using the acronym STOP. Ask your child to see if they can tell you what it means.
- 3rd grade students are learning how to make a powerful password. Ask them how to use phrases when making a password.
- 4th grade students are learning how to be a super digital citizen. They learned to be an upstander and what to do if they encounter a cyberbully.
- 5th grade students are learning about empathy and how our words can be interpreted by others.



Physical Education

Please help your child to have safe athletic-type shoes on their PE days.

- 3rd, 4th and 5th grades: Fitness Testing is underway! We have practiced our PACER, curl-ups and push-ups and now we are ready to perform to the best of our ability. Once all of the fall tests are completed, then we will set fitness goals: 3rd grade sets 1 goal, 4th grade sets 2 and 5th grade sets 4. This gives the students something to strive for throughout the year and a challenge when we retest in spring.
 - Ask your student which fitness test is their favorite and which Component of Fitness it is measuring.
- 1st and 2nd grades: Moving safely throughout the gym is always a must, so we have been working on personal and general space with a variety of tag games along with reviewing our locomotor skills. We have also been exploring fun hula hoop activities.
 - Ask your child what their favorite tag game is or their favorite hula hoop trick.



Gifted & Talented

Destination ImagiNation® is an international program for students in kindergarten through college. Each year 5 new Team challenges are developed for DI teams to choose from. They range from performance and improvisation to very technical and structural. The program encourages students to apply creative problem solving, critical thinking, and teamwork in enjoyable and meaningful ways as they work to develop a solution to their chosen challenge.

Instant Challenges require teams to engage in quick, creative and critical thinking. At a tournament, a team will receive an Instant Challenge and the materials with which to solve it. The team members must think on their feet by applying appropriate skills to produce a solution in a period of just five to eight minutes.

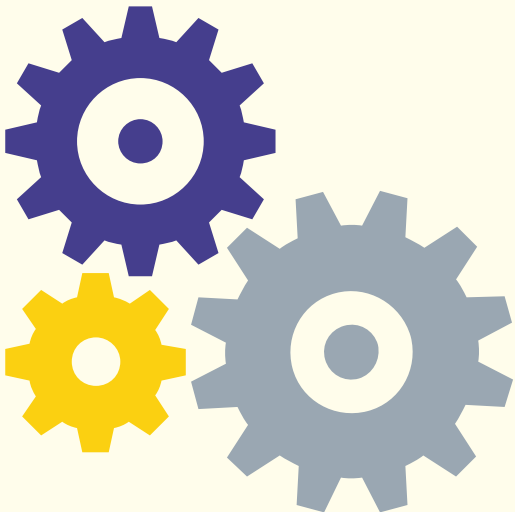
You can learn more by Clicking this link and watching the Challenge Preview video:

[2023 Challenge Preview Video](#)

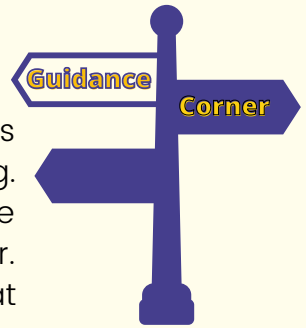
You can also learn more about the Challenge and how your child can participate in the 2023 Challenge by clicking this link:

[Destination Imagination Challenge Information Packet](#)

For any additional questions, please call Mrs. Loriann Link-Ritz, GT Enrichment Coordinator, at 920-863-4033.



What are we learning in Guidance in October?



We will be continuing to talk about safety tools needed in an unsafe situation. This includes fire drills, tornado drills, and if there is an unsafe situation in the building. As part of our district-wide initiative in teaching our students how to stay safe using the A.L.I.C.E. principles, students will learn or review what A.L.I.C.E. stands for. Topics of this lesson include what to do if you are in an unsafe situation both at home and school.

If you would like to know more information about A.L.I.C.E. or what will be presented to your child, please feel free to contact me or visit the A.L.I.C.E. website at <https://www.alicetraining.com/>.



Here at Denmark Elementary School, we honor Red Ribbon week October 24-26. Red Ribbon Week is a drug prevention campaign. Schools and communities stand together and say no to drugs. There will be many activities at school such as dress up days to support this campaign.

Here is the list of dress up days for Red Ribbon Week.

Monday October 24 "Wake Up Drug Free" -PJ day

Tuesday October 25 "You Have the Power to Make Really Excellent Decisions" -Super hero shirt and accessories like socks and jewelry

Wednesday October 26 "Our School Chooses To Be Drug Free! -Viking Spirit colors

Tips and Tricks for Parents

Do you ever feel like getting out the door with your kids in the morning is one of the most exhausting things you do in your day? Trust me, I have been there too!

You have done everything you think you can do the night before....pack a lunch, laid out clothes, chatted about the morning routine. Then the morning comes and chaos ensues.....the kids are moving like turtles. Your reaction is to YELL! You are not proud of yourself and a little embarrassed. You want to be a role model for your kids! Here are some quick tips on how to make your morning better:

Take a deep breath. Focus on the exhale. Think "This is not an emergency. I need to be calm so they are calm. I can do this!"

Connect with your kids. Instead of saying "Why are you moving so slow?" try "Can you get dressed in a flash?" or "I'm on your side. How can I help you? What is the next thing to do? Let's grab our list and check off what you have done so far."

Collaborate outside of the moment. It doesn't help to talk about it when everyone is heated. Use a different time to have a conversation about the morning. "I know it's hard to get everything ready in the morning. I'd love to make a plan with you so we can make it happen. Do you want to practice getting ready and see how fast we can go?"

Community Corner

This football season the Denmark Varsity Dance Team would love to invite your little ones to their "Ghostbusters" Kids Dance Clinic! As a team, they would love to have a fun and interactive day for children to learn a fun and exciting Halloween dance to perform for you and your loved ones at a Varsity Football Game at Halftime!

When: Saturday October 8th 2022 & Friday October 14th 2022 (Performance)

For more information and to register your child, click this link:

["Ghostbusters" Fall 22 Dance Clinic](#)



Wrestling is alive and well in Denmark! Click this link to learn more about the Denmark Wrestling Club and how your child can get involved:



[Denmark Wrestling Club Flyer](#)

The Denmark Youth Boys Baseball tournament tryouts will be held on Monday, October 10th at the High School Gold Gym, 6:00 -7:15pm. For more information, click this Link:

[Denmark Baseball Tournament Tryouts](#)



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



In Accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and the Child Find Law, Denmark School District 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 Denmark School District and have a child who is age 3 or turning age 3 during the current school year, please notify the Denmark School District'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.

If you have any immediate concerns about your child's age appropriate development, you can call Sheryl DeLarwelle at 920-863-4035 to inquire about the referral and evaluation process. You can also email her at delarwes@denmark.k12.wi.us.



Message From Food Services:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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 contact Jody Behringer FSD, 863-4220 for any questions
- ~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 COMPASS
- ~Make checks payable to “DENMARK SCHOOL DISTRICT”
- ~PLEASE PUT PAYMENTS IN AN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE MARKED WITH THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD & STUDENT(S) NAME.

Thank You!





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.

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。