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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The world of technology is rapidly evolving. Reflecting on the amount of change there has been in the last ten years ensures there is the need to refocus and shift our teaching methods so our students are ready to enter into the world post graduation. Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year, Iowa's Department of Education has new required computer science standards. These standards will begin with implementation for ninth through twelfth graders, with kindergarten through eighth graders in the following year. The good news is that DCG is already working to have these standards in place. We continue working toward implementing additional technology classes into our curriculum. Currently, we offer three computer science courses, basic, advanced and web development, for high school students.

We continue to see enrollment growth in the Basic Computer Science class nearly doubling in size from last year. I foresee more opportunities in computer science are on the horizon. Enthusiasm for further computer science activities also includes plans at the middle and elementary levels as well. We currently focus on integrating computer science in other subjects like math, science, English and social studies where students are required to use technology to solve complex problems. We continually work to find ways that offer students the possibility to experience opportunities outside of the school's walls and in real-life settings. For example, fifth and sixth graders, will invite community partners to come into classrooms and provide examples of how computer science is a part of their daily work. Incorporating computer science early is important for Iowa's future workforce and information technology (IT) industry.

We want students at all ages to see that technology is something that we use every day, in things they don't even consider. Computer science is not just coding, it is a field that can provide a wealth of opportunities. Computer science teaches students how to think in steps and processes while solving problems and thinking analytically. With this new outlook on computer science we realize we are preparing students not just for jobs in computer science and IT but getting them ready for their life after high school in general.

Sincerely,

Scott Grimes

Superintendent



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, January 3rd Classes Resume

Friday, January 14th, End of First Quarter

Monday, January 17th, No School Teacher Workday

Tuesday, January 18th, Beginning of 2nd Semester

Wednesday, January 26th, Early Dismissal, 12:30 Oak View, 1 pm All other buildings

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DCG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DCG Alumni, Austin Goode '14 is an Iowa State graduate who owns his own video and photography company. He got his start in college by simply making GoPro videos of trips he would take with friends. Once he graduated with a degree in marketing, his first job was working for a tourism company, creating video content for social media. He worked there for a year and a half while shooting weddings as a side hustle. In April of 2020 he took a leap and created an LLC and pursued videography and photography full-time on his



own. "Thanks to the support from friends & family, along with the grind of being an entrepreneur, I have been very successful with my business," said Goode.

He got his start in the business by offering his services for free or very discounted to build experience and connections. He is experiencing much success and his quality of life has increased significantly because of the freedoms that come with being an entrepreneur. His favorite part of the job is capturing someone's laugh. "The genuine explosion of happiness fuels me!" What started as a hobby for Goode has grown to a full-time passion for creative work. From weddings and proposals, to local business highlights, to music videos, he truly enjoys creating something that makes people feel joyful, loved and inspired.

The industry and need for video has skyrocketed in popularity within the last few years. Kevin O'Leary, an investor on NBC's Shark Tank, said, "Since the pandemic hit, the number one demand for companies are people that can take the concept of a business and tell a story, particularly through video or rich photography." People consume so much content through their phones and computers it has allowed content creators, like Austin, to position themselves in a valuable sector of the market. Videos are one of the best ways to evoke emotion and connect with audiences.

One thing Austin wishes he would have known in high school that he knows now is, "find something you are passionate about and run with it! I always enjoyed making videos, but never thought about doing it for a career." His favorite thing about DCG was the size, "it was small enough that you knew mostly everyone in each grade, but big enough that you could participate in a range of extracurricular activities," said Goode.

In addition to his videography business he is currently making spoon rings. He recently started creating them and placing them on his website, <https://www.austingoode.com/> to sell. He is also currently working on the Discovery Channel's show, "Diesel Brothers."

HIGH SCHOOL



Turkey Drive

The High School Student Council recently held a competition challenge between Advisories to Feed a Family. Students had a list of food items that would help families in need and brought items in over a week's

time. The completion came in where points were awarded on high-need items being worth more points than others. The top three Advisories got to partake in a fun AO with milk and cookies during lunch! Totals for the food pantry were higher this year. The event was well promoted in class and adding the freshman class helped increase overall donations. Overall the 9th-12th graders were able to donate 1800 pounds of food and \$250 to both the Dallas Center and Grimes food pantries.

