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Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Future.



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

This year has been full of unprecedented challenges and one of the most taxing I've ever been a part of in my 28 years in education. There are a variety things I could choose to write about as we wind down the school year; from a pandemic which lead to hybrid, online, quarantine and in person learning, to an increased lens on racial and equity injustice, to mask mandates, to everything our students and teachers overcame and accomplished over the course of this school year, to the recent legislative session and bills passed that will affect public education for years to come. The aforemen-

tioned list of things are important and I will discuss many of these topics over the course of the next year. However, as the year is coming to a close, I choose to write about what lies ahead of us. We cannot rewrite the past, but we can write our future.

Our future is bright. Our teachers and staff have a collaborative mindset and keep what is best for our students at the forefront of their decision making and problem solving---both inside and outside of the classroom. I am fortunate to sit in on many interviews and one of the consistent things I hear from candidates is the reputation DCG has for keeping what is best for students at the forefront. That focus along with the continuation of fostering the student-teacher relationship is key to success. Relationships help us maintain our small district feel as we grow, and I credit our teachers and staff for making personalization a top

This summer we will be in full implementation mode as we move several teachers and staff not only to the new Oak View building, but also to the newly renovated space at the Middle School. In addition, teachers will be moving throughout all buildings to help accommodate continued growth. It has been humbling to lead the entire process of opening Oak View and expanding the space at the Middle School. These projects have encompassed years of planning and witnessing them come to fruition is personally and professionally fulfilling. These new spaces allow opportunity for our growing district to help cultivate our 5-12 Vision of creating an environment that is flexible and provides more opportunities for students to find their passions so they can be successful inside our classrooms and after their time at DCG. There is still much work to be done over the next several years as we are in the early stages of planning and development for the renovation of the High School-Meadows campus.

We continue to build collaborative relationships with community partners to bring real life and hands-on opportunities to our students. Developing partnerships with HyVee, John Deere and Corteva, to name a few, helps us identify opportunities to connect with students' interests within a wide range of skill sets. We continue to look for opportunities to partner with business and industry in creative ways to bring experiences and success to our stu-

As I take the lessons from this last year and document them to be better for the future, I am excited for what's to come as we move forward to provide an education that is filled with #dcgexcellence as well as a small district feel with big district accomplishments. Sincerely,

Scott Grimes Superintendent

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

No early out Wednesday, June 2

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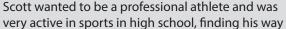
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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Two-thousand-three Alumni, Scott Krava is currently living in Philadelphia, PA. After graduating from DCG Scott earned a BS in Health and Human Performance with an emphasis in Sports Management from Iowa State University in 2007. Scott has two full-time jobs. He is currently a Graphic Designer/Illustrator and owns and operates DRMN BG™, a clothing brand with a mission of empowering people to chase their dreams.





into graphic design wasn't in the plan. He played soccer, basketball, and football throughout high school and had some success as a place kicker and punter on the football team at DCG. After high school graduation, he attempted to walk on the football team at UNI as a freshman, but didn't make the team. "Realizing my dreams of becoming a professional athlete were dwindling, I decided I needed a backup plan and transferred to lowa State after only one semester at UNI to enroll in their Sport Management program as I knew I wanted work in sports if I couldn't play."

Not wanting to abandon his dreams of playing in the NFL, he decided to give place kicking another shot and tried out at Iowa State in early 2004. He was rewarded with a roster spot. All the hours of working out and perfecting his craft were finally starting to pay off. He didn't play a lot, only a total of four plays of college football in three years. While he fell short of his dream of playing in the NFL, Krava is thankful for the whole experience. "It taught me a lot about myself and what can be possible if you're willing to commit and keep pushing forward regardless of the results you're seeing. I aimed really high and while I didn't reach the level I aimed for, I landed way higher than I would've had I aimed any lower."

Scott knew he had to find a passion outside of sports. In his last semester of college he felt a pull toward a new dream after talking with his aunt who is a

college he felt a pull toward a new dream after talking with his aunt who is a professional graphic designer. He always had a loose interest in art, even as a kid, but never prioritized it growing up. Art usually always took the backseat to sports. Scott's aunt told him about using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator and that she learned how to use both programs solely on her own. Krava's can-do attitude took over and the artist inside of him started to awaken. Even though he had no idea how to use either design program he knew they were both powerful creative tools. "I didn't know what I wanted to create. Eventually I created my first shirt design after a weekend in Okoboji with some friends." What he didn't know at the time was this design would open up a world of possibilities and help him realize his passion. "Not because it was a good design or because I sold a bunch. In fact, it was the opposite. It was a terrible design and I hardly sold any, but I fell in love with the process. This all took place with only a few weeks left in my college career at lowa State," said Scott.

