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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

DCG staff continues to work together to make adjustments in order to ensure success for our return to full onsite learning starting Wednesday, November 11th. The talent and dedication of the all staff is apparent as they adapt during this transition. We are meeting the needs of students in several ways. The secondary teachers are carefully evaluating transcripts to ensure that students are able to earn credits whether online or in person. We have resumed pay-to-ride bus services for the school year.

This service will help more than 100 students get to and from school each day. We are excited to announce the expansion of our 1:1 program for students in grades three through twelve! The 850 new Chromebooks have arrived and been programmed with educational and security software. We continue to offer online learning as an option via DCG teachers to serve families that choose to learn in that capacity. Offering this option for all families in our current climate has provided the opportunity to choose the best learning scenario based on their children and personal circumstances. Parent teacher conferences look different this year, as we are offering optional virtual conferences to all families via Zoom. We wanted to give families the flexibility to meet with teachers in a way that would provide ease and convenience.

Despite the current circumstances DCG Excellence has been able to shine not only in the classroom, but outside the classroom. Our fall sports teams have experienced tremendous success this year. The marching band, cheerleaders, dance team and our fans provided an atmosphere of school pride and student support. I look forward to seeing our students' talents in the fall play, Elephants Graveyard. I am unbelievably proud of the creativity, passion, and drive exhibited by our students, coaches, and directors.

Most importantly, I want to take the opportunity to thank the businesses and community members for showing our teachers and staff their appreciation as they work tirelessly to make adjustments during this challenging school year. The DCG staff are the most hard working, resilient, innovative group of educators I have known. Their dedication to do what is best for our students has truly come to the forefront, and has proven that even in a tough time this is truly a special place to be.

Sincerely,

Scott Grimes
Superintendent



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, November 2nd 2:30 PM, Dismissal K - 12 P/T Conferences
Thursday, November 5th 2:30 PM, Dismissal K-12 P/T Conferences
Friday, November 6th No School, Teacher Comp Day
November 25 - 27 No School, Thanksgiving Break
Every Wednesday Early Out

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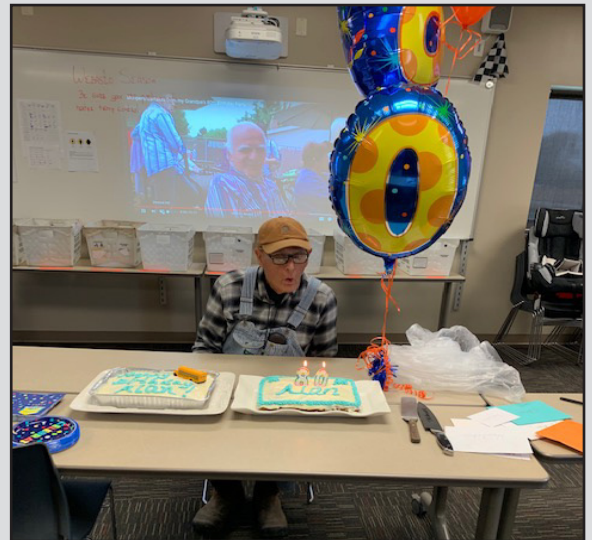
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



DCG Alumna, Erin Willrich Hoffman '93, was recently named the 2019-2020 National Coach of the year for Girls Volleyball by the Missouri State High School Activities Association in conjunction with the National Federation of state high School Associations. In addition, she recently celebrated 600 wins in her coaching career including 19 district titles, seven final four appearances, and three Missouri State titles. Erin played volleyball for DCG from 1989-1992. She was coached by Coach Wagner and current DCG teacher Angie Reed. During her time at DCG she was seen as a leader on the high school volleyball team. She went on to play post secondary volleyball for Southeast Missouri State.

Erin currently is a High School History teacher at Advance in Leopold, MO.

