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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

It's a busy fall in our district! Our students are thriving. Our educators are extraordinary. Our support staff rises to the occasion every single day! The 2022-23 school year is off to an incredible start. Outside our walls, there is work being done as well! I want to take this opportunity to showcase some of the physical changes you've probably seen outside our high school campus. Here's a shot from the sky in mid-October.

As you can see, there are several projects happening concurrently. Phase 1 of the high school renovation project centers on the west side of the complex. The old weight room and small gym are being transformed into a new band room and art studio. More than 80 percent of our high school students are involved in extracurricular activities, so it's crucial to provide a high quality facility for their work.



Construction work is underway on the south end of the Meadows campus. This will be the new home of our athletic performance center. The Dallas Center-Grimes Booster Club is working to raise funds that will allow our students to train in a state-of-the-art facility. The facility will also be utilized during the school day by our physical education students. Look for a donation link in the coming days. Phase 2 of the project will focus on the cafeteria and common areas in both the high school-wing and Meadows-wing of the complex. These facilities will be home to our amazing students for years to come!

Our district is grateful to have supportive communities by our side. We are encouraged by your generosity and thankful for all of the ways you make an impact! Here are links to several DCG-focused organizations supporting our students!

DCG Education Foundation: <https://www.dcgeducationfoundation.org/>

DCG PTO: <https://www.dcgpto.com/>

DCG Booster Club: <https://www.dcgboosterclub.com/>

DCG FOFA (Friends of the Fine Arts): <https://www.dcgfofa.com/>

It's great to be a Mustang!

Sincerely,
Scott Grimes
Superintendent



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

November 30 - Early Dismissal

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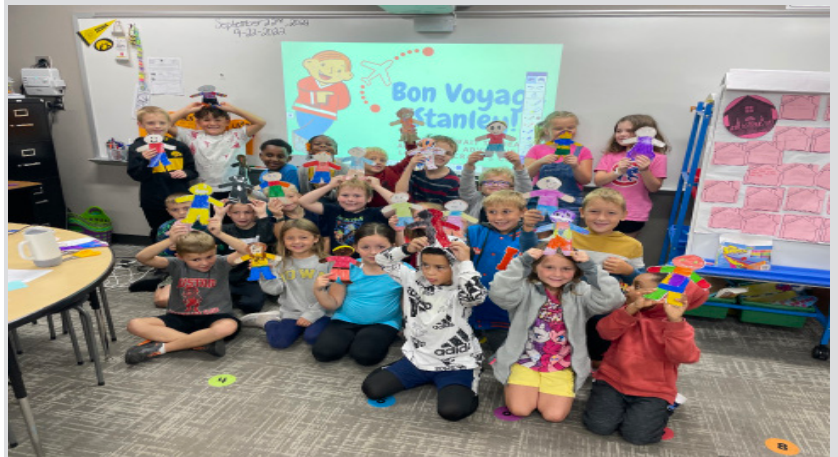
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SCIENCE AT OAK VIEW

Launch Day - Rockets are flying through the air at Oak View! Science students designed rockets and as a class they will work through a testing process. For example, one group of students is testing the number of fins attached to individual rockets. All of the rockets in their group are similar, except for the fins. Students are now able to determine if the number of fins influences the overall hang time of the rocket. Throughout this unit, students are working on measurement, unit conversion, experimental design and scientific writing.



FLAT STANLEY

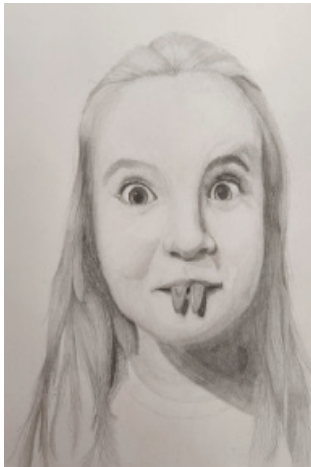


Flat Stanley - Second graders in Abbie Craig's class at South Prairie are making worldwide connections. Students created their own Flat Stanley and then wished him well on his adventure. This group mailed Stanley to 17 states and 7 countries. What a great social studies project!



HIGH SCHOOL

From the Art Room -



Kylee Albright



Sydney Ashby

Drawing I Emotional Portraits



Arianna Freitas

After reviewing facial proportions, Drawing I students chose a subject that was showing emotion. They all created fantastic images!

Service Work- The DCG Chapter of the Rho Kappa participated in a service-learning project at the C.R.O.S.S. facility in Osceola on Friday, October 7. For the second year in a row, many students from Key Club also participated in the activity. C.R.O.S.S. serves those in need by providing medical equipment, clothing, furniture, and virtually anything individuals and families may require at little or no cost. The organization serves those from the local communities, all parts of Iowa and provide services to many places internationally including Eastern Africa. The hard work of our students greatly impacted lives in central Iowa. Great job high school students!