Stomp Out Stigma

The high school group "Stomp Out Stigma" or SOS partnered with Brent Buttjer to host a pride basketball scrimmage fundraiser to raise money for Please Pass the Love. Please Pass the Love is a local agency that empowers school communities to embrace and sustain mental health and wellness supports for the students across Iowa. DCG and Please Pass the Love has partnered together to help students and staff in the high school building through mental health training and strategies. With the help of students, staff and community members, we were able to raise over \$600 to donate to this incredible organization!



Taher News Taher was provided several opportunities across the district over the last month. The Tasting of Japan Tour came to Oak View. Chef John Sugimura, Taher corporate Chef, created Yakitori Yakisoba with the help from the Taher Food Service Staff. This traditional Japanese dish incorporates chicken skewers and is seasoned with sauces. Students had the opportunity to learn about Japanese food and culture in preparation for this culinary event in their FCS class. Also at Oak View, Chef Phillip was able to spend a day teaching the FCS students key knife safety and usage skills in the kitchen.

Back by popular demand at the High School was the Dueling Chef competition. Chef Phillip vs. Principal Blum featured a Thanksgiving inspired chicken wing. Students were able to eat both a honey cornbread chicken wing and a cranberry sauce wing. While it was a close race through all three high school lunches, Chef Phillip pulled away with the win over Principal Blum. Pears and quinoa were the Harvest of the Month in December and Middle School students were able to taste test a pear crisp prepared by Chef Phillip. They loved the crisp and getting a chance to hang with the Chef! At the elementaries quinoa was incorporated to showcase sauteed spinach and seasoned quinoa in tastings at lunch. This was a surprising hit throughout each of the elementary schools!

Library The Oak View media center took advantage of the display room next door and students helped create a warm environment to cozy up with a book. The room has comfy seating, a fire, and a list of student book recommendations. The students have really enjoyed this.



OAK VIEW

Science Eight grade students are currently building mousetrap cars in science class. This project focuses on the engineering design process. The students are given a mousetrap and then are expected to research, design and build their cars. The goal for each group's car is to travel 10 meters. They will be racing their cars in class in early January.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mock Trial Thirty-three DCG sixth through eighth graders competed in Mock Trial this fall. There were four teams that competed with the help of three law-



yers and one speech coach. The case they challenged this year was a fictitious lawsuit case involving murder by freezer by either passionate revenge from fraud or unpaid debt to the mob in Bondurant.

The four teams including, Dead Bunnies took top honors with the highest point score of the entire regional competition. An Oak View team, Cold Hard Cash came within 0.1 percent (0.5 points out of 502.5 points) of going to the state tournament. Other teams include, Mockingbirds, from the Middle School went 0 for 2 in competition and the Bearded Baconators team that was mixed between Middle School and Oak View came out with one win and one loss. Students were trained in skill sets necessary for becoming a litigant, doctor, accountant, programmer, pastors, scientists, acting, public speaking, and becoming a tv food chef. They worked on practices to effectively argue using 26 pages of rules regarding courtroom etiquette and evidence. Students from each team won individual awards including outstanding attorney and outstanding witness.

A special thank you to Lutheran Church of Hope, Grimes, United Methodist, DC United Methodist for providing practice space for the teams.



Mini Courses On the last day, on the last hour before winter break, the staff at Oak View provided mini-courses for students to start their break off right. Students got to choose from a variety of fun activities. They include Harry Potter Trivia, Making a Winter Scene, Hand Lettering, Wooden Holiday Ornaments, Time Capsule Keepsake Ornament.

ACTIVITIES

Booster Club We would like to remind everyone that we provide streaming for all of our home varsity sporting events on our YouTube channel. <https://youtube.com/channel/UClpSR2dL-dG1ftueIT6RXwA>. The booster club is always looking for volunteers to help run our concession stands. Anyone can sign up using the following link <https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?activi->

Vocal Music The High School Vocal Music Department presented their December Concert on Monday, December 6 in the high school auditorium. This year, five choirs and guest performers, Quartet 515, performed a



one hour program to families and the community at large. This concert featured all five choirs of 187 students on stage for the entire concert. Each group performs one or two pieces on their own and then several larger works as a full department while also moving throughout the auditorium. Students spend several weeks preparing this concert to share with our community. It was a beautiful night of music and a great opportunity to showcase the talent in all of our ensembles. DCG Singers was fortunate enough to showcase some of this concert to the Grimes Chamber of Commerce and North Ridge elementary later in the month. We are excited to continue to share the choral art with our families at our next concert on Thursday, March 3, 2022 in the high school auditorium!

