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Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Future.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

DC-G Families,

Our District has utilized a Facility Planning Committee for 20 years to plan our District needs, enrollment projections, projects, and facility needs. This committee met five times throughout the 2017-2018 school year. In June 2018, the committee increased participation and membership to assist with planning a proposed 7th-8th grade building.

Under the direction of the District's architects, Frevert Ramsey Kobes, this committee reviewed updated design concepts including flexible learning spaces, a 5-12 Future Ready student vision, and DC-G's commitment to excellence in education. Such a facility, if approved by the public, would open in 2021-2022 and impact the students currently in all elementary grades throughout the District. The new facility would alleviate overcrowding in buildings to provide adequate learning space for our elementaries, middle schools, and high school.

The parents, patrons, and educators who have served on this committee have spent a great deal of effort working toward providing the best future for DC-G students. Many of them will be taking time to visit with patrons about a future facility and the needs of our District. Committee members will host various learning opportunities for the community to learn more about the needs and opportunities throughout DC-G schools. If you would like to learn more, please visit with a Facility Planning Committee member or reach out to me for more information.

Sincerely,
Scott Grimes
Superintendent

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Sunday, July 1st- Online Payments Become Available on RevTrak

Thursday, August 23rd- First Day of the 2018-2019 School Year

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NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT (ANNUAL)

The Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following service areas:

- Agricultural Education
- Business Education
- Health Occupations Education
- Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Industrial Education
- Marketing Education

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: 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.

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STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Free, confidential program for DC-G students! The Student Assistance Program has counselors available 24 hours/day and seven days/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.

2018-2019 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Completing the Online Registration Process. Families with students currently enrolled at DC-G need to use the Infinite Campus Portal Account to access and complete online registration. If you are new to the district, visit www.dcgschools.com. Under the School Registration tab, there is a New Families section that contains instructions about how to complete Online Registration.

Fees will be available on July 1, 2018 to be paid. You may make payments on www.dcgschools.com through the Online Payments link on the home page. Free and reduced forms will be available online or you may contact your child's building secretary for paper copies. Please pay fees by the first day of school.

Attention Students in Grades 7-12

The required forms to participate in extracurricular activities are included in the Online Registration process. In order to be cleared for practice, Online Registration must be completed by August 2, 2018. If OLR is not completed, the student will not be eligible to participate.

Open House

Open House will be held on August 20, 2018. All elementary (PK-5) buildings will hold their Open House from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Secondary (6-12) Open House will take place from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU DC-G STAFF



Celebrating Staff Milestones. At the end of the school year, we celebrated our outstanding staff and their accomplishments. Staff were recognized for their service in 5 year increments. This year, almost 70 staff members reached milestones of 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of serving students at DC-G.

Retirees were also honored for the impact they have made on our district throughout their many years touching the lives of DC-G students. We cannot thank them enough for all they have done for our district and most importantly, our students.



Cindy Hanson was one of the retirees that was recognized at our end of the year staff celebration. Cindy made a tremendous difference in the lives of students throughout her 29 years at DC-G. Chris Schmidt, Interventionist at South Prairie Elementary, shared fond memories of working with Cindy.



Sandy Butelli was honored for her 39 years at DC-G in the Food Services department. Donna Sevenich, Director of Nutrition Services, shared that throughout Sandy's time at DC-G she served almost 2 million school lunches!



Vicki Ostwinkle has touched the lives of young students at DC-G for the last 28 years as a kindergarten and preschool teacher. Donna Niemeyer, fellow Kindergarten Teacher at North Ridge Elementary, shared stories of working with Mrs. Ostwinkle.

HIGH SCHOOL



IOWA AP INDEX

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Putting DC-G on the Map. DC-G High School was ranked #11 in the state of Iowa by the University of Iowa's Acceleration Institute, which looks at the amount of advanced placement opportunities for students! Learn more on the Iowa AP Index website.

DC-G High School students earned just under 1,500 college credits through DMACC this year! Our partnership with DMACC allows great opportunities for students that help them achieve their goals beyond high school. Thank you to the teachers who make this possible.