S Alan Hawbaker DCG Alumnus class of 1958, recently turned 80 years old. Alan has worked for DCG as a school bus driver for 40 years. Alan currently drives a van route supporting students that need a ride outside the school district. He plans to retire (again) at the end of this school year. Alan has a long history in the community. In 1945, Alan started kindergarten in a one-room schoolhouse in Dallas Center. Alan graduated with 25 of his fellow classmates in 1958. Upon graduation, Alan volunteered to join the Army during the height of the Cold War. When Alan returned to Dallas Center he farmed and served as a volunteer fireman until he retired (the first time) when he was 65. Alan has operated a school bus accident-free for 40 years.



HIGH SCHOOL

National Merit Scholarship Program DCG High School is fortunate to have two seniors be recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. This competitive program has been around since 1955 and has approximately 1.6 million students enter each year.

Emma Wagner, has been selected as a Commended Student by scoring in the top 50,000 nationally in this program. Emma has received a letter of commendation by the National Merit Scholarship Program.



Grant Harbaugh, has been selected as a National Merit Semifinalist by the National Merit Scholarship Program. In order to achieve this status, Grant scored in the top one percent nationally to be recognized for this distinction. Grant will now seek to advance to the Finalist round, which will be announced in February.

MEADOWS

Literacy meets Survivor DCG 8th graders had the opportunity to bring a current spin to the classic novel Lord of the Flies by pairing it with the contemporary and well-known TV show Survivor. The TV show gives us a framework to follow, and the



text provides the foundation for the lessons. Students are motivated and have a clear purpose for reading as they determine who will become the Ultimate Lord of the Flies Survivor. Students are engaged in an immersive learning experience where they compete in challenges, vote in the tribunal hut, earn torches, and help their team survive. Students are having fun and laughing while also accessing the deeper themes in the novel.

RED Dinner & Auction We are just a few weeks away from the Dallas Center - Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF) Raising Education Dollars (RED) Dinner and Auction taking place Saturday, November 14th from 5pm-9pm at Jester Park Lodge. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the silent auction portion of the event will be held exclusively online and to people not in attendance at the event. However, the live auction experience will be available for bid exclusively at the RED Dinner. Fewer than half of the available tickets remain. Be sure to secure your tickets at <https://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org/reddinnerauction> to have a chance at the following fabulous items and experiences.

- The Ultimate Getaway - custom vacation package from one of many tropical destinations
- Mustang MVP - reserved parking for DCG activities, including family activity pass, DCG signed football & other DCG gear
- Dinner Is Served - enjoy a private dinner prepared by Chef Joe for you and your friends in the comfort of your home
- Crafted In Style - cruise around Des Moines and enjoy some of the best local breweries
- Culinary Creations - Take cooking lessons from our fan favorite, Chef Joe

These are just a few of the experiences to be auctioned to raise funds for scholarships and teacher grants. And if you like golf, smoked meats or just want to sit back and relax in a clean as the day you moved in home, we'd recommend getting your ticket today!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Extended Learning Program

On October 14th and 15th the Extending Learning Program (ELP) students at Dallas Center Elementary and the Middle School participated in the Caribou Mathematics Competition. The Caribou Mathematics



Competition is a worldwide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year.

Lincoln Todd placed 9th in the Country and 1625th in the World for the 2nd Grade Division.

Henry McNace placed 20th in the Country and 1156th in the World for the 3rd & 4th Grade Division.

The top DCG student in the 5/6 Division is Aaron Bonefas - placing 4th in the Country and 294th in the World.

The top DCG student in the 7/8 Division is Caden White - placing 23rd in the Country and 1507th in the World.

Congratulations to everyone that participated: Axel Boerre, Mady Brown, Jack Bryant, Katelyn Daugherty, Brock Fancher, Hannah Fause, Evan Friesen, Cael Johnson, Alex New, Holden Quandt, Hunter Quandt, Cael Ramsey, Oliver Rouse, Gwen Schlak, Maura Trierweiler, Preston VanderVelden, Hayden Wagner, Finley Welch, Kate Wilson, Genevieve York, Ben New, Kealey Johnston, Isabella Beyer, Jack Christensen, Emerson Fields, Callan Knoll, Abe Frett.

