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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the last 10 years the district, with the help of our communities, have taken huge strides to prepare for the growth we have experienced. We have grown by just over 1,200 students during this time. To be prepared for this, we have taken action by increasing space throughout our district facilities. It is incredible to look back at the progress made in the district where we have added spaces to create impressive learning environments for students to find their passions and enter into the world prepared for the challenges that lie in front of them. Our facilities plan has covered a lot of ground in the past 10 years. The focus started with the addition of a new building for our 8th-9th graders, Meadows in 2012. We then completed an eight section classroom addition at North Ridge in 2013. Followed by building a new transportation and warehouse facility in 2015. We built an additional elementary school, Heritage Elementary, while simultaneously working to remodel South Prairie Elementary in 2017. The Baseball/Softball Complex in Dallas Center was completed in 2019. Finishing the Administration Center in 2020 allowed space for our office staff growth. Additions to the Middle School and adding Oak View at the beginning of this school year have rounded out the overall plan. I am extremely proud of the work we have done to prepare for our growth by providing outstanding facilities. Thank you for your support!

I am excited to discuss the last piece of our 10 year facility plan that is focused on our High School/Meadows campus. The final phase of our plan includes combining two major buildings into one campus, allowing us to handle our growth and meet the needs of our students and staff with the High School Campus. The beginning of this work will focus on art, music and athletics, allocating additional space for each within their own zone. These changes will set the stage for the remainder of the improvements. We have more than 80 percent of our student population involved in activities and some of the best facilities in Iowa. I am pleased to announce part of this plan includes a turf field. We are planning to have the field completed by the fall of 2022 so our students that are involved in arts and activities, have access to this area for their seasons next year.

It's an exciting time to be a Mustang! I look forward to continuing this good work as we look to our future growth and tradition in #dcgexcellence.

Sincerely,
Scott Grimes
Superintendent



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, October 6th and 20th, 1 pm Dismissal, 12:30 pm Oak View

Friday, October 22, End of First Quarter

Monday, October 25, No School - Teacher Workday

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DCG SPOTLIGHT

Former DCG Physics teacher and Superintendent, Elmer Foster changed sports forever in 1934. One night after a basketball game Foster had to walk home, because a line of angry fans blocking his car. The game ended with a Dallas Center loss in overtime due to a questionable call.



In those days, there were no scoreboards with time clocks. The score was displayed at center court at the scorers table using papers on rings, turned over with each basket.

The crowd could not see the time in the game. During the early 30's each team provided an official timekeeper with a stopwatch

rather than having a game clock displayed for all to see.

During that basketball game in 1934, as time was running out an Adel player sunk a shot to tie the game. The two timekeepers argued and the decision fell to Foster. But the crowd couldn't see the time in the game, but it was too close to call.

"Everyone was jumping up and down and yelling, 'How much time?'" Foster told the Register in a 1955 profile. "I thought then there ought to be a scoreboard to let them know."

He ruled "fair play" should decide the game, and the teams went to overtime. Dallas Center lost.

Foster used his walk home after the game that evening when he couldn't get to his car to think.

That night hatched the beginnings of a device that would change sports forever: a basketball scoreboard that showed both the score and the time remaining in the game.

He came up with a combination of a scoreboard that showed both the score and the time remaining so fans and officials alike could see it.



Foster asked a Dallas Center jeweler to convert an electric clock to eight minute intervals that could be controlled by a wired remote box on the sidelines.


The original board stood 3-feet tall and 3-and-a-half-feet wide. Belts created from his wife's Singer sewing machine turned the analog clock.

Foster installed the scoreboard in the Dallas Center gym in time for Dallas Center's first home game about a year later. Dallas Center won 28-10.

Foster left his teaching and superintendent job to make scoreboards full-time. He named his company, Fair-Play Scoreboards.

By 1955, Fair-Play hit \$1 million in sales. Today, the company is named TransLux - Fairplay and designs, manufactures, markets and services LED display and scoreboard solutions for a wide range of business, sports, residential, and government applications.