MEADOWS



DC-G Goes International. The World Language Departments at Dallas Center-Grimes are going on their Paris to the Pyrenees trip during spring break of 2020. Students who will be freshmen through senior of that year are eligible along with their parent(s) or guardian. The trip starts in Paris and goes down to the Loire Valley and the western coast of France, where the group will visit Bordeaux and Biarritz. We enter the Basque country of Spain and visit San Sebastián. After, we head to Pamplona and Zaragoza. The last stop is in Barcelona. Please contact any one of the following for more information: Katheryrn Almeida, Emily Smith, Lara Roy or LaRee Hawks.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



Welcome to Middle School! The Dallas Center-Grimes Middle School will provide an orientation for incoming 2018-2019 sixth graders on Thursday, August 9, 2018. The program will include an overview of the student handbook, student assignment books, study skills, teacher expectations, lockers, individual student schedules and leadership skills. Parents are welcome to attend; however, this is a student-centered activity.

The program will be held at the middle school building in Dallas Center. To provide adequate individual attention, the program will be divided into three sessions. These sessions are listed on the left.

Transportation will be provided from the South Prairie Elementary 7:45 a.m., 9:45 a.m., and 11:45 a.m. The bus will return to the elementary approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of each session. Julie Morgan Kopecky, MS Dean, and DC-G MS Student Council CoLTs members will be conducting the program.

An informal makeup orientation for incoming sixth graders and new students will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. No transportation will be provided for this session.

*Schedules and advisory teachers will be available on Infinite Campus on August 1st.



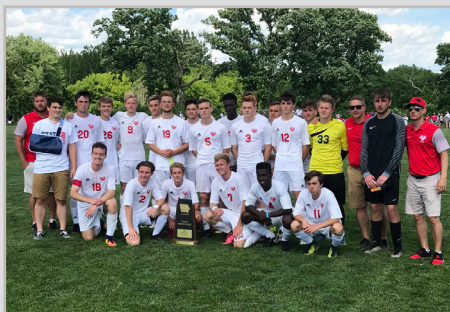
ELEMENTARY



Celebrating Another Successful School Year. DC-G elementary students and teachers celebrated the end of the 2018-2019 school year with a variety of fun activities. From the Grad Walk welcoming 2018 graduates back into their elementary building to fifth grade clap outs, assemblies and field days, students celebrated the hard work they put in all year.



ACTIVITIES



Volleyball Skills Camps. These camps are designed to teach campers the correct fundamentals on all of the skills performed in the sport of volleyball. Depending on the experience and level of each camper, coaches will determine how advanced the instruction may be. Campers will need to bring their own kneepads and water bottles to camp each day.

Camp will take place July 30-August 1. Session specific information is listed below.

Grades 5-7 will meet at Meadows from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cost is \$70.

Grades 8-9 will meet at Meadows from 8:00-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$70.

Grades 10-12 will meet at Meadows from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$75.

Register online at www.dcgcamps.com. There is a \$10 discount for families registering multiple children.



Mustang Cross Country Camp. The Dallas Center-Grimes Cross Country team is hosting a camp for boys entering grades 5-12 on August 2 and 3 from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Camp will feature guest Matt Hanson, American Record Holder- Ironman Triathlon.

Thursday camp will meet at DC-G High School and campers will participate in team builder activities, goal setting and an age/ability appropriate workout. Friday campers should plan to meet at Grimes Sports Complex for a team builder, age/ability specific run, and motivational talk from Matt Hanson.

The cost of camp is \$65 and includes a tshirt. There is a \$10 discount for families registering more than one child. For more information and to register, please visit www.dcgcamps.com

