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SUPERINTENDENTS MESSAGE

Today, people are presented with so much content on a daily basis that it cannot possibly be taken all in. This reality speaks not only to the need for accurate information and high-quality content, but that some information, even when presented, will never be consumed. At DCG we are committed to open, honest and ongoing communication with our parents, guardians, staff and communities. Our district model places emphasis on communication, consistency and collaboration.

The best way to have conversations is face-to-face. It's hard to show empathy through a telephone line or, worse, a computer screen.

However, that is not always a realistic way of communication. As a district, we are committed to various types of communication in order to reach a diverse audience and keep everyone informed. Communication requires schools and families to work together.

The collaboration between home and school can only be accomplished through healthy and trusting relationships, which are built through open and honest communication.

In that open communication we use six main tools: Thrillshare, our website, our app, social media, The Mustang Monthly, and our new podcast, The Mustang Message.

Thrillshare is our main email, text, and phone call communication platform. This is how we communicate with parents and guardians both from a district and building level. Our website, www.dcgschools.com has a wealth of information. Everything from staffing, building information, registration, important dates and more can be found on our website. Additionally, it serves as a highlight reel into what is going on and who we are at DCG. The DCG App is a great place to find information quickly. Activities schedules, to social media posts, and easy access to staff email, as well as our website, Revtrak and Infinite Campus are all at our fingertips within the app. Our social media channels are an excellent place to find the good news stories that happen everyday and celebrate our students and staff across the district. If you haven't already, find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn. The Mustang Monthly newsletter has been a long standing tradition at DCG and is an important way for us to not only communicate with our families, but our communities. This communication tool allows us to share the great things happening inside our buildings with local alumni, families that attend here, as well as those that have children up and coming to the district. This platform serves as an outreach to new families' first exposure to DCG. This newsletter also allows us to keep in touch with families that no longer have or do not have students in the district. Our newest and fastest growing communication channel is our podcast, The Mustang Message. We started this communication tool as a different way for us to share the wonderful things happening throughout the district in a conversational, engaging way.

From a communications perspective, developing a consistent message with all these tools is important in order to be able to provide a common vision. District-level communication can be reinforced at the school level, and building administrators can communicate common district messages and reinforce them with school-specific messages. This can be found through weekly emails from buildings to parents.

I truly value your thoughts, suggestions, concerns, and, yes, even your grievances. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me in order to help keep the lines of communication open as we continue to work together on doing what is best for your children.

Scott Grimes
Superintendent

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, May 11th and 25th Early Dismissal, 12:30 Oak View, 1 pm All other buildings

Friday, May 27th, Graduation

Friday, May 27, Last day of school for students

Tuesday, May 31st, Teacher Work Day

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DCG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Michael Cicchi is a 1998 DCG alumni. He currently lives in Kailua, Hawaii. He entered the United States Marine Corps in 2002 and attended college at the United States Naval Academy. Michael has spent time all around the world, but at this time, he is running the Marine Corps Air Station on the island of Oahu, HI.

When he entered the USMC he went through flight training to become a pilot. He spent over 10 years flying the AV-8B Harrier with various squadrons in North Carolina and Arizona. Then he went to Okinawa, Japan and served in a long-range planning role for aviation forces. In his current job of overseeing the airfield, he also flies a Gulfstream business jet for the Department of Defense. The United States Government uses these types of aircraft for several reasons including: flying top military officials, members of the cabinet and even high-ranking elected officials. On the battlefield, the aircraft serves as lifelines to troops fighting on the front line, with some providing vital intelligence and others relaying critical communications.

When asked what he wishes he knew when he was in high school or college, he simply responded with, "the list is too long." His favorite thing about DCG was knowing everyone and



growing up with the same people both those things made a great small town atmosphere.

Michael and his wife, Sabrina have been married for 19 years and have three children, Nicolas 15, Carson 14, and Mia 11.

HIGH SCHOOL

NHS The DCG Chapter of National Honor Society inducted 63 new members on Wednesday April 13th. Congratulations to all of the new members!



Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to the third quarter Students of the Quarter! Agriculture: Connor Pertzsch (12), Zach M. Tigges (11), Ceceilia

Rowe (10), and Dylan Everett (9)

Art: Jacob Umbarger (12), Keira Stine (11), Aubrey Johansen (10), and Luke Feyrer (9) Band: Drew Bissell (12), Ethan Ibarra (11), Molly Schock (10), and Ella Christensen (9) Business: Colby Schwantes (12), Grace Johnson (11), Alex Pries (10), and Karsten Freund (9) FCS: Bo Huston (12), Madison Lachacz (11), Bella Mulder (10), and Camren Allen (9) Tech Education: Christine Harrelson (12), Alex Holcomb (11), Nick Sonius (10), and Lizzie Behrens (9) Language Arts: Connor Fitzpatrick (12), Josh Hendricks (11), Josie Lampe (10), and Jewel Perkins (9) Math: Skyler Blessman (12), Emma Sump (11), Amelia Ehlert (10), and Tyler Flitch (9) PE: Kyle Snyder (12), Dylan Roberts (11), Makayla Eischeid (10), and Avery Short (9) Science: Kaylee Huinker (12), Sydney Meints (11), Tailor Golly (10), and Gauge Varron (9) Social Studies: Luke Herbsleb (12), Lexi Welter (11), Nora Southwick (10), and Kate Busby (9) Vocal: Owen Pries (12), Sam Hawthorne (11), Asia Jahangir (10), and Braden Zach (9) Spanish: Bailey Wych (12), Clayton Campidilli (11), Zara Bejarno (10), and Jacob Hope (9) French: AJ Jahangir (12), Sheridan Gilster (11), Eddie Pyne (10), and Anna McKernan (9) Student Services: Rylee Reents (12), Kayla Tracy (11), Thomas Brockshus (10), and Nick Reha (9)

NHS New Inductees

Seniors: Ethan Montford

Juniors: Jacob Dotson, Hudson Ehlert, Finley Fitzgerald, Lauren Ihde, Claire Robbins, Braeden Roberts, Joshua Warnke

Sophomores: Ella Bandy, Emma Beeman, Vanessa Bickford, Anna Briggeman, Summer Campbell, Anna Cantrell, Eli Carpenter, Ellie Cole, Jack Crilly, Olivia Curtis, Olivia Cyr, Amelia Ehlert, Makayla Eischeid, Malaina Elliott, Ben Every, Jack Every, Ava Gannon, Tailor Golly, Elle Illian, Jordyn Jamison, Addy Janssen, Macy Jermier, Aubrey Johansen, Jaden Jones, Jenna Kalk, Brady Kinman, Ella Kleckner, Kylie Knief, Josie Lampe, Haydn Little, Tess McGuire, Sophie Meekma, Tess Meggison, Ty Mikkelsen, Kerry Myers, Lane Nelsen, Preston Palm, Ryley Palm, Alex Pries, Abbie Reis, Kayla Reis, Hannah Renz, Sauler Ribich, Eli Rupp, Jimmy Seeman, Addison Shawhan, Emily Short, Callie Stiles, Layla Sutterer, Hanna Thies, Makenzie Thomas, Haylee Uhl, Sam Watkins, Will Weydert, and Logan Young.

Yearbook

Please use the QR Code on the right to order a 2021-2022 yearbook. The yearbook deadline is quickly approaching!



Taher News With the last month of school and better weather around the corner, Taher knows that a lot of classes will be going on field trips. We are offering to pack lunch for the class, or individual. School lunch is still free to all students through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Let us know how we can help your student on their next field trip or activity by contacting donna.sevenich@dcschools.com Our schools enjoyed the "Eat a Rainbow of Colors" promotion so much, we decided to keep it up and going for the remainder of the year! Students have the opportunity to

Spring is here, and planning has been at the learning garden outside of Dallas Center Elementary. We have many volunteers and hope to get a bountiful harvest this year. Third graders at DCE recently cleaned out the raised beds and had a great time learning about planting and eating nutrient dense vegetables.



OAK VIEW

Hands on Experience Oak View students visited Mercy College and experienced hands on demonstrations that take place in the medical industry. Students heard about the college and participated in lab demonstrations while touring the



college. The students' favorite demonstration was the paramedic station where they were able to try their hands with CPR. This hands on experience helps students explore a science employment pathway and peak their interests at a young age. Students can continue their exploration in this industry through high school classes like anatomy and physiology.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

TAG Fifth grade Talented and Gifted students recently participated in Odyssey of the Mind (OM) program. OM is an international creative problem-solving program for grades second up to college. This program teaches students how to develop and use their natural creativity to become problem-solvers. Students have five challenges to choose from. Groups from

DCG Middle School chose Life is a Circus!, Odyssey ReOMvention, and Matryoshka Structure. OM brings the classroom to life as students apply what



they learn and combine it with their interests and passions to solve unique open-ended problems. OM also emphasizes teamwork, budgeting, time management, public speaking, and so much more. This international program is designed to help students at all learning levels grow as individual learners, grow as team members, and to reach their full potential.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Iowa Hall of Pride The sixth grade middle school students were able to visit the Iowa Hall of Pride on a field trip the week of April 18-22. This field trip coincides with the students' learning in social studies class about famous Iowans in the State of Iowa. During the visit, the students engaged with a scavenger hunt around the museum area and found information, pictures, statues, and artifacts about many of the famous Iowans they had been studying in class. They also learned a variety of new things on the field trip. The students shared that they walked away with a deeper sense of pride in our great state of Iowa and appreciated the legacy of the many amazing Iowans who have come before them.



