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High School Musical Bye Bye Birdie

By: Becky Coons

The Dallas Center-Grimes High School Drama Department presented the hit musical Bye Bye Birdie November 10– 12 in the high school auditorium. The show was directed by Becky Coons with musical direction by Jim Shutt.

Over 50 students worked together as actors, technicians and musicians to bring this show to the DCG stage. Based on the book written by Michael Stewart with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Lee Adams, Bye Bye Birdie has been one of the most popular musicals since the early 1960’s. Featured songs included “Put on a Happy Face,” “Kids,” and “A Lot of Livin’ To Do.”

Senior students, Isaac Lodwick and Elaina Bayse played leads Albert Peterson and Rosie Alvarez, respectively. Gracie Stephens played Kim McAfee, and Hugo Peabody was played by Elijah Price. Harry McAfee was played by Kole Hicok and Doris McAfee was played by Kelly Troxel.

The part of Conrad Birdie was sung by Dakota Belling, and Megan Holbrook played Mae Peterson.

The production was adjudicated by the Iowa High School Musical Theater Association as part of its’ annual musical theater competition. If chosen, DCG’s production of Bye Bye Birdie could be showcased during a live awards show at the Des Moines Civic Center in early June.



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School Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, December 7 - 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development

Friday, December 23 - Monday, January 2 - No School for Winter Break

SchoolMessenger Notification Service

The Dallas Center-Grimes School District is using SchoolMessenger as its Parent Notification system, a leading provider of notification services for parent outreach, emergency broadcasts, and other communications for education.

The SchoolMessenger system is designed to automatically notify parents for reasons that impact the safety and academic performance of students. SchoolMessenger will allow us to enhance our communication with additional features, such as text messages and individual parent control of who receives messages and how they are received.

Class of 2013 Cumulative Records

It is time to clean out the storage room and cumulative records! The school keeps and maintains permanent records on every student forever but only keeps cumulative records for three years. We will be disposing of cumulative records for the **2013 graduation year**. If you graduated in 2013 and would like your cumulative record, you may pick it up at the high school office. Please call the high school office at 986-9747. Any cumulative records remaining by December 2016 will be destroyed.

Student Assistance Program

Free, confidential program for DCG students! The Student Assistance Program has counselors available 24 hours/day and seven days a week for a phone consultation and extensive hours for in person sessions. A student and/or their parents can make the contact that allows for three visits per year per issue. Call 515-244-6090.

Iowa Sex Offender Registry

Many communities in Iowa, including Dallas Center and Grimes, have residents living in the community that are on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry. We are aware of residents living in Grimes and in Dallas Center that are on the sex offender register, although we no longer receive any official notification. We want to make you are aware of the situation so you can discuss it with your child(ren).

The sex offender register is available online at <http://www.iowasexoffender.com/>. Parents are encouraged to be aware of this information by accessing this website. If you do not have access to the Internet, or need assistance in accessing this information, please contact 992-3866. If you are unable to access this information, we will provide the information verbally or send copies of the information in the mail.

Please be aware that this notification is to serve only as a means for the public to protect themselves. Any action taken by anyone against these individuals, including vandalism of property, verbal or written threat of physical harm, or physical assault against these individuals or their family can result in arrest and prosecution.

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Boys Cross Country Shows Limitless Potential in 2016

The DCG Boys Cross Country team celebrated the best season in school history at a banquet on November 7. Season results were as follows:

Varsity	Meet	JV
1 st	Gilbert	1 st (if scored)
1 st	DCG	1 st (if scored)
2 nd	Johnston	2 nd
1 st	Ballard	2 nd
1 st	Newton	1 st
1 st	Perry	1 st (perfect score)
Canceled	Atlantic	Canceled
3 rd	Conference	1 st
2 nd	District	
3 rd	State	

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The team brought home some hardware for the first time ever, placing third at State, moving up from 4th (2015), 7th (2014), and 15th (2013). The team also won its third straight JV Little Hawkeye Conference title with an outstanding score of 17. Additionally, there were 25 additions to the top ten lists this year.

All-Conference: Tyler Borneman and Alex Thompson.

All-District: Tyler Borneman, Jared Bravard, Jacob Cline, Alex Thompson.

Academic All-Conference: (10th-12th grade letterwinners earning a 3.5 GPA or above)

10th – Tyler Borneman, Carter Eischeid, Max Hull, Caleb Rhoads, 11th – Steve Borneman, Jackson Bridie, Ean Followwill, Weston Hefel, Alex Thompson, Jacob Waymire

12th – Dakota Belling, Jared Bravard, Will Horak, Teagan Pierce, Ben Sterbenz, Jared Werner

All-State: Alex Thompson (12th at the State Meet)

IATC Senior All-Star Meet Selections: Dakota Belling, Jared Bravard, Jacob Cline



Honorees at the banquet were as follows:

Student Athlete Award Winners: 10th - Carter Eischeid, Colin Korsching, Caleb Rhoads, 11th – Tim Friesen, 12th – Jared Bravard

Most Valuable Team Member: Jared Bravard

Most Improved: Weston Hefel, Max Hull

Coaches Award: 9th – Jacob Hochstetler, JV – Kai Newell, Varsity – Steve Borneman

DCG Sportsmanship Award: Jacob Cline, Ean Followwill, Luke Knudsen

Captains: Dakota Belling, Tyler Borneman, Steve Borneman, Jared Bravard, Ean Followwill, Weston Hefel, Jacob Waymire

Thank you to all the parents for their tremendous support and encouragement this season, with a shout out to parent reps Mary Cline, Sara Bridie, and Sarah Schaeffer for their work throughout the year. Special thanks to Mary for a good deal of behind-the-scenes work, including organizing the schedule of team meals and meet snacks and drinks.

