



Dallas Center-Grimes Community School

Mustang Monthly



“Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Future!”

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Letter from the Superintendent

Dear DC-G Family,

On January 9th, Governor Kim Reynolds delivered her first Condition of the State Address at the Iowa Capitol. In reference to her vision for the future of Iowa, she stated, “I believe that Iowa is, and ought to be, a place where, if you’re willing to work for it, you can make your dreams come true. My vision is to give the people of Iowa a place to call home that unleashes opportunity at every turn.” As I reflect on her dreams for Iowa’s future, I realize the significant impact this visualization of a stronger and healthier Iowa will have on public education. Even more so, the impact it will have on our school system at Dallas Center-Grimes.

In 1943, Abraham Maslow stated that people must have their basic needs met in order to survive. He listed the most basic needs as food, water, shelter and clothing. Today, the modern lists agree that basic needs are food, water, clothing and shelter, but theorists have added sanitation, healthcare, and yes, education as fundamental to a person’s well-being.

Given that education is key to upward mobility, it is time to make your voices heard. I realize that many of you may be exhausted by the negativity of our political climate recently; however, I ask you to consider contacting your state legislators to encourage they adequately fund our public schools this year. Governor Reynolds is proposing a 1.5% increase, which will not be sufficient to fund the strong academic programs we currently have in place. Fortunately, DC-G has experienced an increase in student enrollment this year, which leads to additional funding. However, more students means we need to hire more staff, purchase more resources, and build more classrooms. Additionally, we want to maintain adequate class sizes, utilize the most current research-based instructional materials, and provide state of the art learning opportunities that keep our students globally competitive. In order for this to happen, we need support from our legislators. Please call, email or write and encourage our politicians to provide adequate funding, flexibility with the dollars and support for Future Ready Iowa initiatives. Ask them to place education as Iowa’s top priority once again and to do whatever is in their power to raise the funding for public education.

In my conversations with patrons, they share their high hopes and expectations of our education system. I assure you that we are working to create an innovative school concept, which I introduced in the November 2017 Mustang Monthly. This school will be filled with the equipment and resources needed by our highly trained staff in order to provide our students with future ready skills. Yet without the proper funding from our parents, community members and even our state and federal government, we will not be able to transform Governor Reynold’s vision of modern education into reality. In her recent address, she stated, “Education is a priority, and we will continue to back that up with real money.” Let’s make sure her statement becomes reality. I appreciate your support as we create the educational learning environment that the children of Dallas Center and Grimes deserve. I encourage you to contact me at 515 992-3866 or sgrimes@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us if you would like to continue this conversation. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Scott Grimes
Superintendent

School Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, February 7th- 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal for Professional Development
Friday, February 16th- No School for Professional Development
Wednesday, February 28th- 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal for Professional Development

Registration Information for 2018-19

Online registration for 2018-19 will open March 1st for all students.

Preschool Families

Please register incoming preschool students for next year between March 1 and March 18. If you are not registered by March 18th, there is no guarantee that your child will have a spot.

* If you have a child that will be four years old on or before September 15, 2018, register for Pre-k 4*

(Four-year-old preschool will be taken until all spots are filled)

* If you have a child that will be three years old on or before September 15, 2018, register for Pre-k 3*

(Three-year-old preschool will be filled by a random drawing)

Kindergarten Families

Please register incoming kindergarten students for the 2018-2019 school year between March 1 and March 18, 2018 so we have an accurate count for Kindergarten Roundup.

Mark your calendar: Kindergarten Roundup will be April 5th and 6th, 2018. More information to follow next month.

* If you have a child that will be five years old on or before September 15, 2018, he/she can be registered for Optional Kindergarten or Kindergarten*

Families with Students Currently Enrolled at DC-G

You will use your parent portal account to access online registration. Parents will be able to add a student to their account if they have a child that will be entering the district for the first time in preschool, kindergarten, or another grade level.

New Families to the DC-G District

Please follow the steps listed on the district website (www.dcgschools.com) under the tab marked Registration.

NOTE: You will not pay fees until July 1, 2018. Look for a school

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Class of 2014 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 2014 graduation year. If you or your student graduated in 2014 and would like your cumulative record, you may pick it up at the high school office. Please call the high school office at 515-986-9747. Any cumulative records remaining by spring of 2018 will be destroyed.

