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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The opportunity to make an impression on people by a single image presents itself in several ways. Students representing DC-G in academics and activities, our facilities, and social media are a few examples of areas of impressions. These impressions are communicated through images and how people feel when they see these images is a reflection of what DC-G is

about and who we are.

We have been advised that our athletic logo is too similar to another collegiate trademarked logo and that it would be prudent for us to change ours. We are in the beginning stages to help re-brand our district. Other districts in Iowa have gone through this process as well. I know that this is the right time to focus on our brand and begin this change as we build the 7-8 facility, focus on remodeling the middle school and high school, complete the new administration building, and move forward with our 5-12 vision. We have started down the path in making this change by putting together an initial committee that will focus on this important work. This committee will be made up of internal employees and external shareholders.

We currently have submitted our formal Request For Proposals (RFP). The committee is asking for three things in this RFP. First, a district logo. Something that will encompass who we are as a district and represent us in a professional manner as we move forward. Currently, we use a combination of the detailed horse and our name. Second, taking a look at the athletic horse that we currently use and making slight adjustments, so we no longer infringe upon the trademarks of other entities. The third request in the RFP is a completely new athletic logo. A decision will be made on whether to go with a new logo or the modified logo based on research and design. *Continued on inside page*



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, November 5, 2:30 p.m. Early Dismissal for P/T Conferences

Wednesday, November 7, 2:30 p.m. Early Dismissal for P/T Conferences

Friday, November 8, No School

Wednesday, November 27 - Friday, November 29, No School, Thanksgiving Break

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...Continued from cover Every time I have a conversation about logos, the discussion turns to Fillies and Mustangs as the descriptor of our mascot and why we have both. Let me know your thoughts on this by sending me an email at scott.grimes@dcdgschools.com. Now is the time to have the conversation around continuing the use of both of these.

I can assure you our colors will stay red, white, and gray. We will continue to do the great things that make DC-G the special place it has become for over 3,000 students each year.

Along with this RFP, we are asking for specific fonts, colors, and uses of our logo. We will have a formal process for the use of our name and logo to help protect our brand moving forward.

This type of change can sometimes be met with uneasiness. As we progress down this path, the committee and I plan to keep you informed on where we are in the process and request feedback in several formats along the way.

No matter what our look is moving forward, I know we will continue to show #dcdgexcellence, and I have high hopes this project will leave no question of who we are and how we want to be represented as we continue to move forward.



Bus Driver Safety Week was from October 21- 25. DC-G bus drivers do frequent drills to ensure safety. Our hard working drivers transport 1,600 DC-G students around the district on a daily basis. So far in the first quarter, bus drivers have taken 6,347 students on

150 activity events and field trips. DC-G has 26 regular drivers and 14 on call drivers that transport our students on average 1,210 miles per day. Thank you DC-G bus drivers for all you do to keep us running safely and



HIGH SCHOOL

ASVAB Career Exploration Program Exam DC-G juniors will have the opportunity to participate in Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program during a 3-hour time period in the month of November. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. The exam has many benefits for participants.

The ASVAB meets the career development needs of today's high school and post-secondary students, whether they plan to enter the workforce right away or pursue further education at a university, community college, or vocational institution.

The ASVAB provides a world class, comprehensive career exploration and planning experience based on current career development theory and practice. ASVAB encourages students to explore a wide variety of careers, empowers students to determine if and how they could improve their skills to become qualified for an occupation of interest, and emphasizes the importance of career planning and decision-making.

ASVAB provides a full spectrum of career opportunities to students, regardless of their gender, ethnicity, or ability level.

Please email Ben Twigg or Danie Clancy in the High School Student Services Office if you have any questions or would prefer your child not participate:

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Meadows Veterans Day

Assembly Meadows will hold a Veterans Day Assembly on Monday, November 11 at 9:30am. It will be located in the Meadows Gym. Any Meadows family member that is currently serving or has served in the US Military is invited to attend and be recognized. There will be a small breakfast after for all our guests.

Counselor Connection With the seasons changing, there are several resources available in our communities that we want to remind you of and encourage you to use if there is a need:

Employee and Family Resources (EFR)

Six free counseling sessions are offered to DC-G students and families with services available 24/7. Please call 515-471-2357.