Scott continued to learn about both Photoshop and Illustrator after his first design and is now working for Audacy Sports, he is responsible for creating graphics and social content centered around professional sports news. At DRMN BG™, he does it all. From creating and designing, marketing, manufacturing, shipping packages, and most importantly, helping others chase their dreams."I am not sure I would have full-time employment in the graphic design field if it weren't for DRMN BG™. "I live and breathe what the brand promotes and apply that mindset to my life in as many ways as possible. I think that's the beauty of the DRMN BG™ brand," said Krava.

If Scott could share anything with high school seniors it would be, "That failure isn't final. It's the will to pick yourself up afterwards and reflect on what went well and what needs to be improved that counts. We evolve as humans as we navigate through life and a lot of that comes from experiencing ups, downs and everything in between"

Scott is gearing up to compete in his first power-lifting meet in August. While he is no longer active in sports, fitness has always been a huge part of his life. Power-lifting has been big in showing him that he is capable of more than even he sometimes thinks.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021

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Education Foundation

Congratulations to the DCG Class of 2021!

The Dallas Center Grimes Education Foundation (DCGEF) was proud to honor the DCG Class of 2021 during Senior Awards Night on Wednesday, May 26th. Thanks to the generosity of so many in our communities, this year 107 scholarships valued at over \$103,000 was awarded for use in pursuing post-secondary education!

Learn more about the impact you can make for our future graduates.

Visit our booth at the Business Expo during Governors Days (Thursday, June 10th) at Waterworks Park.

Register for the 18th Annual 5K & Fun Run on June 12 at 7:00 a.m. Learn more and register at www. governorsdays.com.

Look for us along the Governors Days parade route and give us a wave!

And of course follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date on all of the latest happenings and opportunities!



HIGH SCHOOL

Students of the Ouarter

Congratulations to our Students of the Quarter! A student from each grade level is chosen every quarter for each department



who stood out to their teacher as an outstanding DCG HS student. Congrats to all the winners!

Agriculture: Zac Ross (12), Jaron Iseminger (11), Jace Chumbley (10)

Art: Grace Fritz (12), Juli Rossiter (11), Ellie Schmitz (10)

Band: Allison Kinman (12), Collin Fortune (11), Ryan Fitch (10)

Business: Brock Wolf (12), Blake Perrin (11), Elena Bartak (10)

FCS: Brianna Bornemann (12), Bailey Wych (11), Kylee Albright (10)

Industrial Tech: Sierra Mason (12), Marcus Watznauer (10)

Language Arts: Matt Wingert (12), Samra Aksamovic (11), Emma Foley (10) Math: Jillian Rants (12), Troy Peitzman (11), Carson Springer (10)

PE: Karlee Rebik (12), Zack Sigler (11), Dylan Roberts (10)

Science: Caleb Powell (12), Ema Suljic (11), Sheridan Gilster

Social Studies: Molly Patterson (12), Anthony Munoz (11),

Sydney Vaughan (10)

Student Services: Isabel Kidd (12), Cadence Lilla (11), Alex Sutterer (10)

Vocal: Blake Willey (12), Josh Ward (11), Jaycob Akers (10) World Language: Claire Winjum (12), McKenna Pierce (11),

Elaine Weddle (10)



Bi-literacy Seal-

The first annual
Bi-Literacy tests
were conducted
at Dallas Center-Grimes High
School in late
April. The Seal of
Bi-Literacy is an
award given by a
district to recog-

nize students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages, one of which is English, by high school graduation. The Seal values language as an asset, recognizes the value of language diversity and cultural identity, prepares students for 21st century skills, and provides opportunities for grants or scholarships. Students were able to take a test in their native language, French or Spanish. Nineteen students participated in this event. The World Language Department is very excited to announce that three seniors received the seal this year, Allison Kinman, Natalia Segura and Sierra Sonberg and two juniors Plisken Chevez and Samantha Robles who will receive their award next year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle School Choir Students in choir have worked hard to prepare performances for family and friends! The expansion of the 1:1 program allowed choir students to rehearse individually with rehearsal tracks, as well as record for assessments. In choir lessons, students worked on preparing a solo or small ensemble piece for much of the Second Semester. Students worked to learn the notes and rhythms, worked on forward and strong tone quality, memorizing their piece,

understand phrasing and appropriate spots to breath, gaining confidence in themselves and performing their lesson for peers and recording for their family members.