Nondiscrimination Statement (Continuous)

It is the policy of the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), or socioeconomic status (for programs) in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities or hiring and employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. Any person having inquiries concerning the school district's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), § 504 or Iowa Code § 280.3 is directed to contact the district Equity Coordinator: Mrs. Angela Dvorak, Director of Student Services, 1414 Walnut St. Suite 200, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063, telephone: 515-992-3866, email advorak@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us who has been designated by the school district to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the ADA, § 504 and Iowa Code §280.3.

Director of the Office for Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661-7204, Telephone: (312) 730-1560 Facsimilia: (312) 730-1576, Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov

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 515-992-3866. 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.

Student Assistance Program

Free, confidential program for DC-G 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.

Dallas Center-Grimes Community Schools Offices

Elementary Offices

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E-mail: pmorris@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us
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500 SW James Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April Heitland, Principal/North Ridge Elementary
E-mail: ahheitland@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us
Telephone Number: 515-986-5674
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400 N.W. 27th Street, Grimes, Iowa 50111
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Diann Williamson, Principal/Heritage Elementary
E-mail: dwilliamson@dc-grimes.k12.ia.us
Telephone Number: (515) 300-9627
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500 NE Beaverbrook Blvd., Grimes, IA 50111
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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1205 13th Street, P.O. Box 400, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
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1400 Vine Street, P.O. Box 608, Dallas Center, Iowa 50063
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2555 W. 1st Street, Ste. 200, Grimes, Iowa 50111
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High School Office

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Dallas Center, Iowa 50063

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

DC-G Student a Finalist in Iowa State Bar Association Competition

Adam Koch of DC-G High School is a finalist in The Iowa State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division "Know Your Constitution" Project. One hundred finalists were selected from the more than 1,000 students across the State of Iowa who participated in the "Know Your Constitution" Project. These finalists were honored with their teachers at a luncheon held on January 12, 2018. This year's Keynote Speaker was the Honorable Justice Bruce Zager of the Iowa Supreme Court.

From the finalists, five students and their teachers will be chosen by a random drawing to attend the all expense paid, Close-Up Foundation's five-day long education work session in Washington, D.C., in February 2018. The work sessions are organized to develop a deeper understanding of government and the political process.

The "Know Your Constitution" Project is designed to enrich students' understanding and appreciation of the Constitution. The students participating in the project were required to familiarize themselves with Constitution related issues. A quiz was completed by each participating student. An essay question accompanied the quiz in case of a tie. This year's essay topic involved Constitutional questions centered on a fictitious school district policy regarding student observance of the National Anthem at school events

Prior to the luncheon on January 12, the student finalists will have the opportunity to hear from and interact with a constitutional expert to discuss the essay topic and recent developments and rulings.

This program is sponsored by The Iowa State Bar Association, with additional funding from the Iowa State Bar Foundation and many of the county Bar Associations across Iowa. Jack Vanderflight of DC-G is Adam's sponsoring teacher.

Iowa Social Studies Education Day

On February 1, 2018, Governor Kim Reynolds will proclaim the day Iowa Social Studies Education Day in a signing ceremony in her ceremonial office in Des Moines. Selected DC-G students will have the opportunity to participate in the ceremony. Our very own DC-G High School Social Studies teacher, Jack Vanderflight, serves as Advocacy Director for the Iowa Council for Social Studies.

Involvement in this special event is part of our continuing goal of making our students more aware of our government, how it works and the importance of becoming civically involved. Beyond the ceremony, in meeting our civically minded objectives, our senior American Government students will continue to be exposed to the voter registration process, caucus procedures and will attend local government body meetings. We encourage all to be a role model for our students and demonstrate civic participation. This year's Iowa Caucus activities will be held on February 5th.

Important Dates for Seniors

March 1- Local scholarship applications are available.

March 26- Jostens will deliver caps, gowns, and announcements during the lunch period.

March 30- All local scholarship applications are due.

May 4- Awards and Scholarship information due to Student Services office.

May 11- "Milk and Cookies with Mr. Blum" during advisory in the High School Commons.

May 21- Senior semester tests. All fines must be paid prior to checkout. Checkout sheet must be turned into the office, with all required signatures, before student leaves.

May 21- Final transcript information due to Student Services office.

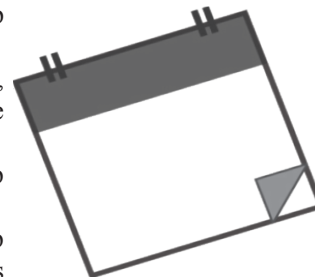
May 23- Senior Awards Night at DC-G High School Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. All scholarships, honors, and awards will be presented.

May 23- Baccalaureate at 7:45 p.m. in DC-G High School Auditorium.

May 25- Senior Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. in DC-G High School Commons.