Thank you to Mr. Watson, Mr. Yossi, Brenda Smith and Betsy Grove for their help at the high school. And thank you to the Booster Club for its support of our team in a variety of ways!

Thank you to middle school coaches Ariana Krueger and Kellen Sulentic for the way they help build the program through fun and encouragement of the kids, as well as their enthusiasm and promotion of the sport of cross country!

Finally, the team is looking forward to building on the success they've had! Next year promises to be exciting, and we invite you to be a part of it – keep an eye on opportunities for young runners with the DCG Boys 5th-12th grade Cross Country Camp at which Olympian Lisa Uhl is scheduled to speak, as well as the Run for Fun in the Sun Camp through Grimes Parks and Recreation. We all appreciate the awesome support of the Dallas Center-Grimes community! Go Mustangs!

2015-2016 Annual Progress Report

The Annual Progress Report is a report of our school district's achievement for the previous school year. These can be viewed on the Iowa DE website (educateiowa.gov). In addition, we will provide information throughout the school year in the Mustang Monthly. This month, we are reporting post-secondary education and ACT data.

Post-Secondary Education

Percentage of all high school seniors who intend to pursue post-secondary education/training

Graduating Class	Intend to Pursue Post-Secondary Education
2006	87.96%
2007	88.42%
2008	84.92%
2009	92.62%
2010	85.6%
2011	89.7%
2012	86.8%
2013	87.7%
2014	91.0%
2015	85.6%
2016	84.5%

Probable Post-Secondary Success

The percentage of high school students (any students in grades 9-12 who took ACT during the school year) achieving a score or status on a measure indicating probable post-secondary success.

Dallas Center-Grimes uses the ACT as a measure of probable post-secondary success. The ACT is a widely accepted college entrance exam. It assesses general educational development and the ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. A composite score of 20 is used by the district to determine probable post-secondary success. The district also reviews the data by the four skill areas.

Please note that the score in the next section is the percentage of high school students (any students in grades 9-12 who took ACT during the school year) achieving a score of at least 20 on the ACT composite score. This does not reflect any single class.

School year	# Of Students Taking ACT	% Of Students at or Above 20
2007-08	145	77.24
2008-09	155	84.52
2009-10	148	81.1%
2010-11	136	79.41%
2011-12	128	68.75
2012-13	113	70.63%
2013-14	210	72.9%
2014-15	215	68.84%
2015-16	224	81.25%

Graduating year	# Of Students Taking ACT	% Of Students Taking ACT	% Of Students at or Above 20
2009-10	85	65.89%	85.9%
2010-11	98	70.50%	78.5%
2011-12	94	70.15%	77.7%
2012-13	100	67.57%	77.0%
2013-14	115	66.47%	78.3%
2014-15	127	69.78%	81.9%
2015-16	121	72.89%	80.16%

Board Commendations

As we approach Veterans Day, we would like to recognize our staff and their family members that have served our country as a member of the military.

- Allen Hawbaker, Bus Driver
- Chris Pappas, Custodian
- Colby Judd, Spouse of Meadows Counselor Emily Judd – Currently in the Air Force
- Daryl Haynes, Buildings & Grounds - Army
- DeEtta Rosa, Meadows Administrative Assistant - Spouse of Army Veteran
- Jeff Wolfe, Transportation Supervisor - Army National Guard
- Jim Wallace, DC Elementary Custodian - Air National Guard
- Joyce Breckenridge, DC Elementary Associate - Spouse of Retired Army Veteran
- Laura Morgan - Spouse of a Veteran
- Mike Buckalew, Bus Driver - US Navy
- Patty Schipper, Kid's Korner Preschool Teacher - US Army Reserves
- Ray Boyer, MS Custodian - US Marine Corp
- Vilas Morris, Spouse of SP Elementary Principal Patty Morris - US Marine Corps Veteran

I would like to thank Lynne Rinehart (DCE) and Kellee Andrews (SP) for their leadership in helping staff to review and learn about the value of running records in reading. Lynne and Kellee helped to facilitate the meetings for K-2 and 3-5 on Wednesday, September 28 in the afternoon. Both ladies prepared materials ahead of time, recorded students reading, and documented their work! They led with confidence and helped everyone to develop a stronger understanding of the value of running records. Thank you, Lynne and Kellee, for your leadership!" - Greg Carena