ELEMENTARY



Physical Education North Ridge students recently got to try their skills with archery during PE. Archery is an excellent way to help develop upper body, shoulder and arm strength, use hand-eye coordination, and both gross and fine motor skills. PE is an integral part of a comprehensive, instructional program, and contributes to mental alertness, academic achievement and social development. A quality health-related fitness program improves children's muscular strength, flexibility, muscular endurance, body composition and cardiovascular endurance. Phys-

ical activity can also be an outlet for releasing tension and anxiety, and facilitates emotional stability and resilience. Physical Education provides an opportunity for team building, cooperation, leadership development and sportsmanship.

PTO News The DCG Elementary Schools' teacher grants have been put to work this rainy spring. With their grants, Every school received lots of fun recess equipment. Indoor recess is a by-product of poor weather. The fun indoor games make it easier for students to get their wiggles out and return to class ready to learn. Recess equipment is just one of the many grant items provided to schools by our DCG Elementary Schools' PTO.



ACTIVITIES

DCG Girls Summer Basketball Camps Sign up for basketball camp online at www.dcgcamps.com. For any information concerning DCG Girls Basketball Camps, please contact Coach Jones at adam.jones@dcgschools.com. Camps are offered for girls entering second through eighth grades. Skills camp offers fundamental instruction on the game of basketball including, ball handling, and defensive / offensive concepts. Along with basketball instruction, each camper will participate in competitive basketball games and compete in individual skill contests. This is a great opportunity to learn and work on basketball skills while getting to know DCG girls basketball coaching staff and current players. All participants in this camp will also receive a DCG basketball camp t-shirt. Competition Camp will provide the girls the opportunity to play 4-on-4 or 5-on-5 games against kids similar in age. Campers will receive a little fundamental instruction and then will be split into teams and play two games each week for a total of eight games during camp. Shooting camp, is designed to help girls develop their shot. Along with instruction on proper technique, campers will improve their footwork and learn how to shoot the ball on the move, off the dribble, and from the free throw line. All dates, times, locations and details can be found online when you sign up at www.dcgcamps.com



CONGRATS TO ELLA LAMPE AND SKYLER BLESSMAN FOR RECEIVING THE NHS SCHOLARSHIP. BOTH MEMBERS WERE 1 OF 500 SEMIFINALIST WINNERS!

The DC-G Chapter of NHS is lucky to have you both represent the organization in such amazing ways!



2022 DCG TRACK & FIELD CHAMP CAMP

OVERVIEW

This camp is designed for incoming grades K-8, girls and boys, and aims to provide a fun track & field experience for all attendees. Our hope is to foster a love for track & field, learning how to be great leaders, and learning how to be great teammates. Attendees will receive coaching in various events from certified high school coaches and current/former DCG T&F athletes. The first 2 days of camp will be formatted like practices and the final day will be a mini-meet. Contact Coach Jordan Sump at jordan.sump@dcgschools.com with questions. We hope to see your kids at camp.

LOCATION, DATES & TIMELINES

- DCG Oak View Track & Field Facility
- REGISTER by Thursday, May 12th to guarantee a shirt.
 - Walk ups welcome!
- Tuesday, May 24th - Thursday May 26th
 - K-4th Grade: 4:45-6:00pm
 - 5th-8th Grade: 6:15-7:30pm
- Tuesday's Focus: Throws, Hurdles, & Relays
- Wednesday's Focus: Jumps, Sprints, & Distance
- Thursday's Mini-Meet:
 - Shot Put, Long Jump, 40M Hurdles, Relay Race

WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

1. Athletic shoes
2. Athletic apparel
3. Water bottle with your name on it
4. Any necessary medications or info for coaches (ex. inhaler)
5. Dress for the weather each day

COST & PAYMENT

- \$40 → payable on or before Day 1 of camp
 - Sibling discount cost: \$20

FAQ

1. Are parents allowed to stay and watch?
 - Yes! You are welcome to watch from the stands or outside the fence to take pictures/video while the camp is ongoing. We ask that you stay off the track or practice areas.
2. What happens if we have bad weather?
 - We will either cancel for the day or move camp inside to the gymnasium. We plan to send daily emails with regular camp info and we will notify campers of changes using this method if needed.