May 25- Commencement practice will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the High School Gym. All seniors that are participating in commencement ceremonies are required to attend.

May 25- Commencement at 7:00 p.m. in Meadows Gymnasium.



Iowa Assessments Schedule

All sophomores and juniors will take Iowa Assessments in their classroom within each department. Below is the schedule of when the assessments will take place.

Monday, February 5 - Reading

Thursday, February 8 - Math

Tuesday, February 13 - Science

50 Years of DC-G Wrestling

On January 4th, our DC-G family celebrated 50 years of DC-G Wrestling! Over 60 Alumni, from 1970-2017, joined us for the special event. The Mustangs finished off the evening with a 55-15 win against ADM. Thank you to all who have supported DC-G Wrestling throughout the years!



MEADOWS NEWS

Hackathon Consortium

Special thanks to DMACC for hosting the 3rd annual Hackathon consortium. Students from DC-G, Ankeny, Johnston, and ADM met at DMACC's beautiful Ankeny campus to participate in this year's event. Over 200 kids total participated. Also, thanks to the many companies, Mr. Grimes, Mr. Carezza, and Mrs. Brown for sitting on panels to "judge" the final presentations. Special thanks to Principal Financial for providing free pizza for lunch!

The driving question for the event was: "How can information technology help solve complex problems faced by Iowa's workforce?" We had career professionals from the various clusters provide more insight into their fields and work with students to create new ideas for solving some of those needs. Students from each school were placed on 20 different teams to apply their newly learned content and skills to their team's project. This event was designed to provide a real environment where students could practice the universal constructs and get exposure to several different careers. The event was a huge success.



Band Update

9-10 Concert Band

The winter concert was a huge success. Students are now preparing for their next concert on March 5, 2018. Students have also been working on solos for the 9-12 solo contest held on March 26, 2018 at DC-G High School.

SCIBA High School Honor Band

DC-G was represented by three band students at the 2018 Honor Band Festival. Congratulations Elizabeth Becker (11) on alto sax, Ben Miller (10) on trombone, and Kaylee Ringgenberg (10) on trumpet!

8th Band

Students did a great job with their fall performances at the Veterans Day Assembly and Winter Concert. Thanks for all of your hard work!

Upcoming Concert:

8-12 Band Concert March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

Art Spotlight

This month's art spotlight is a landscape painting by Kylie McCarty. She did an excellent job of creating depth and used a variety of acrylic paint techniques to create a very realistic and colorful painting. Great work Kylie!



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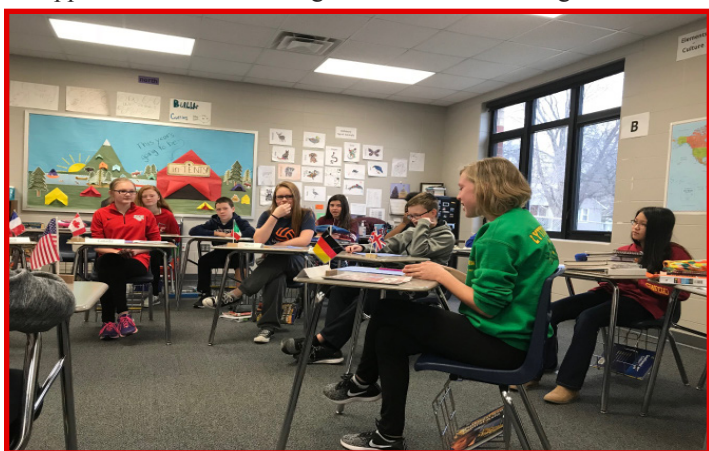
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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Students Making a Difference

In seventh grade social studies students focus on current global issues around the world. From deforestation in the Amazon rainforest to the Syrian refugee crisis, students grapple with challenging problems and how they can help solve them. Seventh graders have been using evidence from multiple sources to support claims in each part of the world they study. Currently, students are studying East Asia so they can learn about South Korea in time for the Olympics.

The culmination of all their work this year will be World Peace Day on Thursday, May 17th from 6-8pm. At the event, students will host booths highlighting information from their research project on world issues, along with ideas for how Iowans can help. Families and community members are invited to come to World Peace Day to support our students raising awareness and making a difference!



Fall Semester in FCS

Mrs. Erickson's Middle School Family and Consumer Science (FCS) student enjoyed a variety of activities the first two quarters. After learning basic sewing skills such as threading and knotting a needle, sewing on buttons and practicing hand-stitches, the students sewed small stuffed animals to demonstrate their new skills. Some students chose to do more sewing projects such as sewing pillows by hand.

