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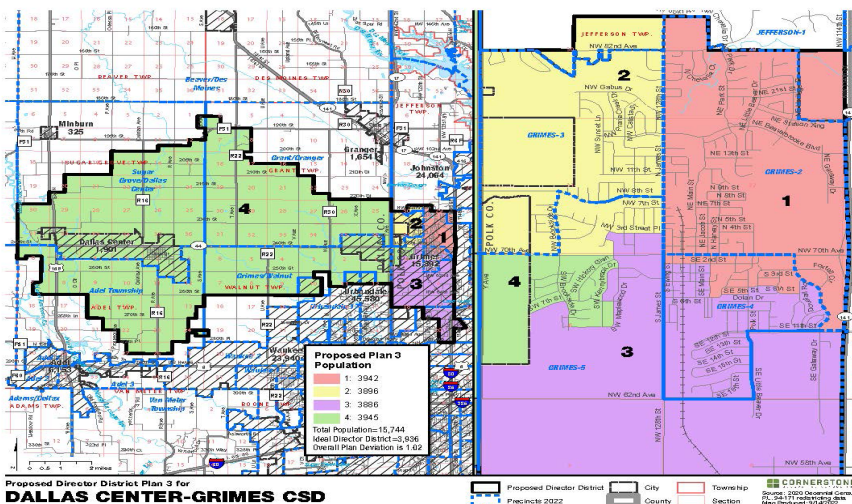
DCG SPECIAL ELECTION - APRIL 11

On Tuesday, April 11, the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District will be holding a special election. The ballot will feature three DCG CSD topics.

Topic 1 - Method of Election for School Board Directors

In 2022, the Dallas Center-Grimes Community School Board initiated the process of passing a resolution that would shift our district's Method of Election for School Board Directors to seven at-large positions. This would be a change from our previous system, which featured four School Board Director Districts and three at-large positions. Community members filed a petition at the February 2023 DCG School Board meeting and our current School Board voted to take this issue to a public vote.

At the March 6 DCG Special School Board meeting, directors came to a consensus of using Director District Map #3 (below), if voted on by the public.



More information regarding the special election is on page 2 of the Mustang Monthly!

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

- April 5 - Early Dismissal, 12:30 Oak View, 1pm all other buildings
- April 19 - Early Dismissal, 12:30 Oak View, 1pm all other buildings
- April 24 - No School - Staff Development Day

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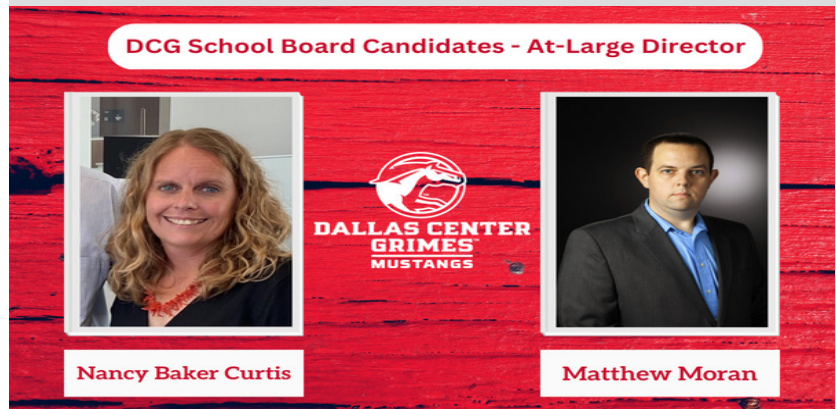
DCG Special Election (Continued)

Topic 2 - School Board Director Position - At-Large Candidate

Our community will be voting for an at-large School Board Director position, following the resignation of Marco Bejarno. This candidate will join the DCG School Board and will be seated through November 2023.

Candidates running for the At-Large Director position: Nancy Baker Curtis | Matthew Moran

DCG School Board Candidates - At-Large Director



Nancy Baker Curtis

Matthew Moran

Topic 3 - School Board Director Position - Director District 1

A portion of our community will be voting for a School Board Director position in District 1 (near Heritage Elementary), following the resignation of Mark Wills. This candidate will join the DCG School Board and will be seated through November 2025.

Candidates running for the Director District 1 position: Nick Fiala | Kendra Wolf

DCG School Board Candidates - District 1



Nick Fiala

Kendra Wolf

School Board Candidate Forum - We invite our community to a DCG School Board Candidate Forum on Monday, April 3 at 6:00 in the DCG HS Auditorium. The event will feature a question and answer session with the candidates, followed by an opportunity for smaller discussions.

DCG CSD encourages our community to get involved in this process and vote on April 11, 2023. More information is available at DCGSchools.com

HIGH SCHOOL

Footloose at DCG HS - DCG Theatre is working very hard on their upcoming musical, Footloose! Footloose tells a story of a small town, where dancing has been outlawed by the Reverend. New kid Ren McCormack, along with the help of his friend, Willard Hewitt, and Reverend Moore's daughter, Ariel, attempt to convince the Reverend to let the teenagers dance.