HOW DO WE SIGN-UP?

1. Complete registration on dcgcamps.com
2. Payment can be completed on dcgcamps.com OR you can bring cash or check on day 1 of camp.
IF YOU HAVE FINANCIAL CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT US AS WE WILL WAIVE THE FEE...NO QUESTIONS ASKED.



ACTIVITIES

Spring Botany Class Plant Sale

Even with the cooler spring temperatures, it's time to plant! The annual DCG HS Botany Class Spring Plant Sale will be held Wednesday May 4th and Friday May 6th. The sale will be from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the greenhouse behind the high school. A variety of ready to transplant garden plants, bedding plants, as well as house plants will be for sale. Thanks for your support!



Technology Student Competition

Josh Warnke and Alex Chittenden blew away the competition at the recent Technology Student Association contest and took first place in Forensic Science! The duo had the highest score out of 22 teams and set a team record for highest possible points scored.

Josh and Alex also took third place in Digital Video Production. These two did an amazing job representing DCG. This was the very first time as a TSA chapter, and to take the top spots in two categories is outstanding! The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national, non-profit organization of middle and high school students who have a strong interest in technology. TSA was chartered in 1978 and since then over 2,000,000 students have participated in its program. Members learn through challenging competitions, leadership activities and community service.



MATTRESS FUNDRAISER

FRIENDS OF FINE ARTS @ DCG High Commons

FOFA (Friends of Fine Arts) will be holding a first mattress sale fundraiser, taking place Saturday, May 21st in the DCG High School Commons. Proceeds from the sale will go to FOFA to assist in funding the many arts programs at Dallas Center – Grimes. As you lay in bed tonight, checking your cell phone for the last time, please note the unpleasant bumps, springs, and sags that are obviously a detriment to your sleep and overall wellbeing. Stop by the sale on May 21st between 10 AM and 5 PM, pick out a new mattress, enjoy your future wonderful slumbers, and help out the fine arts students of Dallas Center-Grimes!



FOOTBALL

DCG Summer Football Camp

Calling all those who love to play football! DCG football staff has released the camp dates for the coming summer and there is something for everyone! Last year over 300 kids participated. Questions can be directed to Scott Heitland at scott.heitland@dcgschools.com. Camps are available for kids entering Kindergarten through high school. To find details on dates, times, and fees, and get registered, visit www.dcgcamp.com.

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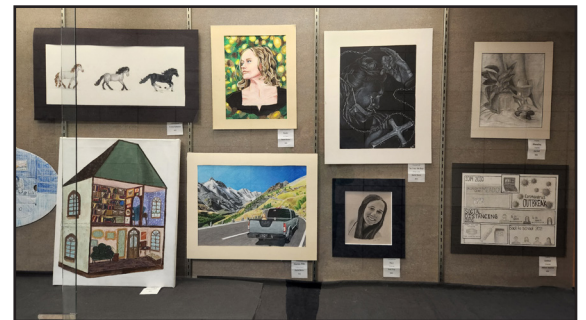
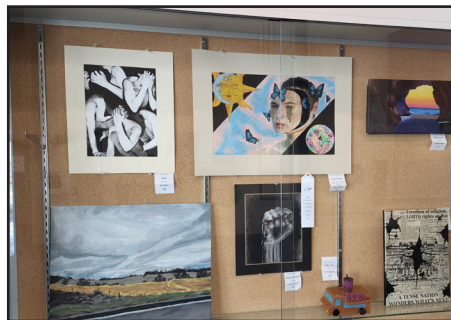
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On April 6th, the DCG high school art program participated in the Little Hawkeye Conference Art Show held at Central College. Each conference school is allowed to bring twenty total pieces of art to display. Every year it is always a difficult decision on what to select. This year, DCG had 15 students represented.

Students included: Noah Gray, Jackson Kaune, Rachel Koster, Mya Vongphasouk, Cristina Fantastico, Gryzelle Opog, Baiana Sharsheeva, Zoe Gard, Addison Shawhan, Krista Erickson, Pluto Evans, Grace Mernone, Jilly Janssen, Ty Mikkelson, and Ian Grimes

The students represented their school very well with seven ribbon placements:

Rachel Koster: 1st in Chalk/Oil Pastel, 2nd in Colored Pencil

Jillian Janssen: 2nd place in watercolor

Jackson Kaune: 3rd in charcoal

Ian Grimes: Honorable Mention in Charcoal

Gryzelle Opog: Honorable Mention in 2D design/Mixed Media

Mya Vongphasouk: 3rd in Hand Built Ceramics

Congratulations to all the students for being selected to represent our DCG art program!