During the Foods unit, seventh grade students learned about kitchen and food safety, utensil names and uses, recipe terms, and measuring. They enjoyed cooking a variety of foods including a mystery recipe, apple crisp in the microwave, English muffin egg sandwiches, and sugar cookies. Some students also chose to participate in Kids In the Kitchen and Chef's Club to take their cooking skills to the next level.

Honor Band

Congratulations to our students who were accepted to the 2017 SCIBA Middle School Honor Band held November 7 at Ankeny Centennial: America Petatan, Clarinet; Anthony Munoz, Euphonium.

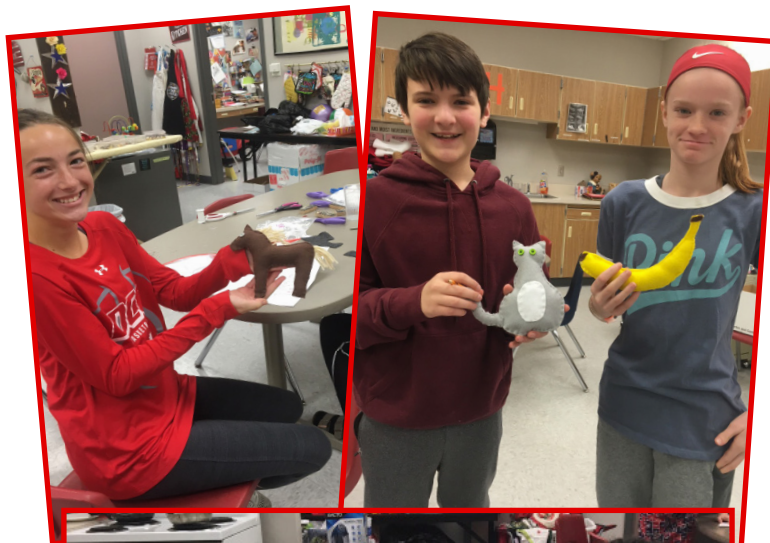
The following students were accepted to the 2018 Orpheus Middle School Honor Band held on January 16th at Simpson College: Jessa Ball on French Horn, Cyrus Hunter on Tuba, Paige Keplinger on Oboe, Amelia Johnson on Clarinet, and Kaylee Huinker on Percussion. Congratulations!

Jazz Band

We have high interest in our jazz program, with 35 hardworking students! Rehearsals began on Tuesday, October 18th. Students meet every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6:45-7:40 a.m. to learn and practice their music. They are preparing material both for contest and a performance at the Des Moines Jazz Club, Noce. Musical selections this year include Born to be Wild, Summertime, Big Noise from Winnetka, When Big Bands Ruled the Earth and Malaguena to name a few. We hope to see you at a concert this year!

Mark your calendars!

- January 13- Indian Hills Community Jazz Center, Clive
- January 26- DCG Jazz Clinic, DC-G High School
- February 3- Jack Oatts Jazz Festival, Earlham
- March 3- Hoover Jazz Festival, Des Moines
- May 20 - Jazz Showcase, DC-G High School
- Mustang Monthly



ELEMENTARY NEWS

Social Studies in Kindergarten

Kindergarteners started the school year learning about citizenship. They discussed school rules and learned characteristics to show good character. Kindergartener students just finished learning about multicultural holidays during the month of December, which makes us aware of the diversity around our world. Mrs. Kurth and Mrs. James' kindergarten classes paired up with fifth grade classes at Heritage Elementary to work collaboratively on various activities over the last few months. One of the projects they worked on was building and creating their own gingerbread houses. They were provided materials and were able to design unique structures.

During the winter months, students are focusing on the Arctic and Antarctica. They are studying their locations on the globe and incorporating factual information about animals that live in both places. We are excited to use our class iPads to research these topics.



Second Grade Social Studies

Last fall, second graders went on a field trip to Boone to learn more about the historical figure, Kate Shelley. The students rode the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad and visited the Boone Historical Museum where Kate's lantern and other artifacts from that night are on display. They were also able to trace Kate's steps on a hike from the Des Moines River to the Moingona train station.

More recently, some of the second graders have been brushing up on their geography skills. They learned about using ordinal directions and map keys to locate places.

We are looking forward to the American History Unit, when students will take a look at historical figures that helped build our country. They will also learn about the government and the democratic process.