I'd like to thank Mary Gerzema, Rebecca Westphal, and Doug and Sheryl Kardell for score table support during varsity volleyball games. - Cheryl Voelker

AJay Winter is a parent in the district who works for the Iowa DNR at the Springbrook Conservation Education Center. He was able to supply the high school Biology classes with monarch butterfly eggs, as well as all the materials needed to grow them into butterflies (cups, netting, bleach, and a container). It was awesome to see how the tiny eggs and caterpillars were able to grow and then go into the pupa stage of a chrysalis. The students really enjoyed seeing their caterpillars grow and "hatch" from their chrysalis, and during the first week of October students were able to release 45 beautiful monarchs. These butterflies are now migrating to Mexico for the winter, and gave our students an awesome hands-on opportunity. Thank you so much to AJay for thinking of us and going the extra mile to set up our students with this awesome learning experience. - Dave Harwood

Thanks to the leadership of Judy Peterson, many students will have the opportunity to participate in Sign Language Club at DCE! What a great way to build communication and awareness in students. - Diann Williamson

Delilah Bonner has researched and organized the Safety Patrol for DCE. Thanks for creating this wonderful leadership opportunity for our fourth and fifth graders! - Diann Williamson

I would like to thank Mr. Nelson for his attention to his classes. My daughter is in his Sports Entertainment and Marketing class. Maddie really loves his teaching style and attention to student progress. He's trying to be very reflective about his lessons and what students have learned. He is willing to go through things again when the students haven't shown proficiency and even evaluate the way he is explaining things. She has taken a lot from his teaching style and really admires this about him. We also admire that quality within a teacher - being reflective and proactive with students learning. He's following our district model so well, even though it's his first year within our district. Also, a shout out for bringing DECA to our district. Maddie has really enjoyed this group and learning more about the business world. Thank you so much Mr. Nelson for all you are doing for DCG. - The Calease Family



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HIGH SCHOOL/MEADOWS NEWS

High School Registration

By: Cindy Bassett

January brings course registration for students in ninth through eleventh grade. An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium. Parents are invited to learn about course offerings, credit requirements, and upcoming registration for students. Tenth and eleventh-graders are set to register during advisory on Friday, January 20.

Meadows Registration/Course Information

On Tuesday, January 10 all current eighth grade students and parents are encouraged to meet in the High School Auditorium at 5:30 pm. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the registration process for ninth grade and gain information about both core and elective courses. The meeting should take about an hour. If you have any questions, please contact Marc Juergens or Lori Phillips at 986-0105.

October Students of the Month

High school staff members are proud to recognize students who deserve to be celebrated for the work they are doing in class. Students below were selected for qualities such as leadership, work ethic, and peer support during the month of October.

Agriculture: Cody Kuebler

Art: Chase Wadsworth

Band: Skylar Robertson

Business: Allie Boender/

Family and Consumer Science: Gabriela Rodriguez

Industrial Technology: Kole Hicok

Language Arts: Ean Followwill

Math: Madeline Duey

Physical Education: Elizabeth Becker

Science: Tyler Pride

Social Studies: Wesley Steele

Vocal: BrookLynn Herrmann

World Language: Lauren Asman



Culture Night

By: LaRee Hawks

In the month of November, the French and Spanish departments took several students to culture night. The departments and students went to learn more about the Bosnian culture, history and religion. We went to a local mosque located on Second Avenue in Des Moines. There we met Enes Rizvic, the Imam. An Imam is equivalent to a priest or pastor in a Christian church. He gave us a wonderful tour of the mosque. After the tour, he invited us along with his wife and friends to enjoy some traditional Bosnian food. We ate burek and sirnica. These dishes look a lot like deep-dish pizza without the sauce. The burek was filled with meat and the sirnica was filled with cheese. They were delicious. After our meal, Enes talked about the history and culture

of Bosnia and gave us a great talk about the Islam religion. At the end of his presentation, we were encouraged to ask questions. Thank you so much Enes for your wonderful hospitality!

Reggie's Sleepout

By: Lara Roy

The NHS and other students from the high school participated in Reggie's Sleepout. This event brings awareness to and fundraises for homeless youth in Iowa. Before the event, the students talked to family members and friends about what they were going to do and collected donations. Then, on the evening of October 22, the 45 students met at Drake stadium with boxes, tents, and blankets to sleep out for one night and experience in a very small way what it would be like to be homeless. Overall, the students raised around \$2,500, once again placing in the top five fundraising teams at the event. Every year, I look forward to this event and sharing it with the students. They do amazing work every year!