In choir class, students learned their digital concert pieces, recorded them, and finished their year working on their Acapella Project! Students created a vocal only arrangement from scratch, including a melody, harmony, accompaniment, and vocal/body percussion. It's not often that students get to create music from nothing, so this was a fun project for them! They performed for their peers and video recording during the last weeks of school.

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Dallas Center - Grimes
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GRAB & GO
MEALS OFFERED

DC-G will be offering "grab & go" meals to serve both the Dallas Center and Grimes communities at South Prairie Elementary and Dallas Center Elementary Friday, June 4 – Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Breakfast and lunch will be included in one bag and will be provided to all children without charge. We received approval from the USDA to provide this program. We are able to serve ANY child 1 - 18 years of age. Regardless of what school your child attends or where they live, you may pick up meals from these locations.

Each meal will consist of protein, grain, fruit, vegetable and milk. Meals will be available for pick up between 10:30 am and 1 pm Monday through Friday at each location. Friday's bag will also include breakfast & lunch for Saturday & Sunday. These will be available as a curbside pickup at the north kitchen door at South Prairie Elementary in Grimes and the south kitchen door of Dallas Center Elementary.

Elementary/PTO Thank you to everyone that joined the DCG PTO for this year's annual Spring Fundraiser, DCG Rocks! The Scavenger Hunt. Our DCG community completed lots of fun missions throughout Grimes and Dallas Center using the free GooseChase App. Additionally, families could purchase Activity Kits and bid on Silent Auction items. All money raised through this fundraiser goes directly back into our elementary schools for supplies, equipment, teachers, and more. We are projected to meet our fundraising goal. None of this would be possible without the support of our generous communities, THANK YOU!





VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Camp Please registrater for DCG Volleyball Camps at DCGVBCAMPS.COM The following camps are being offered:
June 8, 10, Specialty Camp for 7-12 graders, 8:00 - 10:00 am, Meadows, \$65.

June 15, 17, Youth Camp for 3-6 graders, 10:00-11:30, Meadows, \$50.

June 15, 17, Youth Camp for K-2 graders, 11:30 am -12:30 pm, Meadows, \$50.

August 2, 3, & 4, All Skills Camp, for 8-9 graders, 8:00 - 9:30 am, Meadows, \$75.

August 2, 3, & 4, All Skills Camp for 10-12 graders, 9:30-11:00 am, Meadows, \$75.

August 2, 3, & 4, All Skills Camp, for 4-7 graders, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Meadows, \$75.

August 2, 3, & 4, All Skills Camp, for K-3 graders, 1:00-2:00 pm, Meadows, \$65.

Summer volleyball open gyms: Grades 9-12 - Tuesday & Thursday 7:30-9AM - Starting June 15 through July 15 - Meadows Gym. Lifting - Grades 9-12 - M-W-F -Please email questions to, cvoelker@dcgschools.com



ACTIVITIES

Dallas Center Grimes theatre department will participate in the 2021 lowa High School Musical Theater Awards Showcase, presented by EMC Insurance Companies, in honor of the school's achievements for its Spring production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.



lowa PBS will broadcast a year-end Awards Showcase on July 9, 2021 at 8:30 p.m. The broadcast will feature highlights from several musical productions submitted for adjudication by high schools from across the state this year. Featured performances will be recorded at the Des Moines Civic Center in early June.

DCG will be honored in a special video shown during the Showcase, in celebration of its receipt of an Outstanding Overall Performance Award - one of the program's highest honors.

Madison Myers will perform an excerpt from her outstanding performance in an award-winning principal role in as "Olive Ostrovsky. Cassidy Overbey will perform an expert from her outstanding performance in an award-winning principal role as "Rona Lisa Peretti." Cavin Schlatter will perform an expert from his outstanding performance in an award-winning principal role of "William Barfee."

DCG will also be recognized with the following awards and honors: Outstanding Ensemble

Outstanding Student Orchestra

Outstanding Stage Management – Bailey Pierce

Additional honors and recognitions for all 78 schools in this year's program will be available in a special online gallery at DMPA.org that will launch on July 9, 2021 in tandem with the lowa PBS broadcast.