Flat Travelers

As a part of the Map Skills unit, Heritage third grade students sent Flat Travelers to visit a relative or friend. This activity provided a fun and unique way for students to learn about different geographical locations around the world. Although most of the Flat Travelers visited wonderful places within the United States, a few visited further destinations such as Vietnam, Scotland, and Austria. Students received a wide array of interesting information about these locations along with pictures. Students were even treated to goodies sent from Scotland, Vietnam, and Arizona. It is amazing to see these connections throughout the world!

Students will soon begin comparing and contrasting the various groups of Native Americans that first lived in the U.S. Students will discover that their homes, food, customs, and beliefs differed based on their environment and resources that were available to them. Students finish up their third grade year learning about the early settlers of the 1800's.

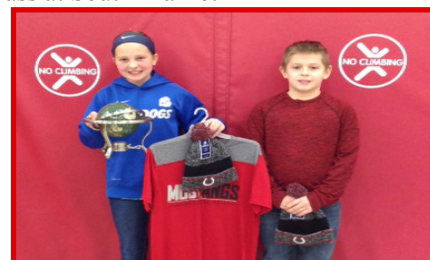


Third Grade Writing

Third grade writers have been exploring the use of important traits of writing: Ideas, Organization, Voice, Word Choice, Sentence Fluency, Conventions, and Presentation. They have also learned different techniques to entice or "bait" the reader into wanting to read on in a story, as well as "catchy closures" to help create memorable endings. In order to practice these skills, they have been writing personal narrative pieces about an object that is special to them. Students will continue to explore different types of writing for the remainder of the school year, such as informative, opinion, and narrative pieces. Our students are becoming excellent writers!

Geography Bee

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in this year's National Geography Bee. The final round of the competition for fourth and fifth grade DC-G students was held at Dallas Center Elementary on Friday, January 12th. Congratulations to our runner-up, Ethan McConnell, from Mr. Kastantin's fourth grade class at North Ridge and our champion, Jada Hennessy, from Ms. Willie's fifth grade class at South Prairie!



DC-G Ed Foundation Breakfast Set

The DC-G Education Foundation is planning their second annual Breakfast Fundraiser for Friday, February 16th, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. at the Grimes Community Center. The Program will feature Keynote Speaker Alan Feirer of Group Dynamic speaking on Leading by Influence. All area residents and business owners are encouraged to attend. This is an excellent personal and professional development opportunity to hear an energetic and renowned Iowa business speaker who has worked with multiple Fortune 200 companies.

You can register to attend this event either at <http://www.dceducationfoundation.org> and clicking on "Breakfast Fundraiser 2018" or by mail to DC-G Education Foundation, P.O. Box 945, Grimes, IA 50111. Registration is \$40/person or \$320/table. All proceeds go to the Education Foundation to fund their operations and scholarship programs.

Come for breakfast and networking while supporting the Education Foundation, and prepare to leave energized to take your business and personal relationships to new heights.

Message from the Director of Teaching and Learning, Greg Carenza

February is a fun time of the year for many reasons! Maybe it's the idea that warmer weather is right around the corner. It won't be long before we see signs of spring popping up all around us and our thoughts will turn to getting away for Spring Break, spending time outside, or getting organized before spring planting! Whatever February brings for you, I ask that you please stop and give thought to a very special event in our school district, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month 2018! February is the month that we take time to recognize the students, teachers, and programs that make our CTE programming so strong!

This year's motto, "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow," strikes an important chord with our district. It gets right to the heart of our program goals for CTE, which is to encourage our students to take note of their personal strengths, skills, and interests today in order to be a leader in the world outside of our district tomorrow. Spend even just a short bit of time in one of our CTE classrooms and you will be thoroughly impressed at the high levels of learning, craftsmanship, and skill that go into our students' work each and every day!

For those of you might be asking what CTE really is, Career and Technical Education is a form of education that serves to help prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers a variety of different career fields including agriculture, business and management, technology education, family and consumer science, and construction trades. Ultimately, CTE prepares students for career placement in these various fields by providing them with the academic, technical, and employability skills necessary to succeed in the workplace.

As an educator and proponent of CTE, I have committed myself to sharing the story of our CTE programs here at DC-G! I am proud of the teachers who work to engage our students in real-world problem solving, skill development, and training. I am also proud of the students who are leading the way in demonstrating the value of hands-on learning, collaboration, and key soft skills that are critical for success in school and in the workplace. Finally, I am proud of our community partners (i.e., businesses, business owners, entrepreneurs, and mentors) who have taken time out of their busy schedules to provide critical feedback for how to make our CTE programs relevant and cutting edge. We could not do it without each of these key stakeholders!