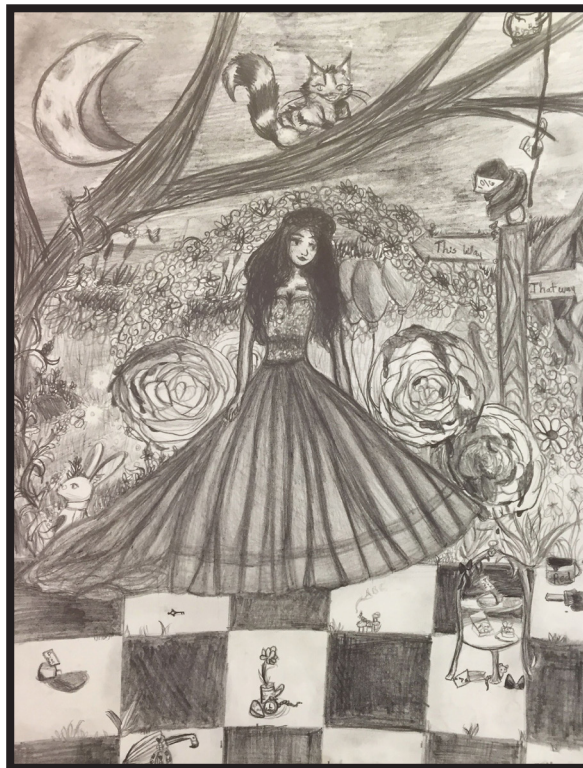


DCG FFA Has Been Very Busy This Year

By: Randy Reis

DCG FFA has been busy this fall with many activities for our chapter. The DCG FFA participated in the South Central District FFA Soil Judging Contest receiving a Silver award. They also all had a float in the homecoming parade. In October, the chapter had a membership pizza gathering which had 42 members attend. The DCG FFA total membership is now at 50 members. To be an FFA member you have to be in an Agriculture class one semester out of the year. Also, this fall nine students attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana where they had a chance to interact with 50,000 FFA members from across the United States.

The FFA is in the process of selling FFA Fruit as our annual fundraiser. Last year the FFA sold over \$15,000 fruit, cheese, and sausage. The money from this fundraiser is used to pay for activities that members are involved with. The FFA is very thankful for the support received from our local community.



Some upcoming events that the DCG FFA is looking forward to are Meals from the Heartland, Toys for Tots, and District contests.

Meadows Art Spotlight

By: April Busch

This month's highlight focuses on Art I portrait drawings. Ella Hopkins demonstrated amazing creativity, shading, and effort as she created an Alice in Wonderland theme. Lara Kallem demonstrated great technical observation skills such as proportion, shading, and small details. Keep up the great work ladies!

Drivers Education for Dallas-Center Grimes High School and Meadows for 2016-2017

We will continue to offer four sessions of driver's education each year, if we have enough interest. The cost at the present time is \$320 for each session. Fees for out of district students are \$375. Students must be at least 14 years old and have a permit to sign up, as well as a signed parent permission slip. Students in grades 8-12 may sign up for each session. Usually the fall and spring session are the busiest. Please call the Meadows school office at 986-0105 to sign up your child for any of these programs. All payments and permission slips should be made or turned in before the first classroom. Payment plans may be arranged with the office. The Fall session is already underway. You can find information about the remaining sessions below.



Winter Session 2017- The winter program will begin in early January and end before spring break in March. There will be a meeting in December to hand out information and collect payment. Classroom days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. Most students will drive during their study hall times. If this can't be worked out, before or after school times may be arranged. All students who drive during study halls will drive at least once on Saturday for 2 hours in downtown Des Moines. Shuttle bus service from Dallas Center will also be available in the morning to bring students to classroom. Class size is limited to 40 students. Home school students are welcome. Classrooms are held in the Meadows media center. If we don't have at least 12 students sign up the session will be cancelled and the next session will be in the spring.

Spring Session 2017- The spring session will begin after spring break and end in May. There will be a meeting before spring break to hand out information and collect payment. Classroom days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:45 to 8:00 a.m. Most students will drive during their study hall times. If this can't be worked out, before or after school driving may be arranged. All students who drive during study halls will drive at least once on Saturday for 2 hours in downtown Des Moines. Shuttle bus service from Dallas Center will also be available in the morning to bring students in early for classroom work. Class size is limited to 40 students. Home school students are welcome. Classrooms will be held in the Meadows Media Center.

Summer Session 2017- Our summer program is held during the months of June and July. Class time will begin Monday, June 5 and end on Friday, June 23. Classes will be every day for the first three weeks from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Driving times will be (6) two-hour periods with a driving partner (example: a student might drive from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on a Monday). Driving times will be scheduled until 3:30p.m. and may also be on a Saturday. If you live in Grimes, your child may be picked up at a central location such as Casey's, True Value, or Kum and Go, and then be dropped off there when the driving lesson is over. This needs to be prearranged with the instructor. Driving groups will be able to change times with other groups if necessary. Students will draw numbers for driving times the first day of class. They will choose their own driving partner and driving times. Class size is limited to 48 students. Home school students are welcome.



DCG Mission Statement Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Futures!

The Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District is committed to developing positive, productive, and responsible citizens who are independent thinkers, value themselves and others, and have the knowledge, skills, and desire to be life-long learners. Excellence in education comes from setting high expectations for all and providing the resources needed for every student to excel.