Footloose is under the direction of Kar Gustafson. The show stars senior Campbell Valline as Ariel, Alex Pries as Ren, and Noah Dutchuk as Willard. In addition, seniors Sam Hawthorne and Brinn Johnson as Chuck and Rusty, Brady Kinman and Elle Illian as Reverend Moore and Ethel McCormack, and Ella Christiansen as Vi Moore. More than 120 students are involved in and excited for this amazing production!



The show dates are April 28th at 7:00, 29th at 7:00, and 30th at 3:00.

Ticket information will be posted on our social media pages when available.

Facebook: DCG Theatre

Twitter: @DcgTheatre

Instagram: @dcgtheatre



The **DCG High School French and Spanish** departments traveled to France and Spain over Spring Break. Starting in Paris, students were able to go to the Eiffel Tower, Versailles and Montmartre. Next, we headed to the Loire Valley, where we saw two beautiful castles. Our next stop was at St. Émillion, where we sampled French chocolates and toured a Monolithique church, followed by

a stop at Biarritz. Heading into Spain, we went to Bilbao, where we toured the Guggenheim Museum. Well rested, we headed to Madrid with stops at Segovia to see a roman aqueduct, El Escorial, the final resting place for the kings and queens of Spain and the Valley of the Fallen. On our final day in Madrid, we headed to Toledo to visit a Spanish cathedral, El Greco's painting in Santo Tomé, then back to Madrid for more sightseeing. We arrived in the U.S. Sunday evening tired, but with smiles on our faces. Please look in May's Mustang Monthly for details on our 2026 trip!

The Seal of Biliteracy is an award recognizing students who attain proficiency in two or more languages, one of which is English, by high school graduation.

The Seal of Biliteracy:

- Values language as an asset
- Recognizes the value of language diversity and cultural identity
- Prepares students with 21st century skills that will benefit them in our global society, especially during college and job searches
- Provides recognition and evidence for students' proficiency in two or more languages

To be eligible for the Iowa Seal of Biliteracy, each student must demonstrate proficiency in English and a world language through various assessments. Students who earn the Seal of Biliteracy will be recognized during the graduation ceremony, and the seal will be shown on their diploma and official transcript.

Dallas Center-Grimes Testing Information:

Dallas Center-Grimes will be offering the following time to take the assessments with a proctor present. The school district will cover the cost for administering the initial test, but the students will be responsible for the fees associated with retakes.

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 1:00 pm

Room: Mrs. Hawks Room

Please contact Mrs. Hawks by April 14th if you would like to sign up to participate in the upcoming testing session: laree.hawks@dcgschools.com

DCG EBackpack - We encourage DCG families to utilize our EBackpack online. It has an updated list of camps and clinics as well as summer opportunities! You can find the link at DCGSchools.com



Oak View Gets Future Ready

Students spent four weeks around the "Future Ready Theme". Leaders encouraged students and staff to engage in conversations and activities focused on preparing for the future. There were dress-up days and career activities. Oak View 8th graders also selected courses for their freshman year at DCG High School. A favorite activity for students was decorating their advisor's door with their future hopes and dreams. (photo above)



TAG students at DCG Middle School learned from CodeCrush out of the University of Nebraska Omaha. The goal of this session is to encourage young females to join the computer science field. Our students spent time creating apps and writing codes for robots! Watching our students engage in this work was inspirational. Thanks to Pamela Klunder for lining up this learning opportunity!

OAK VIEW

Oak View **7th-grade Choir and Band** students had their first Solo and Small Group Contest. For this contest, the students had to prepare a song to perform in front of a judge who then gave them a rating along with helpful feedback!



The **8th grade FFA** members competed in their first district FFA contest in March! Oak View had two teams competing; one of our teams made it on to perform at the State FFA Conference in April!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

It's Concert Season! The 5th and 6th grade students have been working hard in music class all year and are excited to share their learning with you! You don't want to miss two nights of musical #dc-gexcellence at DCG Middle School!

DCG Middle School Music

Music Concert Dates

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">6th Grade: May 2nd, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">Red Pod Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival Time: 6pm Concert Time: 6:15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">Blue Pod Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival Time: 7pm Concert Time: 7:15pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; text-decoration: underline;">5th Grade: May 4th, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homerooms: Grant, Gurnsey, Heinemann, Christiansen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival Time: 5:45pm Concert Time: 6:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homerooms: Heidemann, Clark, Gladfelder</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival Time: 6:30pm Concert Time: 6:45pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homerooms: Hansen, Rix, Kellner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arrival Time: 7:15pm Concert Time: 7:30pm</p>
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ELEMENTARY



Read Across America Day at DCG - We celebrated Read Across America Day on March 2. This is a day to showcase the power of reading in all of our buildings! Kindergartners at Dallas Center Elementary celebrated by reading a classic from Dr. Seuss.

Game Day at Heritage - It's a day to celebrate great behavior from Heritage students. After reaching another "High Five" milestone, Heritage students received a game day in their gymnasium. Teamwork and sportsmanship were on display all day! The photo on the right features a game of "Rob the Nest" with our 1st grade students!



Opera at South Prairie- This was quite the treat for our South Prairie students! Opera Iowa put on an incredible performance in our gym. Opera Iowa travels to school districts across Iowa to introduce students to these performances. This is their 37th year!