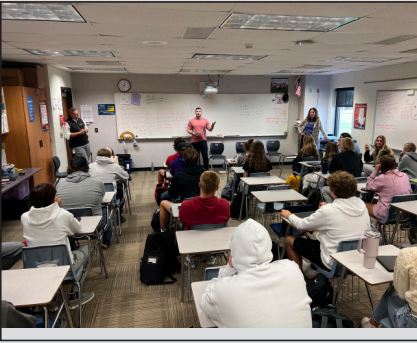


From the PTO - Our DCG Elementary Schools PTO fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you to all our students and community members that participated and donated. Our combined efforts raised more than \$75,000. Our students will be rewarded for their efforts with a "Day of Awesomeness" this spring. These funds allow us to do all the fun things such as purchasing kindergarten shirts for incoming students, books, iPads, along with supplemental curricular materials and supplies for teachers. Several of our schools have earned enough funds over the past two years that they will be adding more inclusive playground equipment. We've worked with buildings and grounds to improve pathways so students with disabilities can access all areas of the playgrounds. None of this would be possible without the support of our parents, students and amazing donors, THANK YOU!

The DCG Elementary Schools PTO would like to invite you to join the PTO at any time. There are lots of different ways to get involved and at a level you feel comfortable. To join the PTO go to our website: <https://dcgpto.com> or reach out to your principal. For questions, you can also contact us directly at dallascentergrimespto@gmail.com. Join the PTO by using the QR code below.



FROM OUR BUILDINGS



Financial Planning - Dallas Center - Grimes High School students had the chance to meet with the teams from EVERFIK12 and the Iowa Insurance Division. The conversation focused on financial health after high school. This is an important dialogue for our students to have as they prepare for the next step!

Abstract Self Portraits - The hallways at South Prairie Elementary have a little extra color this month! Kindergarten students designed abstract self portraits. They would add colors/twists depending on their birth month, favorite ice cream flavors and pets at home. This is a creative way to get to know classmates and add a festive decoration to their hallway. Great job kindergartners!



Healthy State Walk - Oak View students participated in October's Healthiest State Month challenge. This included the Annual Healthy State Walk on October 5. It was a morning full of friendship and physical activity! Great job Oak View!

Beginning Band- Our district's newest band students are making their first sounds and are now playing together as a group. 160 5th graders are in the Red and White Bands at the Middle School (represented in these pictures). Their first concert will be in December, and it's going to be great!



DISTRICT UPDATES

Oak View Band- The 8th grade students began the school year with an "Intro to Marching Band" unit. In this unit students learned to march in formation, how to hold our instruments for marching band, and how to play and march at the same time.

7th grade students have been learning how to play as an ensemble with good timing and listening skills. The growth of this ensemble has been amazing. They will showcase their work at the Oak View Winter Concert on Thursday, December 8th.



Above - Central College Honor Band

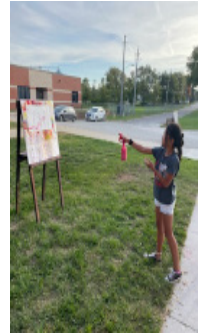


Above - Honor Jazz Combo

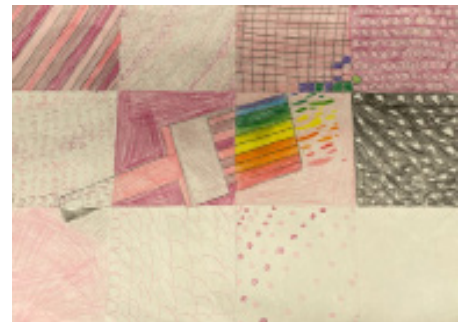


Left - SCIBA Honor Band

Middle School Art - DCG Middle School students are off to a creative start this year! 5th graders are finishing up their graffiti projects. They got to "spray paint" their letters and created monochromatic backgrounds to glue them onto.



6th grade is working on a variety project. They got to choose an object of choice and then split the paper up into 12 squares. Each square represents a different variety.



ELEMENTARY

Thunder Visits Heritage - It was a special surprise for Heritage Elementary students! After reaching their first PBIS goal of the year, Thunder stopped at the school for a quick visit. Heritage students have already received 3,000 high five tickets! High five tickets are earned for being responsible, extending kindness, showing respect and thinking with an open mind! Heritage staff members hand out tickets to students on a daily basis and they've set benchmark awards to track their progress! Heritage's



next goal is 6,000 tickets and we've heard the reward will feature popcorn! Awesome work Heritage students!



8TH ANNUAL RED DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2022
 5 PM - 9 PM
 THREE SISTERS BARN

**Raise a
paddle to
raise
scholarship
funds**

Double the fun! On the night of the annual Red Dinner & Auction, we will have a silent auction. All proceeds from the auction will go to support our scholarship fund. We encourage all community members to participate and help us raise funds for our students.

ACTIVITIES

DCG Hosts Little Hawkeye Cross Country Meet The DCG Cross Country teams played host to the Little Hawkeye Conference Cross Country Meet on Monday, October 10. It was a showcase event for our programs and our course in Dallas Center. Thanks to our volunteers for making this event a huge success!