High School Art Spotlight

By: Mike Burgher

This month's high school artist spotlight features this India ink drawing by Maddie Ekdorn. She has created this as a part of her Drawing III portfolio. Keep up the great work Maddie!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

World Language & Cultures

By: Kristine Jimenez

The sixth-ninth grade DCG World Language teachers made it a goal to increase student engagement by adding innovative instructional methods and classroom activities. Why? We want what is best for students. We want to promote student empowerment and ownership of their abilities and outcomes because there has never been a better time to learn a foreign language! #dcgexcellence “Empowering all students to take charge of their future!”

Research shows learning a foreign language...

...is far more cognitive than linguistic. It helps with problem solving, critical thinking, multi-tasking, and creativity!

...helps you to have a better understanding of your own culture. This gives you an appreciation of humanity, differences and enriches your own personal world experiences.

...improves academic progress in other subjects.

Sixth-graders participated in their first Breakout EDU game. This was a fun, student centered and technology based activity that forced students to work as teams and think critically while problem solving at the same time. This activity led to engaged students persevering to learn new content under pressure. It was well received by students. Those teams successful in “breaking out” opened the treasure box and were awarded with coupon choices that gave cultural foods, treats or beverages. It was a great way to end first quarter.



Second quarter seventh-graders also tried their hand at their own version of a digital Breakout EDU game. Their topic was over the Hispanic holiday of Day of the Dead. Day of the Dead is a holiday that is frequently misunderstood. Students learned that this holiday is similar to Memorial Day where people take time to honor and remember loved ones who have died. During the first quarter Samantha Robles made sugar skulls (a popular Day of the Dead treat) and shared the process with her class. It opened the door to appreciating differences in other cultures.

The middle school foreign language classes support literacy, but usually it's in the foreign language. We do a variety of activities that bring real world text into the classroom. One of the students' most favorite activities is a weekly Spanish song that welcomes them to the classroom every day that week. Every Monday a new song is introduced and we spend time making observations about the lyrics of the

song to become more familiar with the text. Monday through Thursday students sing karaoke to that song as they enter class. Friday we have a different song that fits into our Fun Friday procedure. We call it the paper plate polka. Students dance and sing to a Spanish song before taking their Friday assessment. Students know we do this because research shows attitude and movement have a strong impact on the brain's ability to learn.



Seventh Grade Students Take Trip to Des Moines Civic Center

In October, seventh grade students took a field trip to the Des Moines Civic Center to see the Incredible Speediness of Jamie Cavanaugh. Prior to attending students learned some theatre etiquette and discussed topics related to the performance. Pictured here are students from Mrs. Jiménez' advisory after attending the performance.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Third Grade Music Field Trip to the Nutcracker

By: Michelle Breach

During the months of November and December, third-graders across the district will be busy studying the famous composer, Peter Tchaikovsky and the “Nutcracker Suite.” As a culminating activity, all third grade students in the district will be attending the Civic Center’s performance of “The Nutcracker” ballet on Friday, December 16th, 2016. This trip is made possible through the Connecting Kids and Culture Grant. Connecting Kids and Culture provides culturally enriching educational opportunities for elementary students in kindergarten through fifth grade and is made possible by the Principal Charity



Classic©. The Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines and Bravo Greater Des Moines (Bravo) use combined contributions from the event to fund Connecting Kids and Culture.



North Ridge Elementary “Artist of the Month”

By Kayde Sberal

Second-grader Genevieve York was awarded “Artist of the Month” for outstanding craftsmanship and texture. Students in second grade produced their own three-part project to create and assemble a vase of sunflowers inspired by Vincent VanGogh. They worked on creating textures using paint and oil pastels.

Colin Mandernach in third grade was awarded “Artist of the Month” for his



attention to detail on his Frida Kahlo self-portrait. Third grade students studied famous artist Frida Kahlo, and created his or her own self-portrait inspired by an event in their life. They worked on using shape and proportion techniques to divide up the body.

Fourth grade student Alexa Gill was awarded “Artist of the Month” for November for her outstanding creativity and craftsmanship on her zentangle. Every fourth-grader created a piece that was assembled into a larger class collaboration zentangle.

North Ridge Third Grade Concert

By: Lisa Tekippe

The North Ridge third-graders presented their concert on Thursday, November 17. Their concert was titled “Disney: The Movies, The Music.” They worked hard learning all the Disney songs, and did a fabulous job performing for family and friends. Congratulations students on a job well done!



South Prairie Elementary Music

By: Lisa Maifeld

South Prairie second-graders have started to work on their music program. It will be performed at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2017. This performance will take place in the gymnasium at South Prairie Elementary.

Second grade students just finished with a treble clef note-naming unit. Students learned the letter names for each line and space on the staff. This skill was reinforced with partner activities, games, and finding these notes in the "Making Music" class books.

Another unit, rainbow rhythm reading, has begun for the second-graders. Students volunteer to hook rhythm cards together and perform measures with quarter note, quarter rest, and eighth notes. South Prairie second-graders are working hard to become independent readers of music notation.

South Prairie first-graders have also been working to read quarter notes and eighth notes in the giant music book. We learned a Spanish song called "Arre, Caballito" where we clapped out rhythms and then became the galloping horses.

"Little Green Frog" featured notes that go from low to high, and then we became the leaping frogs on the "gallumps." Adding movement is educational, but it also makes music more fun.

