



Denmark-Olar Elementary School
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September 2015 Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk:

Greetings,

Denmark-Olar Elementary School is off to a dynamic start this school year. The opening day was fantastic. Thank you, for your assistance. Students moved quickly and quietly to their destinations and have been very cooperative with teachers.

Our educational focus: academic conversations, class intervention and acceleration, academic rigor and relevance will continue. Teachers are currently assessing students to see who they are as learners. This information will be used to guide instruction. Also, Independent reading will continue to be a key initiative. Please make sure students read at least 20 minutes every night.

We are in the process of shifting our school's culture by implementing the *Leader in Me* principles. Our goal is to strengthen our learning community. Students and faculty will set goals, display positive attitudes, cooperate and respect everyone.

We are looking forward to establishing a greater partnership with parents. There is much that needs to be done and together we can achieve more. Later this month you will receive information concerning School Improvement Council elections. Please respond and join us in exploring ways to better serve our students and the community.

Thank you for all that you do!

Educationally yours,

Dr. Lorraine J. Peebles



SEPTEMBER IMPORTANT DATES:

7th – Labor Day
Holiday

8th – Early Release
1:00 p.m.

16th – Grandparents
Day

22nd – Early Release
1:00 p.m.

Discipline at DOES

There is to be no fighting or bullying in the schools, on the school grounds or on buses. Nothing can happen between two people that cannot be settled in a rational, peaceful, and productive manner. We have a school resource officer, counselors, peer mediators, teachers and principals who are willing to help in all situations. A student's conduct is a reflection of the school, and we must have a wholesome, positive attitude to perpetuate learning.

REMINDERS

- ✓ Please make sure contact data is provided. We need current addresses and phone numbers at all times.
- ✓ All visitors are asked to stop at the main office. Students are released through the main office.
- ✓ Students are to arrive before 8:00 a.m. Breakfast ends at 8:00 a.m. We will begin implementing our tardy policy. It is important that students are present at the beginning of instruction.
- ✓ Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be accompanied in to the building by an adult.



Additional Information

SPECIAL THANKS!

The following DOES partners provided school supplies:

Bethel Park UMC

DOHS Class of 1984

First Baptist Church of Denmark

Honey Ford Baptist Church

Progressive Church of God in Christ

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Character Word of the Month

Each month DOES will display a character word and writings of the month. The character word for the month of September is

Punctuality

The characteristic of being able to complete a required task or fulfill an obligation before or at a previously designated time.

Stay tuned next month for our character writers.



Mark Your Calendar

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 7, 2015, in observance of Labor Day.

