

The Voice From Within

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BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

Our Focus:
Student Achievement, Accountability, Attendance
Turning It All Around

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent

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Retirees Recognized at Board of Trustees Meeting

On May 14, the Board of Trustees congratulated three employees who are retiring at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We are grateful to them for their untiring dedication and support of our district and extend to them our best wishes in all of their future endeavors.



Mr. Mickey Pringle
Principal
D-O High School
11 Years of Service



Ms. Sandra Moody
English Teacher
D-O High School
44 Years of Service



Mrs. Dianna Bailey
Technology Assistant
District Office
30 Years of Service



NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 7-11

National Teacher Day is May 8
www.nea.org/teacherday | #ThankATeacher

“Great teachers empathize with kids, respect them, and believe that each one has something special that can be built upon.”

Ann Lieberman

“My teacher thought I was smarter than I was – so I was.”

Six Year Old

Reminder ~

The South Carolina Read to Succeed Act, which became law in 2014, aims to improve literacy and reading proficiency for all children in our state. The law includes some significant changes regarding promotion and retention of third grade students. Please note, these changes take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.

The law states, “Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the state’s summative reading assessment that equates to Does Not Meet on the South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments (SCREADY).” There are a number of exceptions to this requirement in the law. Your child’s principal will be

able to discuss these exceptions with you.

Please be assured that our district’s goal is for all students to be proficient readers in the third grade and for no student to be retained for failing to demonstrate reading proficiency. The district is putting supports in place to improve student success. These supports may include additional instructional time, small group and individualized instruction, and targeted interventions. Classroom teachers and school administrators are receiving specialized literacy training and support from the school-based reading coach and consultants. Also, please be aware that there are seven good cause exemptions that will be considered on an individual basis.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your child’s principal or teacher. You

can also find information about Read to Succeed on the South Carolina Department of Education web page: <http://ed.sc.gov/instruction/office-of-early-learning-and-literacy/>.

Act 284, Read to Succeed legislation, was created in 2015 to address literacy performance in South Carolina and put in place a comprehensive system of support to ensure SC students graduate on time with the literacy skills they need to be successful in college, careers and citizenship. Act 284 provides for a strong assessment and intervention system for students kindergarten through twelfth grade with a goal of all students becoming proficient readers by the end of third grade.

STUDENTS of the MONTH May 2018

Congratulations to the following students who were selected Students of the Month at their respective schools and received plaques and certificates from the Board of Trustees and Superintendent during the May 14 Board meeting.



Shawnae Murray
D-O Elementary School



Kavonia Owens
D-O Middle School



Destiny Dotson
D-O High School

Denmark-Olar Elementary School News

Dr. Lorraine Peeples, Principal



ANNUAL SPELLING BEE HELD

Congratulations to all participants of the Second Annual District Spelling Bee.



DOES is particularly impressed by the performance of their students:

2nd grade:
Dwayne Smith
Reginae' Youmans
S'Mya Dickerson

3rd grade:
Zy'Asia Brown
Ny'heem Williams
Addison Hudson

4th grade:
Chandlet Dowling
Zaila Richardson
Xavian Walker

5th grade:
Reginald Youmans
Trinity Lingard
Miasia Yon
Shaphare Brooker



Mr. Reginald Youmans competed valiantly and finished in third place overall. Congratulations!

PROJECT STREAM



Project STREAM students have been busy learning beyond the classroom. They traveled to Myrtle Beach to tour the Ripley's Aquarium. They received a private behind-the-scenes tour and explored the sea creatures from a glass boat tour. Their Myrtle Beach adventure took them to the Ripley's Theatre where they experienced a 5-D movie. Students screamed as they became a part of the action on the screen. Although a little frightening at first, it was an entertaining, educational experience. The highlight for many of the students was the opportunity to walk along the beach. Many of the students had never seen the ocean and had never picked up seashells from the ocean's shore. They marveled at the breath-taking site.

In April, Project STREAM traveled to Williston, SC, where they enjoyed the DIG STEM Festival. They engaged in hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations. DIG has been bringing STEM activities to DOES since March. Students have enjoyed learning about aerodynamics. They built and tested objects to determine the amount of weight and air pressure it would take to launch their creations. Mr.

Steven Brown and Ms. Beverly Williams provided the instruction.



Project STREAM will complete its first year on May 30, 2018. A special thanks to the parents for all your support!



American Red Cross

DOES faculty and staff successfully completed Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED training on April 26, 2018. These individuals are Hortense Miller, Andrea Sanders, Mary Jones, Tony Barker, Nurse DeEbony Chisolm, Jarreau Houston, Jeanette Bamberg, Lorraine Peeples, Nurse Brenda Kemper from the middle and high schools also completed the training.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 30** After-School Program Celebration
- June 1** Field Day
- June 7** Promotional Exercises/Awards Day
Kindergarten-9:00 a.m.
Fifth Grade- 10:30 a.m.
Voorhees College Gymnasium
- June 12** Last Day of School



On April 20, Denmark-Olar High School awarded ten laptop packages to excelling sophomores at its annual Awards Day. The award package for each student included a Hewlett-Packard 500 gigabyte, 15-inch laptop, a laptop case, a 16g flash drive, and a mouse. The award winners were: **Jaela Tyler, Bernard Young, Natalia Saxton, Harold Jonson, Kalia Glover, Peaches Patterson, Dajha Brannon, Javota Wheeler, Malik Palmer, and Jimmie Mercer.** District Superintendent Thelma Sojourner joined Principal Mickey Pringle in presenting the awards.