Dallas Center-Grimes 2018-2019 School Calendar

	M	T	W	TH	F	Su	DAYS	2018-2019	EVENTS
			1	2	3				
Aug	6	7	8	9	10			Aug 13,14,15	New Teachers Orientation
	:13:	:14:	:15:	<16>	17	0/0		Aug 16,20,21,22	All Day Staff Prof.
	<20>	<21>	<22>	23	24	2/2		Aug. 23	School Begins - Option K thru 12
	27	28	<29>	30	31	5/7		Aug 29	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
								Aug 30	1st Day of Preschool
Sept	3	4	5	6	7	4/11		Sep. 3	Labor Day - No School
	10	11	<12>	13	14	5/16		Sep. 12,26	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	17	18	19	20	21	5/21			
	24	25	<26>	27	28	5/26			
Oct	1	2	3	4	5	5/31		Oct. 10	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	8	9	<10>	11	12	5/36		Oct. 19	End of 1st Qtr (41 days)
	15	16	17	18	19	5/41		Oct. 22	No School-Teacher Workday
	<22>	23	24	25	26	3/44		Oct. 23	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	29	30	31			3/47		Oct. 25	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
								Oct. 26	No School - TchComp
Nov				1	2	2/49			
	5	6	<7>	8	9	5/54		Nov. 7	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	12	13	14	15	16	5/59			
	19	20	21	*22*	23	2/61		Nov. 21-23	No School-Thanksgiving Break
	26	27	28	29	30	5/66			
Dec	3	4	<5>	6	7	5/71		Dec. 5	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	10	11	12	13	14	5/76			
	17	18	19	20	21	5/81			
	24	*25*	26	27	28	0/81		Dec. 22-Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break
	31					0/81			
Jan		*1*	2	3	4	2/83		Jan. 3	Classes Resume
	7	8	9	10	11	5/88		Jan. 11	End 2nd Qtr (47 days) Semester (88 days)
	<14>	15	16	17	18	4/92		Jan. 14	No School-Teacher Workday
	<21>	22	23	24	25	5/97		Jan. 15	Beginning of 2nd Semester
	28	29	30	31		4/101		Jan. 21	No School - Staff Development Day
Feb					1	1/102			
	4	5	<6>	7	8	5/107		Feb. 6	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	11	12	13	14	<15>	5/112		Feb. 15	No School - Staff Development Day
	18	19	20	21	22	5/117			
	25	26	<27>	28		4/121		Feb. 27	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
Mar					1	1/122		Mar. 12,14	2:30 Early Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
	4	5	6	7	8	5/127		Mar. 15	No School-Compensatory Day
	11	12	13	14	15	4/131		Mar. 18-22	No School - Spring Break
	18	19	20	21	22	0/131		Mar. 26	End of 3rd Qtr (45 days)
	25	26	<27>	28	29	5/136		Mar. 27	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
April	1	2	3	4	5	5/141			
	8	9	<10>	11	12	5/146		Apr. 10	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	15	16	17	18	19	5/151			
	<22>	23	24	25	26	5/156		Apr. 22	No School - Staff Development Day
	29	30				2/158			
May			<1>	2	3	3/161		May 1	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	6	7	8	9	10	5/166			
	13	14	<15>	16	17	5/171		May 15	1:00 Early Dismissal - Staff Prof.
	20	21	22	23	24	5/176		May 24	Graduation
	27	28	29	30	31	4/180		May 27	Memorial Day
								May 31	Last day with no snow days.
June	<3>	4	5	6	7			May 31	End 2nd Sem (92 days)/End of 4th Qtr(47 days)
	10	11	12	13	14			June 3	No School-Teacher Work Day

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	
Snow 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 22 - Staff Prof. days or two days of planned spring break.	
177 student contact days, plus 3 Prof. Dev. days to provide for 180 school days.	
Graduation Date: May 24th	
Special Contract Days - Staff	
Aug. 16	Teacher Workday
Aug. 20	District Meetings
Aug. 21	Staff Development Day
Aug. 22	Collaboration Day
Oct. 22	Teacher Workday
Oct. 26	Teacher Comp Day
Jan. 14	Teacher Workday
Jan. 21	Staff Development Day
Feb. 15	Staff Development Day
Mar. 15	Teacher Comp Day
Apr. 22	Staff Development Day
June 3	Teacher Workday

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TRANSFORMING SPACES AT SOUTH PRAIRIE

South Prairie Elementary originally opened in 1988. Since then, like all of our buildings, it has gotten updates over the years. This summer, many of the rooms will be remodeled in order to provide our students with high quality learning spaces.