Dallas County Closet

Free clothing available to children and families
43 NE Carefree Lane Waukee, IA

Food Pantry

Grimes Storehouse
112 NE Ewing St Grimes, IA
515-986-4191
Dallas Center Food Pantry
1504 Walnut St. Dallas Center, IA
515-478-6744

United Way 2-1-1

Available community services include food, housing, and employment family support services.
Should you need anything please reach out to Marc Jurgens at marc.jurgens@dcschools.com or Emily Judd at Emily.Judd@dcschools.com with any questions, concerns or celebrations you have in regards to your Meadows student.

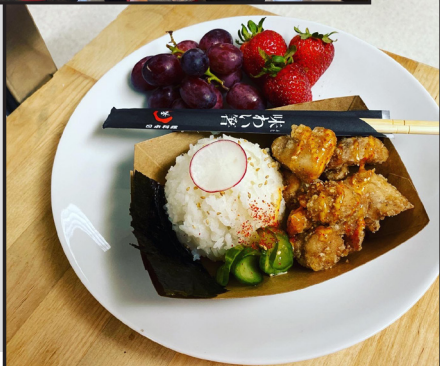
MEADOWS



Pursuing Victory with Honor Summit Meadows represented DC-G at the Leadership Conference "Pursuing Victory with Honor" at Drake University. Students learned about leadership skills and how to overcome adversity.

Education Through School Lunch

Students at Meadows and the High School had the opportunity to expand their palate by tasting Japanese food prepared by a real Japanese-raised, Minnesota born, second-generation professionally trained sushi chef and graduate of the prestigious Sushi Institute of America in Little Tokyo. Chef John Suigmura is committed to sparking curiosity and excitement for authentic Japanese food. There is meaning in every element of his dishes. His principles stem from his Grandmother Tsui - to promote the true spirit of Japanese cuisine and traditional sushi, educate on proper techniques, and share the integrity of Japanese cuisine and sushi. Students were able to try two Japanese dishes in two days. First, Gyoza, a Japanese dumpling. Followed by a Karaage Dom, a lunch that is often served to Japanese students during their school lunch. This dish is inspired by chicken and rice, packed with a lot of flavor. Students studied Japanese culture in the classroom leading up to this event.



MEADOWS CONTINUED

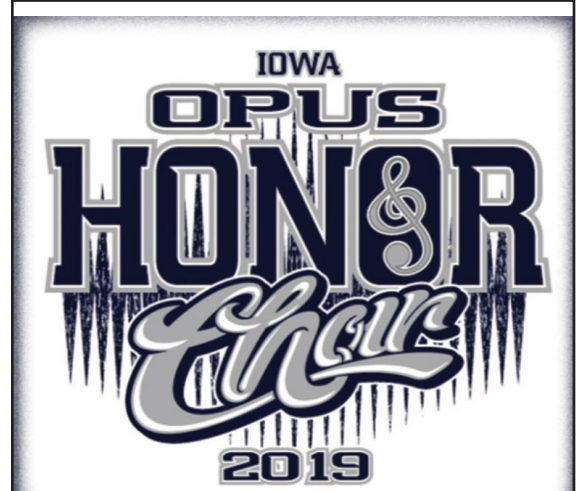


Iowa Student Tobacco Education Prevention (ISTEP) Conference
Meadows took 14 students to the ISTEP Conference in October to learn more about Youth Tobacco Prevention. Students came

back with energy and ideas to help raise awareness about tobacco products and how to work together to educate Meadows students, staff, and our community. This conference is student-led and is a state-wide movement aimed at stepping up and taking action against tobacco. ISTEP focuses on ending tobacco in Iowa. The mission of ISTEP is to change the social attitude toward all tobacco use, raise awareness through education, counter-market the tobacco industry's efforts, inspire and support cessation among tobacco users, and protect everyone from secondhand smoke.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Every year, students in grades 5-9 have the chance to audition for a spot in one of the four Iowa Opus Honor Choirs. The students learn three pieces/excerpts of music, record their audition, and send in their audition to the Opus site for blind judging (no school or student name provided; rubric for scoring). This year, over 2600 students submitted auditions. DC-G is pleased to announce that four students at the Middle School were selected to participate! Congratulations to Lily Briggeman (6th), Emma Behnkendorf (7th), Ella Christensen (7th), and Charlie Peterson (7th) on your acceptance into the 2019 Opus Honor Choirs! These students will spend time learning the five concert pieces between now and November 21st, 2019, when they will combine with all of the other selected students from across the state to perform a concert at Iowa State University.