Note from the Nurse: Students are not allowed to have medications with them at school. All medication (prescription and over the counter) must be kept in the health office and will be administered under the supervision of the school nurse or delegated trained school employee. Administration of medication at school requires a parent/guardian signature on the district Medication Authorization Form, which can be found in Appendix C, on the district's website under forms, or in the school Health Office. Medication must be brought in the original container or labeled by the pharmacy or the manufacturer with the name of the student, name of the medication, time of day that it is to be given, dosage and duration. Medications must be age-appropriate and will be administered according to label recommendations.

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DC-G High Schoolers & Parents -- Order your 2022-2023 yearbook before it's too late! The book is \$65, but payment plans are offered if you prefer to break those payments up. Please contact Mrs. Soener if you have any questions (ivy.soener@dcgschools.com). And if you have any photos you'd like to share, feel free to email them to Mrs. Soener.

2023 Graduate Parents -- Don't forget to purchase an Ad for Your Grad on the Jostens website. It's a great way to include a surprise send-off in their senior yearbook.

School Board Meeting - The next scheduled DCG School Board meeting is Monday, April 24. The agenda and YouTube link will be posted at DCGSchools.com

From the Nurse - Students in grades K-6 must supply all medications to be given at school with parent/guardian consent. Elementary schools will not have stock medications available. The authorization form is available in Appendix C, on the district's website under the forms section or in the Health Offices.

ACTIVITIES



The **DCG ESports** team had an incredible winter season! They finished 2nd (Rocket League) and 5th (Overwatch 2) at the Iowa ESports State Tournament! The 2022-23 group paved the way for future ESports team in our district. Thanks for setting the bar! We are proud of you!

DCG will host **seven home track meets** this year and could use some help to facilitate these events.

April 18 - Mustang JV/V Girls
May 2 - 7th and 8th Boys
May 4 - 7th and 8th Girls
May 8 - LHC Conference Meet 7/8
Please email AD Buttjer at Brent.Buttjer@dcschools.com if you can help for a few hours!



State Champs!



History on the hardwood! The DCG Girls Basketball team captured the Class 4A State Championship! This is the first state title in program history and caps off an incredible season!

DCG's State Tournament

Quarterfinals – DCG 57, Glenwood 39

Semifinals – DCG 33, Ballard 32

Championship – DCG 57, North Polk 50

Class 4A All-Tournament Team

Emma Miner (DCG), Liza Schaffer (North Polk), Alliyah Thompson (Ballard), Brooklyn Stanley (Bishop Heelan), MaKayla Boatman (North Polk), Vanessa Bickford (DCG) – Captain

This was a banner season for the Mustangs! DCG won the Little Hawkeye Conference title and finished the season on a 12-game winning streak! The state tournament also showcased the DCG community on a big stage! Thanks to everyone for traveling to Wells Fargo Arena and cheering loud for everyone to hear! It was a sea of red and white!





DCG DECA participated in the State DECA competition on Sunday, Feb. 26th, and Monday, Feb. 27th. The competition consisted of each student taking a 100-question exam based on marketing, management, entrepreneurship, and finance concepts. They also choose one of 15 role-play events, read a case study and presented their solutions to a judge. The test scores are averaged with the role-play scores to determine the winners. The students receive awards for the top test scores, role-play scores, and then overall placing. Any student that places in the top 3 overall scores for each event qualifies for the International DECA in Orlando, FL. However, we will not be attending this year because it conflicts with prom at DCG.

International Qualifiers:

York Meggison: 1st Overall- Accounting Applications, Caylie James: 1st Overall- Retail Merchandising
 Alex Pries: 2nd Overall- Food Marketing, Amelia Ehlert: 2nd Overall- Apparel and Accessories Marketing,
 Jonathan Shearer: 3rd Overall- Principals of Business Management and Administration
 Elle Wood: 3rd Overall- Quick Serve Restaurant Management

State Award Winners:

Josephine Bond: Honorable Mention- Food Marketing Series, Jackson Dornsbach: Honorable Mention- Food Marketing Series, Keira Stine: Honorable Mention- Principals of Business Management and Administration, Kerry Myers: Honorable Mention- Hotel and Lodging Management, Maddie Waddingham: Honorable Mention- Hotel and Lodging Management, Summer Campbell and Tess McGuire: Honorable Mention- Travel and Tourism Team Decision Making



The **DCG Boys Basketball** team wrapped up their season with an inspiring run through the Class 4A Substate 8 bracket. Our Mustangs knocked off DM North and CB Lincoln in the first two rounds of postseason play, before falling to Waukee in the substate title game 49-38. DCG finished their first season in Class 4A with a 14-9 record. We will be saying goodbye to seven seniors who played a key role on last year's state title team and guided the 2022-23 squad through a big transition.

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History on the Courts - Dallas Center-Grimes High School made history on Monday, March 20 by hosting the first tennis practices in district history. Offering opportunities to our students is such an important part of everything we do. Come out and cheer on the Mustangs this spring. We are so proud of these student athletes and their coaches. Thanks for starting DCG Tennis!!