Eleven students have the opportunity to continue with the remaining five contests. The next contest is set for November 11th & 12th.



ELEMENTARY

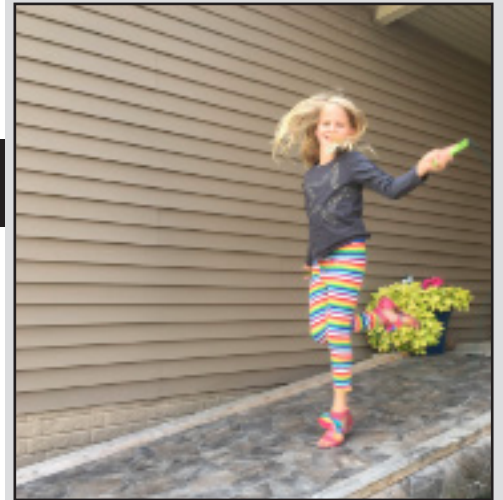
Local Gratitude Thank you to the US Bank Good Truck for giving back to the South Prairie Community! The US Bank Truck goes across the country supporting small businesses to those in different communities to spread joy and thank you for all hard work done each day. Today, they served South Prairie teachers tacos and quesadillas from Taqueria Los Pinos, a Des Moines area small business.

ONLINE LEARNERS



US History In Social Studies, third graders have been investigating the question, "What would compel people to move to a new place?" Students have explored many primary and secondary sources using an instructional strategy called "See, Think, Wonder" to help understand the push and pull factors that led to a high volume of immigration in the United States in the late 1800's and early 1900's. The busiest immigration inspection office was located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, home to the Statue of Liberty. To explore this historic place, we took a field trip to Ellis Island 2020 style - virtually. During our "field trip," students explored the island through pictures and videos,

heard immigration stories from the past and the present, and viewed historical data. In a culminating project, students will use a variety of digital tools to share what they've learned.

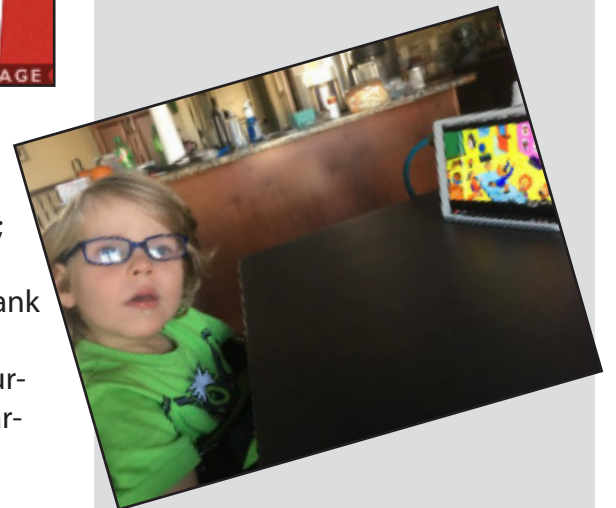


PTO

BINGO Fundraiser The PTO district-wide fundraiser was a smashing success! We are so lucky to have the support of a wonderfully generous and invested community. We have raised approximately \$12,500! It was so much fun to see the posts of kids reading and engaged in other spirit activities from the School Spirit Challenge. Students were asked to earn money by completing different challenges. A few of the fun challenges include: read to a pet, skip rope and read an Ebook. These are pictured on the right side of this page.

Donations allow us to do things like buying kindergarten shirts for incoming students, purchasing books, iPads, and supplies for teachers; improving our buildings with recess equipment and murals... the list goes on and on! On behalf of our elementary students and staff we thank you for your support!

Make sure to 'Like' your school's PTO page on Facebook for the most current information on upcoming events, ways to get involved, DCG apparel sales, and student resources. For questions, you can also contact us directly at dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com



ACTIVITIES

Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA)

IHSMA All-State Music Results are in

and DCG students are a strong representation.