HIGH SCHOOL



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HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE**

**Band Room
Thursday, October 21st
12:00pm - 5:30pm
2555 West 1st St | Grimes**

To schedule your donation contact **Desiree Lozada at 515-986-9747 or scan the QR code**



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School-to-Work DCG High School students that are involved with the school-to-work class had the opportunity to take part in a profes-

sional skills day. This event took place on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021, at the Waukee APEX Center. Students attended sessions to hear about topics including: today's job market, interviewing tips, LinkedIn/personal branding, and resume writing. Each student also had a chance to participate in a mock interview. Proceeding the interview they received feedback on their interview skills to take with them.

PSAT/NMSQT: Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test

Test Date: October 13th

Location: High School Media Center

Cost: \$18

Payment: Bring exact amount in cash or a check made out to Dallas Center-Grimes High School to the main office.

Registration: Register for the PSAT exam beginning Monday, September 27th through Friday, October 8th. A Google form will be sent out on the 27th.

Audience: Juniors are the preferred group and will have priority in registration. Sophomores and freshmen are welcome to register if spots are available.

Benefits:

Gain SAT Prep

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Additional Information:

Call 515-986-9747, email danie.clancy@dcschools.com, or visit <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.

Order your Yearbook Now is the time to order the 2021-2022 DCG High School yearbook!

Order by October 29th and receive the book at a discount Seniors/Senior Parents -- Consider choosing the "ship to home" option to avoid school pick-up next year. Head to jostens.com to make your purchase, and email Mrs. Soener (ivy.soener@dcschools.com) with any questions

Homecoming Tailgate The First Annual Oak View Tailgate kicked off this year. The event took place during student advisory time the Friday of Homecoming. There was a tent for photos, outdoor yard games, 9 square, side walk chalk and music.



OAK VIEW

Outdoor Classrooms The past few weeks advisories were in charge of planting herbs in the planters at Harvest Heights outdoor learning center. Advisories from Miss Scott, Mr. Larsen, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Sawyers, and Mrs. Walker all took part in planting basil, thyme, lemon thyme, rosemary, lemon grass, parsley, and lavender in the four planters. The plants are donated from Mr. Shutt's Garden Center. They are now taking turns watering them and pulling weeds in both the Bedrock and Harvest Heights Learning Centers.



Mr. Sawyer's Family and Consumer Science classes will eventually be using these herbs to make yummy dishes in class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning Band Fifth and sixth grade students are both starting band together this school year. They are learning an enormous amount of new information when trying



an instrument for the first time. Students have taken the first few weeks to learn how to master the basics in smaller groups and the larger bands are have started playing together recently. In small groups students have been working on applying the mouth to the mouthpiece and distribute air and sound with their instruments, proper hand and body position and putting notes together. Additionally, students are learning how to count notes, keep the beat and follow the director. They have grown a lot in just the short time they have been together.

ELEMENTARY

Traditions Continue

DCG High School students have grown the tradition of classroom visits. The program was started to build cross building ties between our



elementary school students and high school students. This tradition started several years ago and the impact that it has had on students both young and old has made a lasting impression. Elementary aged students look up to the high schoolers that come to their rooms on a weekly basis to help with activities, read to the class or help fine tune skills such a learning sight words. The high school students find this experience very fulfilling and learn a lot from the younger students. They enjoy the time laughing, learning and building a relationship with the class. It is fun to watch the younger kids recognize the older students in the band, on the field or court during their respective seasons or activities.

Important Child Nutrition Update Food shortages are happening nationwide, and our district is also experiencing unavailable items or last minute replacements. School lunch menus are subject to change. We appreciate your patience and understanding. Taher looks forward to serving all our students free breakfast and lunch this school year.

**Breakfast & Lunch
FREE
for all DCG students!**



BREAKFAST
Choice of Entrée; Fruit; & Milk.

LUNCH
Choice of Entrée.
(Served w/ Vegetable, Fruit, & Milk.)