In closing, I hope you will take time to help celebrate CTE Month and learn more about the excellent programming happening in our district. Our CTE students and teachers have much to be proud of and you can see evidence of their work in all parts of our district and our Dallas Center and Grimes communities.

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PTO News

Teacher Grants

The PTO recently awarded Teacher Grants to teachers at all four elementaries. A total of approximately \$12,000 was awarded to teachers to use towards items such as early literacy readers, audio books, enrichment learning items, STEM project equipment, technology for the classroom, and flexible seating. Congratulations to our grant recipients and thank you to all who applied!

Reading Rocks

Mark your calendars! Our annual Reading Rocks Carnival and Silent Auction will be on May 4, 2018. If you are interested in donating an item for our silent auction, please email dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com

Open Positions for the 2018-2019 School Year

Are you interested in getting involved with the PTO? We have open positions at both the district and school levels next year. Email dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com or contact your school's PTO President for more information!



SchoolMessenger

If you believe you have missed messages sent via SchoolMessenger, it is possible that you may have hit 'unsubscribe' at the bottom of an email you received. By doing this, you are unsubscribed from all messages sent via SchoolMessenger.

It is important that parents be subscribed to SchoolMessenger as it often includes updates on district-wide and school specific information, emergency notifications, early dismissal reminders, Parent/Teacher Conference sign-up and more.

Please contact Morgan Graff at morgan.graff@dcschools.com if you believe you have missed recent messages to ensure that you are re-subscribed and will receive any future messages.

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We encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest updates about the great things happening in our schools. See photos, get reminders about early dismissal and other important dates, and more! Handles for our accounts can be found below! Use #dcgexcellence to share and explore all of the great things happening at DC-G!

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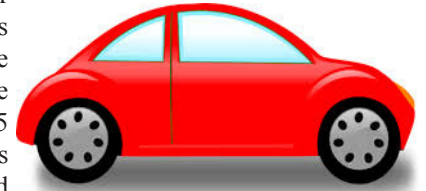
DC-G eBackpack

Can't find the bottom of the backpack for handouts? When are the athletic and fine arts camps? We have the answer!

A new link on the school website is DCG eBackpack. No longer will you wonder if your child has lost an important handout! All information regarding upcoming fundraisers, camp registrations, library programs, youth sports camps, and much more can be found by visiting the DCG eBackpack page for your child's specific school building. You can access the direct link from the right side menu or by clicking the "Parent Info" tab along the top of this page. You can subscribe to the eBackpack for your child's school to get automatic email updates every time new information is published.

Driver's Education

We will continue to offer four sessions of driver's education each year, if we have enough interest. The cost at present time is \$325 for each session. Students must be at least 14 years old



and have a permit to sign up, as well as a signed parent permission slip. Eighth through twelfth graders may sign up for each session. Usually the fall and spring session are the busiest. Below you will find information regarding the fall and winter sessions. Fee's for out-of-district students are \$375.

Spring Session 2018- 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 a.m. 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 2018- The summer session 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. Driving times will be scheduled until 3:30 p.m. and may 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 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. The class limit will be 48 students. Home school students are welcome.

For more information regarding driver's education 2017-2018 sessions or to sign up for one of these programs, please call Meadows school office at 515-986-0105.



Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Dallas Center Grimes Lunch Menu

February 2018

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

MONDAY

HOM Ginger 29
 Chicken Bites with Rice and a Roll

 OR Cravin Craisin Salad
 OR Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes
 Green Peas
 Ginger Cookie

TUESDAY

Pizza 30
 OR Italian Meatball Sub

 OR Chicken Banh Mi Sandwich

 Caesar Salad

WEDNESDAY

Beefy Nachos with Homemade Cheese Sauce 31

 OR Deli Sub
 OR Chef Salad

 Black Beans

THURSDAY

Roasted Hot Dog 1
 OR Oven Roasted Chicken, French Bread Slice
 OR Turkey Cranberry Wrap

 Oven Baked Fries

FRIDAY

National Kiwi Day 2
 Pizza Parlor Pizza

 OR Yogurt Pack

 Roasted Broccoli

Crispy Chicken Tender Basket 5

 OR Deli Sandwich

 Potato Wedges and a Pickle Slice
 Rice Krispie Treat

French Toast Sticks 6
 Sausage Patty or Eggs

 OR Chef Salad

 Minted Fruit Salad, Petite Cinnamon Roll

Max Stick With Marinara Sauce 7

 OR Deli Sandwich
 OR Taco Salad

 Garden Green Beans

HOM Mango 8
 Walkin Taco
 Brown Rice

 OR Chef Salad
 OR Deli Sub

 Black Beans, Mango Salsa and Chips

All American Hamburger 9
 OR Cheese Italian Flat Bread
 OR Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes

 Oven Baked Fries

Popcorn Chicken Bites Bowl 12
 OR Home-style Salisbury Steak
 OR Chicken Caesar Salad
 Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn and a Soft Pan Roll

HOM Okra and Cayenne 13
 Golden Corn Dog

 OR Chef Salad
 OR Turkey Deli Sub

 Potato Wedges
 Roasted Okra

Macaroni and Cheese 14
 OR Chicken Sandwich

 OR Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes
 Treat
 Broccoli

National Gum Drop Day 15
 Pizza Parlor Pizza

 OR Crispy Chicken Salad

 Spiced Pinto Beans
 Gum Drop Cookie

No School 16

National Pancake Day 19
 Pancakes and a Sausage Pattie

 OR Yogurt Pack with Bagel
 OR Turkey BLT Salad

 Breakfast Potatoes

Pizza 20

 OR Taco Salad
 OR Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes

 Roasted Cauliflower

Classic Cheeseburger 21
 OR Sloppy Joe

 OR Deli Sandwich
 OR Chef Salad

 Baked Beans
 Oven Baked Fries

Chicken Nuggets with a Soft Ban Roll 22

 OR Deli Sub
 OR Turkey BLT Salad

 Mashed Potatoes
 Gravy

Toasted Cheese Sandwich 23

 OR Tuna
 OR Yogurt Pack

 ****Brownie****
 Tomato Soup

Hot Dog with Chili 26
 OR Homemade Chili in a Bread Bowl
 OR Deli Sub

 Baked Beans
 Potato Wedges

Chicken Tenders and a Soft Pan Roll 27

 OR Chips, Salsa, Cheese Cubes
 OR Chef Salad
 Mashed Potatoes with Gravy

Max Pizza 28

 OR Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes

 Garden Salad
 Cookie



PRICES

Regular	\$2.65
Reduced	\$0.40
Milk	\$0.50
Adult	\$3.55
Extra Entrée	\$2.25

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



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.ia.us



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2017-2018 School Calendar

	M	T	W	TH	F	DAYS	2017-2018	EVENTS
Aug	7	8	9	10	11		Aug 11,14,15	New Teachers Orientation
	:14:	:15:	<16>	<17>	18	0/0	Aug 16,17,21,22	All Day Staff Prof.
	<21>	<22>	23	24	25	3/3	Aug. 23	School Begins - Option K thru 12
	28	29	<30>	31		4/7	Aug 30	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
							Aug 31	1st Day of Preschool
Sept					1	1/8		
	4	5	6	7	8	4/12	Sep. 4	Labor Day - No School
	11	12	<13>	14	15	5/17	Sep. 13,27	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	18	19	20	21	22	5/22		
	25	26	<27>	28	29	5/27		
							Oct. 2	No School - Staff Development Day
Oct	<2>	3	4	5	6	5/32	Oct. 11	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	9	10	<11>	12	13	5/37	Oct. 20	End of 1st Qtr (42 days)
	16	17	18	19	20	5/42	Oct. 23	No School-Teacher Workday
	<23>	24	25	26	27	3/45	Oct. 24	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	30	31				2/47	Oct. 26	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
							Oct. 27	No School - TchComp
Nov			1	2	3	3/50		
	6	7	<8>	9	10	5/55	Nov. 8	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	13	14	15	16	17	5/60		
	20	21	22	*23*	24	2/62	Nov. 22-24	No School-Thanksgiving Break
	27	28	29	30		4/66		
Dec					1	1/67		
	4	5	<6>	7	8	5/72	Dec. 6	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	11	12	13	14	15	5/77		
	18	19	20	21	22	5/82		
	25	26	27	28	29	0/82	Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break
Jan	*1*	2	3	4	5	3/85	Jan. 10	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	8	9	<10>	11	12	5/90	Jan. 12	End 2nd Qtr (48 days) Semester (90 days)
	<15>	16	17	18	19	4/94	Jan. 15	No School-Teacher Workday
	22	23	<24>	25	26	5/99	Jan. 16	Beginning of 2nd Semester
	29	30	31			3/102	Jan. 24	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
Feb				1	2	2/104		
	5	6	<7>	8	9	5/109	Feb. 7	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	12	13	14	15	<16>	5/114	Feb. 16	No School - Staff Development Day
	19	20	21	22	23	5/119		
	26	27	<28>			3/122	Feb. 28	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
Mar				1	2	2/124	Mar. 6,8	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	5	6	7	8	9	4/128	Mar. 9	No School-Compensatory Day
	12	13	14	15	16	0/128	Mar. 12-16	No School - Spring Break
	19	20	21	22	23	5/133	Mar. 28	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	26	27	<28>	29	30	5/138	Mar. 28	End of 3rd Qtr (45 days)
April	2	3	4	5	6	5/143		
	9	12	<11>	12	14	5/148	Apr. 11	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	16	17	18	19	20	5/153		
	<23>	24	25	26	27	5/158	Apr. 23	No School - Staff Development Day
	30					1/159		
May		1	<2>	3	4	4/163	May 2	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	7	8	9	10	11	5/168		
	14	15	<16>	17	18	5/173	May 16	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	21	22	23	24	25	5/178	May 25	Graduation
	28	29	30	31		2/180	May 28	Memorial Day
							May 30	Last day with no snow days.
June					1		June 4	End 2nd Sem (90 days)/End of 4th Qtr(45 days)
	4	<5>	6	7	8		June 5	No School-Teacher Work Day
	11	12	13	14	15			