MS Show Choir looked a bit different this year, but that didn't stop our students from performing with #DCGExcellence! The 8th grade students who chose to be involved put their heart and soul

into this show choir experience. These students came together with directors Joy Augustine and Emily Battani and worked hard during their early morning rehearsals. With only nine rehearsals before their only performance this year, they had a lot of work to do! Students learned the vocals and choreography to two songs and performed for their family members and friends on April 29th, 2021. They performed songs about being one together and having a unified voice. It was a short but sweet season!

ACTIVITIES

Boys Track In a season that started with a lot of unknowns, it certainly finished unforgettable! The Mustang Boy's Track and Field Team completed their season with some outstanding team finishes placing third at the Little Hawkeye Conference Championships, finishing second at the 3A-1 State Qualifying meet, and bringing home a third place trophy at the State Championships! The Mustangs scored 44 points in a deep 3A field with the help of some outstanding performances from 26 athletes over 15 events at the State Meet.

100M - Tonny Tarwo (7th), Zach Brand (16th)

200M - Caden Grimes (18th)

1600M - Aidan Ramsey (2nd)

3200M - Aidan Ramsey (2nd)

400H - Zach Smid (22nd)

Long Jump - Keaton Jackson (16th)

Shot Put - Blake Willey (10th), Grant Waymire (11th)

Discus - Brody Burgher (14th), Gavin Rupp (19th)

4x100 - Caden Grimes, Tonny Tarwo,

Josh Hendricks, Zach Brand (1st)

4x200 - Caden Grimes, Jacob Hauschen, Gavin Todd, Zach Brand (2nd)

4x400 - Keaton Jackson, Gavin Todd, Aidan Ramsey, Jacob Hauschen (20th)

4x800 - Tate McDermott, Owen Pries, Jack Every, Caleb Powell (17th)

800 Medley Relay - Jacob Hauschen, Zach Brand, Gavin Todd, Keaton Jackson (15th)

1600 Medley Relay - Caden Grimes, Josh Hendricks, Jacob Hauschen, Aidan Ramsey (3rd)

Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Luke Busby, Kyle Snyder, Kieran Shawhan, Zach Smid (7th)

Alternates: Ty Mikkelsen, Lane Nelsen, Jonny Iverson, Skyler Nolte, Ty Walker, Daniel Onwuramaka

Over the course of the season the Mustangs broke school records in the 4X100, 1600M, 3200M, Shuttle Hurdle Relay, and the 1600 Medley Relay! Thank you to our 15 seniors who have taken our program to a new level through their commitment to excellence on and off the track: Dawson Assink, Garly Augusma, Zach Brand, Brody Burgher, Luke Busby, Blake Croushore, Caden Grimes, Jacob Hauschen, Gavin Lambert, Caleb Powell, Tonny Tawro, Ben Ver Ploeg, Ty Walker, Grant Waymire, and Blake Willey!



Girls Track The girls track and field team competed at the 2021 State Meet on Thursday through Saturday of May 20-22. The Mustangs finished in a tie for 13th place with 22 team points. The team competed in all seven relay events along with seven individual events. Results are below:

400m: Meredith McDermott--63.19 (22nd) 400 Hurdles: Vanessa Bickford--67.81 (11th)

800m: Megan Sterbenz--2:14.80 (2nd and New school record)

800m: Miranda Muhlstein--2:22.07 (12th) 1500m: Megan Sterbenz--5:06.51 (19th) Shot Put: Kileigh Lachacz--37-06.25 (10th)

Discus: Kileigh Lachacz--122-10 (8th)

4x100 Relay: Abby Osborn, Olivia Huston, Elle Nelsen, Bailey Macum-

ber--51.29 (15th)

4x200 Relay: Brinn Johnson, Olivia Huston, Elle Nelsen, Abby Osborn--1:49.24 (20th)

4x400 Relay: Vanessa Bickford, Meredith McDermott, Miranda Muhlstein, Grace Mikota--4:06.76 (6th and New School Record)

4x800 Relay: Grace Mikota, Hannah Little, Miranda Muhlstein, Megan Sterbenz--9:40.84 (4th)

Shuttle Hurdle Relay: Katey Luebke, Bailey Macumber, Caroline White, Ellie Schmitz--1:13.56 (21st)

Sprint Med Relay: Abby Osborn, Olivia Huston, Elle Nelsen, Skyler Blessman--1:55.56 (21st)

Dist. Med Relay: Elle Nelsen, Grace Mikota, Vanessa Bickford, Megan Sterbenz--4:12.47 (4th)



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Painting II students were tasked with creating an original painting based on a song of their choice. You can scan the QR codes to hear these two artists' selections.