First-graders will begin concert music around Valentine's Day and will perform in the South Prairie gym on May 4.

The kindergarten classes have been working to add instruments to make a steady beat. They have also been adding movement to their classroom performances of "All Around the Kitchen," which is a song about a rooster lost in the house. Another fun song learned was "Juba," which features fast eighth notes, so we added jogging feet and shaking maracas to liven up the music room.

We continue to sing our "Wild About Learning" song during class and assemblies. We can't leave out the "Stampede" that is played each Friday at 3:05. This is a dance that helps to show our school spirit before we send the "wild ones" home for the weekend. South Prairie is full of great musicians!



Dallas Center Elementary Art

By: Amy Cory
Hooray, it's time for clay! We have been making pinch pots in first grade. We

started with making a round ball and flattening the base and then pinching up the sides. We learned that clay comes from the ground and has sand in it.

Above right is a little bit of summer left over from second grade. We learned about Vincent Van Gogh and drew sunflowers on blue paper with oil crayons. I hope you had a chance to see them in person at conferences they are truly amazing!



PTO Update

In December, we are excited to distribute granted items to teachers who have been awarded teacher grants. We will do this at our December meeting and Christmas party on December 12 at 7:00 in the Meadows

library. Please join us for a look at what grants were awarded and how teachers plan to use granted items!

Schedule Looking Ahead:

December 12 - PTO Meeting and Christmas party at 7:00 pm in the Meadows Library

January 9 - PTO Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Meadows Library

January 31 - Skate Night at Skate North from 6:00-8:00 pm

Spring Box Top collections will also occur in January.

2017-18 Preschool Registration

Please read below to learn about the new procedures regarding preschool registration for the 2017-18 school year. Please note, registration will not take place until March 1, 2017.

WHAT DOES THE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM CONSIST OF?

Our curriculum offers a balance of individual, small group, and large group activities with an emphasis on learning centers and child self-selection. The classrooms are planned to stimulate aspects of development by acknowledging each child's individual development, age-related development, and cultural background. Your child will learn by doing, imitating, observing, exploring, examining, experimenting, and questioning in activities and experiences planned according to his or her interests and home experiences. Language and literacy experiences, storytelling and story sharing, creative dramatics, and music are integrated throughout the program as well as numbers, science, and outdoor activities. We also focus on social emotional learning with an emphasis placed upon sharing, belonging to a group, and forming friendships with other children and adults.

HOW OLD DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE TO ATTEND PRESCHOOL?

For the 3 year old preschool, your child must be three by September 15th, 2017.
For the 4 year old preschool, your child must be four by September 15th, 2017.

WHEN SHOULD I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL?

The preschool registration window is open between **March 1st and March 18th, 2017**. Registration will still be available after March 18th, but we cannot guarantee a slot for your child. Please note: for the 3 year old program only, limited spots are available and a random drawing will be used for placement.

WHICH SCHOOL BUILDINGS OFFER PRESCHOOL CLASSES?

Heritage Elementary in Grimes, The Grimes Child Development Center (Brighter Beginnings), and Kids Korner in Dallas Center will be the preschool locations for 4 year olds.

Heritage Elementary will be the only location for the 3 year old program.

WHICH BUILDING WILL MY CHILD WILL BE IN?

Grimes students will mostly be placed at Heritage Elementary. A few will be placed at the Grimes Child Development Center (Brighter Beginnings) along with the students who attend daycare there. Dallas Center students will be placed at Kids Korner in Dallas Center. Once the building and section decisions are finalized, families will be contacted by email, letter or phone regarding their assigned location and time.

IF I LIVE OUTSIDE OF THE DC-G SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAN I STILL REGISTER MY CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL?

Resident students of the Dallas Center-Grimes School District and siblings of current open-enrolled students will be considered first for enrollment into the preschool program. If there is room available when school starts, then we may fill the slots with out of district students. Please call the North Ridge office in the meantime to be put on a waiting list, but please do not register online.

WHEN ARE PRESCHOOL CLASSES HELD?

4 days per week – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Morning Class (AM) – 8:10-11:10 AM	(3 year olds and a couple of 4 year old sections)
Afternoon Class (PM) – 12:15-3:15 PM	(4 year olds)

The preschool calendar runs on the same schedule as the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School district calendar regarding vacation days, early outs, and snow days. However, preschoolers will start school one week later than K-12 students. Home visits by the preschool teachers will be conducted during the week prior to their first day. Teachers will contact you to set up a time and/or there will be a sign up sheet at the open house prior to school starting.

CAN I CHOOSE WHICH SECTION MY CHILD WILL BE IN (AM/PM)?

Since we always have more interest for the morning sections, and we need to balance the classes, you are not able to choose a preference at this time. Students attending the major daycare centers such as First Steps, Imagine Learning Center, Tender Years, Traditions, Learning Tree, Tender Hearts, etc. will automatically be placed in the afternoon session.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL?

Please refer to the [Registration Webpage](#) and follow the process for either an existing family or a new family to the district.

HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD IF I DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS?