DCG Golf Completes First Fall Season of 4A Boys Golf - It was a historic season on the links. The DCG Boys Golf team played a 4A schedule for the first time in 2022. Their season wrapped up in a Class 4A District meet in Council Bluffs on October 4. The Mustangs were led by Noah Moberg (78) and Dillon Jordan (79). Moberg also recorded the lowest score of the season for DCG with a 73! Noah's season average was 77! It's an exciting time to be a golfer at DCG. We look forward to watching this team play again next fall!

From the Theatre - Radium Girls is the story of Grace Fryer, who worked as a dial painter in the 1920's. She spent her time in a factory, painting on watch dials with paint containing radium. Grace, her friends, and co-workers fall mysteriously ill, and radium is suspected to be the cause. Their employer, Arthur Roeder, refuses to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors is what caused the girls' poor health. The show follows the efforts of Grace Fryer's battle with the U.S. Radium Corporation - and her loved ones. Radium Girls is a powerful and engaging story that gives viewers a look into America's fascination with wealth, health, and the commercialization of science. Radium Girls is performed with 43 cast members and over 65 crew members, all of whom use their talents to put on an amazing production. The show is under the direction of Kar Gustafson. The show stars juniors Norah Southwick and Brady Kinman, and features seniors Emma Malmberg and Maddie Waddingham, juniors Alaina Ervin and Elle Illian, and freshman Gavin Eickelberg.



Performance Dates -November 5, 7:00, November 6, 2:00

Location - Dallas Center-Grimes High School

QR Code for Tickets to Radium Girls



ACTIVITIES

High School Choir Update - Thank you to all who attended the high school Fall Preview Concert on Tuesday, October 18. All five our choirs performed music showcasing their learning and talents at this point of the year. We ended this concert with a combined piece called "Give Us Hope" by Jim Papoulus to a standing room only audience. Join us for our next performance "Lullaby: A Winter Concert" on Monday, December 5 at 7:00pm in the High School Auditorium. The performance will feature all five our choirs performing throughout the space and feature guest artists Quartet 515. This September, eleven 9th graders from DCG High School auditioned for the ICDA Opus Honor Choir. Two students from DCG High School, Campbell Bowen and Macey Clark, were selected into this prestigious honor choir. This is the highest vocal achievement 9th grade vocal music students at DCG can achieve. They will travel to Ames on Thursday, November 17 to rehearse with students from across the state. They conclude their experience with a 4:00pm concert in CY Stephens that afternoon.

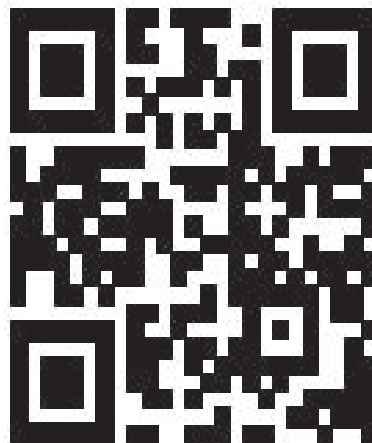
On Saturday, October 22, twenty-seven students from DCG High School Vocal music auditioned for the All-State Choir. The following students were selected as members of the 600 voice choir: Kiley Crivaro, Kylie Perdue, Campbell Valline, Madison Stone, Chase Behnkendorf, Alex Pries, Kyler Willenborg and Aaron Fuentes.. These students will represent DCG on November 17th-19 as they join students from around the state in Ames. The Iowa All-State Chorus, Band, and Orchestra will perform at 7:30pm on Saturday, November 19 in Hilton Colosseum. A recording of this concert will be broadcast on PBS.



FFA Expo - This was a special event for all of our students. DCG High School FFA students toured our district on their annual FFA Expo visits. The smiles from our elementary students proved that this hands-on experience is a great tradition! The goal of this event is to educate students and staff about the safety of animals and introduce them to the DCG FFA program. Thanks to the DCG FFA team for engaging with our community! This was a special time for all involved!

Buttjer Honored - DCG Activities Director Brent Buttjer has been named the 2022-23 Central District Activities Director of the Year! Brent was selected by his colleagues in Iowa's central district. Thanks for all of the ways you support our students Brent! Congratulations!!

FOFA-Thank you so much to the generous families in our community who have become FOFA members or who have donated online. Your donations directly help with student scholarships, costumes, equipment and our fine arts teachers. In fact, our incredible high school Marching Mustangs had brand new hats for their uniforms this year thanks to funds raised by FOFA. It's not too late to become a member or get involved! Follow the QR code to learn more!



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DCG High School is getting ready for their Turkey Drive. High school students bring in food, toiletries and money for the Grimes and Dallas Center food pantries. Our drive gets a jump start during Homecoming Week with the Powder Puff and Ironman Volleyball games. Admission is \$1 or a non-perishable food item. A group of Student Council leaders took a check of \$467 to the Grimes Storehouse in October. The food drive officially starts at the beginning of November and runs until Thanksgiving Break. Last year, we raised 1,800 pounds of food and \$2,500 and we're hoping to raise even more this year! There are prizes for the students who bring in the most items and money, but the biggest prize is having the opportunity to help others in our community, so get involved with the Turkey Food Drive this year!