LEGEND	
::	New Teacher Days
┌───┐	Qtr. Begins
< >	Staff Prof.
└───┘	Qtr. Ends
**	Holiday
■	No School
▭	P/T Conf Early Out 2:30
══	Early Out
SchoolTimes: Start Time 8:10 End Time 3:15	
Please Note	
Three "snow days" built into calendar. These three days are additional days included at the end of the school year, but are not included in the count for school days. If the three "snow days" are not used, students' last day would be Wednesday, May 30, 2018.	
Snow days after the built in days may be added to the end of the school year. The following are additional days that may be considered for snow make-up days (In no order of preference): April 23 - Staff Prof. days or Two days of planned spring break.	
177 student contact days, plus three Prof. Dev. days to provide for 180 school days.	
Graduation Date: May 25th	
Special Contract Days - Staff	
Aug. 16	Teacher Workday
Aug. 17	Staff Development Day
Aug. 21	District Meetings
Aug. 22	Collaboration Day
Oct. 2	Staff Development Day
Oct. 23	Teacher Workday
Oct. 27	Teacher Comp Day
Jan. 15	Teacher Workday
Feb. 16	Staff Development Day
Mar. 9	Teacher Comp Day
Apr. 23	Staff Development Day
June 5	Teacher Workday

School Board Approved January 23, 2017
 School Board Amended May 22, 2017



February Activities Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Boone 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Ankeny 5:30pm Wrestling-High School (Rescheduled from 01-11-18) Oskaloosa vs. Multiple Schools 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Southeast Polk	2 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV 1 Indianola 4:45pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Indianola 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Indianola 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Indianola 7:30pm Basketball-G/JV 2 Indianola 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Indianola	3
5 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Norwalk 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Norwalk 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Pella Christian 7:30pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Pella Christian	6 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Waukee Prairieview 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV 1 Pella Christian 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Pella Christian 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Pella Christian	7	8 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Johnston MS Purple 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Indianola 6:00pm Basketball-G/JV 2 Pella 6:00pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Pella 7:30pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Pella	9 4:45pm Basketball-G/JV 1 Pella 6:15pm Basketball-G/Varsity Pella 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Pella	10 9:00am Basketball-B/JV Norwalk 12:00pm Wrestling-High School Dallas Center-Grimes HS vs. Multiple Schools
12 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Newton 7:00pm Basketball-B/JV Waukee	13 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Ames	14 7:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity TBA	15 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Marshalltown 4:45pm Basketball-B/9th Grade Urbandale 6:15pm Basketball-B/10th Grade Urbandale 7:45pm Basketball-B/Varsity Urbandale	16	17 7:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity TBA
19 TBD Basketball-B/Varsity TBA 4:15pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Adel DeSoto Minburn 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Adel DeSoto Minburn	20 7:00pm Basketball-G/Varsity TBA	21	22 4:30pm Basketball-B/8th Grade Pella 4:30pm Basketball-B/7th Grade Pella 7:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity TBA	23	24
26 7:00pm Basketball-B/Varsity TBA	27	28			

POSTAL CUSTOMER

Congratulations, Ms. Joanna Poole!



Dallas Center-Grimes High School teacher, Ms. Poole, was recently awarded Grimes Educator of the Year by the Grimes Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. Thank you for your continued commitment to our students! We are fortunate to have so many deserving teachers at DC-G!