There will be registration kiosks available at South Prairie, North Ridge, Dallas Center Elementary, Middle School, Meadows, and DC-G High School. Please come between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM starting on March 1, 2017.

I HAVE OLDER CHILDREN ALREADY ENROLLED AT DC-G SCHOOLS. CAN I REGISTER THEM ALL AT ONCE WITH MY PRESCHOOLER?

Yes! Please refer to the [Registration Webpage](#) and follow the process for an existing family. Just be sure to add your preschool-aged child to the list of students you're registering for the upcoming school year.

WHAT PAPERWORK SHOULD I HAVE READY BEFORE REGISTERING MY CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL?

Existing families with Parent Portal accounts will need a digital copy of your child's **birth certificate** and your child's **immunization record**. (We are hoping this step will be available and ready March 1)

New families will need the paperwork listed above and additionally will need a digital copy showing **proof of residence** (ex: a scanned copy of a utility bill with your name and address.)

WHAT IS THE COST FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND PRESCHOOL?

The current cost for the 3 year old program is \$175/month plus a \$25 one-time registration fee. However, these amounts could be subject to change.

At this time, the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program funds our district's 4 year old program, and the only cost to parents is the \$25 one-time registration fee. We are unable to fully guarantee this funding for next year.

WHEN WILL I KNOW THE LOCATION AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT FOR MY PRESCHOOLER?

Due to increasing enrollment within our district, you will not find out until mid July at the earliest. You will receive an email, letter, or a phone call once the decisions have been made.

IS MY CHILD GUARANTEED A PRESCHOOL SLOT IF I REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 18TH?

As long as you [register online](#) before the deadline, you should be fine for the 4 year old classes. If we have more registrations than anticipated, however, we will create a wait list that will allow us to fill the spots when available. The 3 year old classes are filled by a random drawing system only, so your child is not guaranteed a slot.

I JUST REGISTERED MY PRESCHOOLER. WHY DON'T I SEE THEM IN MY PARENT PORTAL?

Your preschooler will not be visible in your Parent Portal until the 2017-18 school year, which starts July 1, 2017. This is the same reason you cannot pay registration fees for them until July 1, 2017.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Please contact April Heitland or Deanna Sandegren at the North Ridge office (515-986-5674) if you have any further questions regarding our preschool program.



Eat different foods each day for a wide variety of nutrients.

Dallas Center-Grimes Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily on the Fruit and Vegetable Bar

DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY

Choose **MyPlate.gov**

TUESDAY

Cardamom is the world's second most expensive spice, saffron being the most.

WEDNESDAY

Free & Reduced Price Meal Benefit information & application can be obtained by contacting the Food Service Office.

THURSDAY

Toasted Cheese Sandwich
OR Breaded Chicken Patty Sandwich
OR Chicken Caesar Salad
OR Deli Sandwich and Tomato Soup
Brownie

FRIDAY

Pizza Parlor Pizza
OR Cowboy BBQ Burger

OR Crispy Chicken Salad
OR Deli Sandwich

Roasted Cauliflower

5
Cheese Pizza Slice
OR Chicken Bacon Ranch Melt
OR Chicken Caesar Salad
OR Pretzel Bits with Cheese Cubes

Garden Green Beans

6
Roasted Hot Dog
OR
Hawaiian Ham Sliders
OR Turkey BLT Salad
OR Deli Sub

Spiced Pinto Beans

7
Chicken Nuggets
OR Homestyle Meatballs in Gravy
OR Chef Salads
OR Yogurt Pack

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
French Bread

8
HOM-Pear & Cardamom
Walking Taco with Lettuce and Cheese
OR Cheeseburger Calzini
OR Crispy Chicken Salad
OR Deli Sub

Sweet Green Peas
Cardamom Pear Crisp

9
Maxi Cheese Sticks with Marinara Sauce
OR Fish Nuggets & Soft Roll
OR Taco Salad
OR Deli Sandwich

Sweet Potato Fries

12
Lunches "U" Picked
Corn Dog or
OR Chicken Sandwich

OR Cravin Crasin Salad
OR Deli Sandwich

Savory Baked Beans

13
Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese
OR Chicken Fajita Wrap

OR Crispy Chicken Salad
OR Deli Sub

Leafy Green Salad

14
HOM - Brussels Sprouts
Sweet and Sour Chicken Bits with Rice
OR BBQ Rib Sandwich
OR Chef Salads
OR Pretzel Bits with Cheese

Creamy Coleslaw

15
HOM - Brussels Sprouts
Chicken Nuggets with Roll
OR Salisbury Steak with Dinner Roll

OR Taco Salad
OR Deli Sub

Brussels Sprouts

16
Cheeseburger Or Meatball Sub

OR Chicken Caesar Salad
OR Yogurt Pack

Golden French Fries
Rice Krispie Treat

19
Maple Syrup Day
Pancakes, Syrup, and Scrambled Eggs
Breakfast Potatoes
OR Sloppy Joe Sliders
OR Chicken Caesar Salad
OR Deli Sandwich