Band:

Logan MacConnell--Percussion
Ryan Fitch--Trumpet

Orchestra:

Anthony Munoz--Cello

Choir:

Molly Patterson--Soprano 1

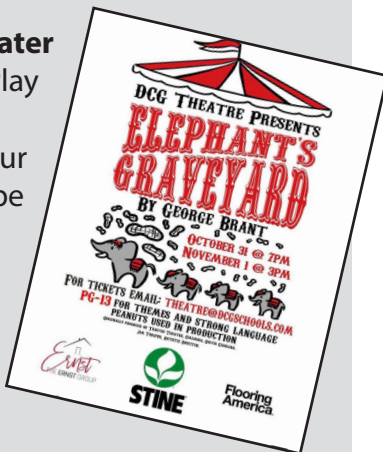
Emma Wagner--Alto 2

The IHSMA has canceled the festival this year due to COVID-19 so there will not be a concert for these students to attend. Please congratulate them if and when you see them.

DCG Theater

The Fall Play is in full swing! Our kids will be performing "Elephants Graveyard" this year.

The performance took place on October 30th-31st. Like all of our other activities, this group is paving the way for future performances. They have worked long and hard to figure out how to make this a great experience for our kids and community. We are so proud of the creativity and thoughtfulness that went into this project.



Cross Country Both of our Cross-Country teams have been resilient all season. Facing some meets with no spectators allowed, many meet structure changes, and meet cancellations they have continued to stay focused and perform at their best.

Our Boys Cross-Country

team has been ranked 1st for class 3A all year. They are a very talented bunch of young men. Their scoring 7 is made up of primarily juniors and freshmen.

Our Girls Cross-Country team has moved around a bit in the rankings this season. They are currently ranked 2nd in class 3A.

They are a very driven team with some great senior leadership.

Both teams faced off in Winterset for their District State Qualifying meet on Wednesday October 21st. They placed 1st and will go on to run at the State meet.



Volleyball Our Mustang Volleyball players have had quite the adaptation to this year's season. Deciding to only play at tournaments with four or less schools participating changed the season dynamic. The Mustangs were



regular season LHC Champions. They faced off against Bondurant-Farrar on Thursday, October 22nd in 4A volleyball regional semi final play. The Mustangs came out victorious 3-0 against Bondurant-Farrar and moved on to play Marion at Linn Mar on Tuesday, October 27th where they punched their ticket to the 4A State Tournament! The tournament will be played in Cedar Rapids Iowa.

ACTIVITIES



Marching Mustangs Though we did not get to see our Marching Mustangs perform at any competitions this year we were so proud of their efforts to be a part of our halftime shows of some football games, as well as the unbelievable support they show in pep band. We again applaud their creativity and work ethic in order to make an experience for our kids.

Football Navigating through Covid-19 protocols and guidelines our football team is thriving. They are closer connected emotionally than we have witnessed before. The extra added piece of focus on health has united them strongly in pursuit of their goals. Our Mustang Football team was crowned District 8 Champions. They were undefeated going into the postseason with a record of 6-0. They competed in their first playoff game Friday, October 23rd against the Wildcats of Carlisle where they suffered a devastating loss at home that ended their 2020 season. The Mustangs finished the season 6-1.



Cheerleading and Dance Our spirit squad has been rock solid all season. COVID-19 has put a halt to competitive cheer, but our squad continues to show why they are one of the best squads in the state!! Our dance team has made some gigantic strides over the past year. Last year's dance squad numbered 9 participants. The 2020 Dance team is 19 strong and really finding a strong identity!



The dance team is preparing for the state competition in November Both squads are pictured sporting new school uniforms!!

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Bella
Segebart



Junior, Bella Segebart, recreated this lovely impressionist style painting in her Painting I class. Like artists have done for centuries, the painting students were asked to study a master artist and learn to match colors and style. This aids in the students' abilities to create a variety of colors and look at different methods of creating art. Bella did a great job of matching colors while adding her own personal touch to the work.