DCG Remote Learners:
Call DCG Nutrition at 986-9747x4162 to make arrangements to pick up meals weekly.



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5 PM - 9 PM
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(R)aising (E)ducation (D)ollars proceeds will be used to continue the DCG Education Foundation's commitment to supporting and promoting excellence within the DCG School District through educational scholarships to students as well as teacher grants for classroom support.

Tickets Available

dcgeducationfoundation.org

Homecoming 2021



ACTIVITIES

FOFA. FOFA is the fine arts booster club and we are seeking donations. Any donation is appreciated and will go directly to student scholarships, purchasing costumes and equipment, and supporting our fine arts teachers. We also take employer contribution matches so if your company offers this please think of us. FOFA is led by parents whose hearts are filled seeing their kids perform. If you'd like to donate, or join us, please go to www.dcgfofa.com.



Theater Our Theater program is hard at work as they prepare for the upcoming production of "Clue". We can not wait to witness their talents on stage. "Clue" will be performed Saturday, October 30th at 7 pm and Sunday, October 31st at 3 pm. Look for ticket details on social media and online.

High School Homecoming Picture Highlights



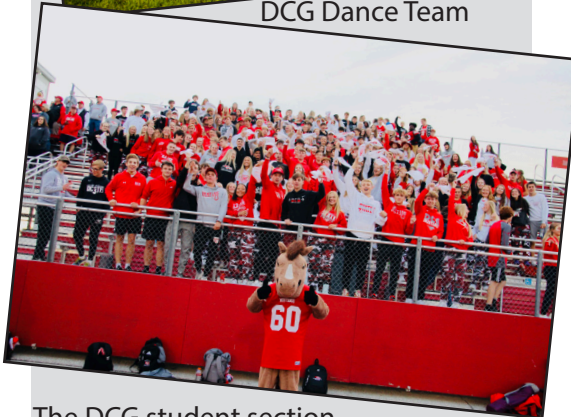
DCG Dance Team



Rare Fair Kick The Mustangs caught a punt attempt by Winterset in the homecoming game against the Winterset Huskies.



Rather than running a play, the entire offensive line took the stage on the 37-yard line for the rare rule book attempted kick coming off the tee. The play paid off. The Mustangs kicker, Konnor May booted a 47-yard field goal as time ran out in the second quarter to put the team on top, 10-7 at half over Winterset. The football team held the Huskies close throughout the game, but came up short of a win with a final score of 20-13.



The DCG student section



Sophomore, Tess Meggison crowns homecoming queen, Kaylin Petrak.

ACTIVITIES

Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team packaged meals for Meals from the Heartland on Wednesday, September 1 as a service project this year. Meals from the Heartland is a volunteer service to help starving children. The organization is made up of volunteers from businesses, schools, churches, community organizations and beyond who package meals for delivery to malnourished people in Iowa, across the United States and around the world. The team has packaged



meals for many years. This event has become one of their most favorite nights of the cross country season! The opportunity to give back to a larger cause and come together and do the work as a team is humbling. Additionally it provides a great opportunity for team building outside of the usual running environment.



Boys Cross Country The Mustang boys Cross Country have had the opportunity to be out in the community this year. They assisted with the Grimes Parks and Recreation Run for Fun in the Sun program, and enjoyed bringing their "Honk Project" to the streets of Grimes again this fall. The Honk project has become a tradition for the boys Cross Country team. The basis of the project is to spread joy and encouragement to others by holding signs that remind those passing by that they are "Stronger than they Think" and that "They are loved". Many community members have expressed how this is one of their favorite nights of the year. The team appreciates the support provided by the

DCG community and look forward to continuing to represent the community and school with pride and class the rest of the season.

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ART

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SPOTLIGHT



Art I students worked on improving their drawing from observation skills as they drew a still life. Shyanne Eiteman did a great job using proportion and value to create a realistic drawing.



Students in Painting I worked on color matching and different painting techniques as they copied famous Fauvism and Impressionistic paintings. Krista Erickson did a great job of copying The Star by Edgar Degas.