Pure Maple Syrup Tasting

20
Tasty Chicken Tenders with WG Roll
OR Taco Pinwheel
OR Turkey BLT Salad
OR Deli Sub

Mixed Vegetables

21
Asian Chicken Noodle Bowl
OR Philly Flatbread
OR Chef Salads
OR Pretzel Bits with Cheese Cubes

Kung Fu Carrots

22
Penne with Italian Meat Sauce & Garlic Toast
OR Chicken Gyro
OR Taco Salad
OR Yogurt Pack

Garden Green Bean

23
NO SCHOOL

26
NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

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NO SCHOOL

PRICES	
Regular	\$2.60
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.50
Milk	\$0.50
Extra Entrée	\$2.25



EXTRA INFO
Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll
For questions or comments, contact Food Service Office at 515-986-9747 x162 or email dsevenich@dc-grimes.k12.tx.us



Menus are subject to change without notice. This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

www.taher.com

Follow us on Twitter @dcdnutrition for daily menu postings.

Note: Weekly breakfast menus are posted on the website.

December Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 SCIBA Honor Band Auditions 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Waukee Prairieview 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Boone 4:30pm Wrestling-B/Middle School Marshalltown 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Norwalk 6:00pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Norwalk 6:30pm Wrestling-JV Norwalk 6:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Norwalk 7:15pm Basketball-B/JV Waukee 7:15pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Norwalk</p>	<p>2 Drake Honor Band Festival 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Pella 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Pella 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Norwalk 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Norwalk 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Norwalk</p>	<p>3 Drake Honor Band Festival 9:00am Wrestling-JV Winterset 10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools 4:00pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Carlisle 5:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Carlisle</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Norwalk 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Des Moines Roosevelt 8:15pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Des Moines Roosevelt</p>	<p>6 4:30pm Basketball-G/JV Perry Community 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Ankeny 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Greene County 6:00pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Perry Community 6:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity Perry Community 7:00pm FOFA Meeting @ High School Band Room 7:30pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Perry Community 7:30pm Basketball-B/Varsity Perry Community</p>	<p>7 Dismiss at 1:00-Staff Development</p>	<p>8 4:30pm Wrestling-B/Middle School Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade WDM-Indian Hills 6:30pm Wrestling-JV Indianola 6:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Indianola</p>	<p>9 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Boone 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Newton 4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Newton 5:00pm Wrestling-JV Saydel Community 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Newton 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Newton 7:15pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Newton 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Newton</p>	<p>10 SCIBA Jazz Band 9:00am Basketball-B/9th Grade Urbandale 10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Ankeny Centennial 1:00pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Urbandale 2:15pm Basketball-G/JV Urbandale 3:30pm Basketball-G/Varsity Urbandale</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Johnston MS Gold 7:00pm 8-12 Vocal Concert @ DCG HS Auditorium</p>	<p>13 4:15pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Ballard 4:45pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Ballard 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Ballard 6:00pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Ballard 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Ballard 7:30pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Ballard 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Ballard</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 4:30pm Wrestling-B/Middle School Waukee Prairieview 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Oskaloosa 6:00pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Oskaloosa 6:30pm Wrestling-JV Grinnell 6:30pm 6/7 Band Concert @ DCG Middle School Gym 6:30pm Wrestling-Varsity Grinnell 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Johnston 7:15pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Oskaloosa</p>	<p>16 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Fort Dodge 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Oskaloosa 5:30pm Wrestling-JV Indianola 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Oskaloosa 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Oskaloosa</p>	<p>17 9:00am Basketball-B/9th Grade Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools 10:00am Wrestling-Varsity Fort Dodge 7:00pm Show Choir Parents Night @ DCG HS Auditorium</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 4:30pm Basketball-G/8th Grade Indianola 4:30pm Basketball-G/7th Grade Marshalltown 4:30pm Wrestling-B/Middle School Southeast Polk 5:00pm Wrestling-JV (Date & Time Changed from 12-19-16) Dowling Catholic vs. Multiple Schools 5:00pm Wrestling-Varsity (Date & Time Changed from 12-19-16) Dowling Catholic vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm School Board Meeting @ DCG High School 7:00pm 8-12 Band Concert @ DCG HS Auditorium</p>	<p>20 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV Grinnell 4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Grinnell 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Grinnell 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Grinnell 7:15pm Basketball-G/9th Grade Grinnell 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Grinnell</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>27 No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>28 No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>29 No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>30 GBB Scrimmage at Johnston No School-Winter Break</p>	<p>31</p>

POSTAL CUSTOMER

South Prairie “Artists Of The Month”

By: Danell Duncan
Congratulations to
the “Artists of the
Month” at South
Prairie Elementary!

Matthew Friedmeyer
in second grade cre-
ated this beautiful leaf
drawing on the right
after studying the
warm and cool colors.

First-grader Maddy
Finkenauer created
her collage shown
below based on
the work of Henri
Matisse, who used
organic and geomet-
ric shapes in his paper
cutouts. Great job
adding patterns to your work!

Bryce Murphy made his awesome bug featured above
right, using the rainbow paper he created in class using
the primary colors.

All of our artists did a great job!