Wrestling The wrestling program at DCG continues to grow. There are 38 boys, 25 girls and 11 team managers that round out the team this season. There is a lot of up and coming talent all the way down to the middle school level. The middle school team has 43 wrestlers out this year. That is a record high for the middle school team. The growing participants at the middle level are met with twelve returning letter winners at the varsity level this season, four ranked wrestlers in Class 3A. The wrestling competition season started in early December for DCG. The team kicked off at home against Norwalk and experienced success with a big win on the mat defeating Norwalk for the first time since we moved to Class 3A. Beginning next season, the DCG home meet will

have a new name, the Andy Davidson Mustang Invite will debut in the 2022 season. Davidson coached wrestling and taught PE at DCG for 35 years. This announcement was made with Coach Davidson in attendance at this year's home meet. Currently the Mustangs are 6-3 in dual meets. The three losses included top-ten ranked teams; Johnston, Indianola and Waukee Northwest. The DCG dual team is currently ranked 13th. The rest of the season will be met with tough competition within tournament play. The Little Hawkeye Conference meet will take place on January 29th.



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K. Carpenter
PHOTOGRAPHY

Future Mustang Soccer Clinic

The 2022 Mustangs (Boys and Girls) coaches and athletes will be conducting a soccer skills clinic for boys and girls in grades K-8.

Date: Sunday February 27 at the DCG Meadows gymnasium

Grades K - 2: 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5: 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Grades 6 - 8: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Registration will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the clinic.

Participants will interact with the HS athletes while learning some of the fundamentals of the game: dribbling, passing, shooting and having some fun!

Participants are asked to bring a **soccer ball** and appropriate athletic attire for the gym (No cleats!). Please mark your ball with the player's name so we can be sure they get the correct one back. Also, be sure to bring a **water bottle**. Cost for the clinic is \$30.00 and will include a t-shirt.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan James (dan.james@dcgschools.com) or Collin Lane (collin.lane@dcgschools.com).

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PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE FORM TO: **Dan James at 2555 W 1st St, Grimes, IA 50111**, by **Wednesday February 16**. (late registrations accepted - but to guarantee a t-shirt be sure to register by the 16th). Send check (payable to Dan James) or Venmo: @Dan-James-11

NAME _____ GRADE _____

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My son/daughter has permission to participate in the soccer clinic. The DC-G Schools will not be held responsible for accidents or injuries. My son/daughter is covered by an insurance plan to cover accidents.

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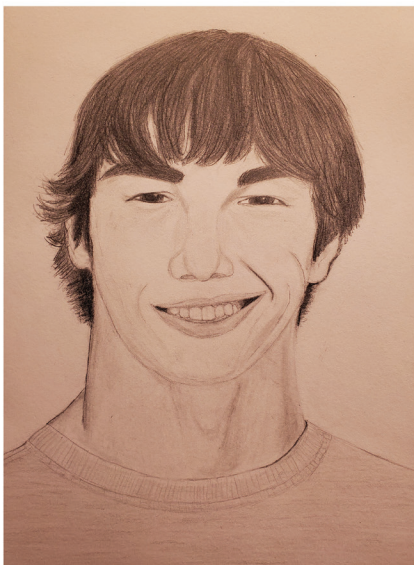
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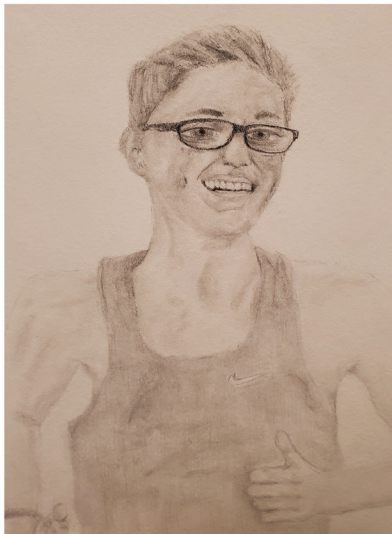
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