Kindergarten The kindergarteners at Heritage had fun with a visit from our very own Chef Joe of Taher food service. His visit was in conjunction with our "Community Helpers" week. During this week, students learned about job opportunities

available in our communities. Chef Joe came to talk to kindergarteners about his job, what it takes to become a chef, and the tools that he uses when cooking. He brought different varieties of apples for all to sample and made the students some homemade apple crisp that they loved! The kindergarteners had many questions about this profession and it was wonderful for them to be able to ask the expert.

The 5th Grade Extended Learning Program

(ELP) students at North Ridge put their Rubik's Cube solving skills to work! They created a Mosaic Artwork of Albert Einstein using 225 Rubik's Cubes. Students received help to build the wooden frame from



a parent so the artwork could be displayed for the whole school to enjoy!

The students used a combination of math and science skills to solve the Rubik's cubes and create the frame, along with art and teamwork skills to put the piece together.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming PTO events:

November 11th, 7pm, North Ridge PTO meeting; Heritage PTO meeting, and South Prairie PTO meeting at 7pm in each school's library.

DCE PTO meeting at 6:30pm in the school library.

January 23, 2020 – North Ridge and DCE Skate Night from 5pm-8pm at Skateland

January 30, 2020 – South Prairie and Heritage Skate Night from 5pm-8pm at Skateland

May 1, 2020 – Reading Rocks!

For the most up-to-date information on events and resources, be sure to 'Like' and 'Follow' your elementary school's PTO page on Facebook. We will update these pages frequently with information on upcoming events and student resources. For questions, you can also contact us directly at, dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com

Friday, December 13, is the annual alumni, faculty, parents, friends, and family pep band Night. DC-G pep band invites everyone who would like to play with the pep band at the game that night to dust of the case, lick your chops, and play with the band. We will rock the house. More details to follow!



ACTIVITIES

DC-G Volleyball has entered into their postseason march. If the Fillies make it past their upcoming games, they will play at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids for the State tournament starting on November 12th. The Fillies have been crowned Little Hawkeye Conference Champions this year in game play and tournament play. The girls are peaking at the right time, and we are excited to watch what they will do!



Football is moving its way up the standings. The Mustangs won the 3A District 2 Title. Playoff dates are as follows: November 1st against Harlan at DC-G, 7 pm, November 8th, November 15th (semifinals), and November 21st (final). The Mustangs have had an outstanding season so far this year! The team has overcome the odds. Last season the Mustangs lost eight of nine games, but this season is a much different story. They have come together as a team to work hard and it is all paying off. Come cheer on your Mustangs as they finish out the season!



ACTIVITIES

DC-G Cross-Country has had an amazing season from Middle School to JV and Varsity this year. All cross country teams, both boys and girls, were crowned Little Hawkeye Conference Champions. That is a sweep in Cross Country team titles top down! Varsity Fillies won the District Meet and made school history for



the lowest team score of 26 in a state qualifying meet at Districts. The boys answered the girls with their own District title. Both teams are advancing to the State Cross-Country Meet in Fort Dodge on November 2nd.

The DC-G Marching Mustangs have had a very successful and enjoyable marching band season. The band had some great moments, clinching a Division I rating and the growth in the ensemble was truly remarkable. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers for helping the season be such a success.

November is a fairly quiet month for the band as we shift from marching band to pep band and concert band. We have spent the last two months putting the beat in our feet, and now it is time to develop our sounds in the seat.

The concert bands will be preparing for the 8-12 Holiday Concert on Monday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our concert to celebrate the holiday season.

The Iowa High School Music Association All-State Music Festival will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21-23. Students from DC-G selected for this event will be participating in this Festival. The students chosen for this event represent the one percent of all student musicians in Iowa.

Finally, a big shout-out to our senior band members. You are an amazing group of people, and your contribution to excellence at DC-G will impact all future band members.



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Senior, Buddy Morris, created this colored pencil drawing in his Independent Art class. Buddy has a great ability of juxta positioning objects that make the viewer really think about his art. He also showed great perseverance through challenging aspects of this work. Exactly the type of lifelong learner we strive for all of our students to be!