The laptop package awards were made possible by the Fund for Rural Education, Incorporated (the "Fund"), a 501(c) corporation. The Fund was created by former graduates of Denmark-Olar High School (D-O) to support education in the Denmark area. Through one of its projects, the Fund provides laptop awards annually to DOHS. It asks that the awards be made to the top five male and top five female members of the sophomore class, as determined by class rank. This is the third year that the Fund has provided the awards. The money for the awards is provided through contributions to the Fund made by D-O alumni and friends.

The President and CEO of the Fund for Rural Education is W. Burette Carter. A 1978 D-O graduate, she is a Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC. Burette is a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA and the Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA. She is also the daughter of Bervay Lee Carter of the Denmark City Council and the late W.D. Carter, who was a house painter in Denmark for many years. The Vice President of the Fund is Colonel Ronald E. Graves, D-O Class of '78. Ron is a pilot for United Airlines, certified on Boeing 757 and 767 jets. Ron flies out of United's hub in Dulles, VA. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO and served 22+ years active duty in the United States Air Force. He is the son of Arlene Graves and the late Colonel Curtis Graves, both formerly of Denmark. The Fund's Treasurer/Secretary is David N. Smith, a member of the D-O Class of 1973. A graduate of the University of South Carolina, David is the Director of the Business Opportunity and Workforce Center for the Virginia

Department of Transportation. He is also a former Deputy Secretary of Commerce for the State of Virginia, under the Governor (now Senator), Tim Kaine. David is the son of Bishop Edward Smith (Presiding Bishop, Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.) and First Lady Edna Smith, formerly of Denmark. The contributors to the Fund, who made this year's awards possible included many Denmark-Olar alumni from various classes as well as former staff of the school and friends.

The Fund does not accept unsolicited applications for funding. However, it is always looking for new financial contributors for this project and for others. It can also accept contributions from alumni of other schools. All contributions to the Fund are tax deductible. The Fund does not discriminate, including on the basis of disability, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or express, or religion. Anyone interested in making contributions to support Denmark-Olar or other area schools or in knowing more about the Fund should contact Professor Carter at 301-585-5603.

DOHS MECHATRONICS STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Denmark-Olar High School Mechatronics students recently visited Greenville Technical College's Center for Manufacturing Innovation where they went through a series of robotic arm challenges to learn how to problem solve programming issues.



The visit gave the students an opportunity to work with Clemson engineers and to tour the facility. The 100,000-square-foot Center for Manufacturing Innovation is located at the Millennium Campus adjacent to the Clemson University International Center for Automotive Research (CU-ICAR). The facility will offer specialized advanced technological training in manufacturing.

Technologies will include CNC machines, EDM, multiple-axis lathes, PLCs and robotics, hydraulics and pneumatics, rapid prototype equipment for 3-D modeling, stereo lithography, selective laser sintering, and deposition modeling.

The Denmark Tech students arrived on campus with some basic programming knowledge and surprised the graduate level engineering students with how swiftly they moved through the activities/challenges. Clemson's faculty members and graduate students helped them take it a step further and learn to write their own commands for the robot to follow, said Stephen Cotton, the instructional design coordinator for CA2VES and its sister organization, the Clemson University Center for Workforce Development.

The first year this activity occurred was Spring of 2017. Clemson and Denmark Tech officials explored how they might expand the collaboration, potentially making the visit a recurring activity.

EVENTS

- May 21 EOCEP - US History
Sr. Finals - 1 & 3
Practice - PM
- May 22 EOCEP - English
Sr. Finals - 4 & 5
Practice - AM
- May 23 EOCEP - Algebra 1
Sr. Finals - 2
Practice - PM
- May 24 EOCEP - Biology
Gene Machine
CACC Graduation
- May 25 Senior Class Day
- May 30 State Museum Field Trip



Congratulations!

Mrs. Bernadette Montes
Denmark-Olar Elementary School

Mrs. Montes was recognized at the May 14 Board of Trustees meeting and received a \$25 check.



2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

July 2018

- 4 Holiday
- 9 Summer School Ends

August 2018

- 7 Substitute Teacher Training
- 13-17 Professional Development Day
- 14 New Employee Orientation
- 20 First Day for Students

September 2018

- 3 Labor Day Holiday
- 18 Interim Reports Due
- 25 Early Release Day

October 2018

- 22 45th Day - End of 1st Quarter
- 30 Reports Cards Issued

November 2018

- 6 Election Day - Holiday
- 20-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2018

- 4 Early Release Day
- 13 Interim Reports Due
- 21 Winter Holiday Begins for Students
- 21 Inclement Weather Day/ Teacher Work Day

January 2019

- 7 Inclement Weather Day/ Professional Development
- 16 90th Day - End of 2nd Quarter
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- 22 Professional Development Day
- 24 Report Cards Issued

February 2019

- 18 Presidents Day Holiday
- 27 Early Release Day

March 2019

- 26 135th Day - End of 3rd Quarter

April 2019

- 2 Report Cards Issued
- 15-19 Spring Break

May 2019

- 8 Interim Reports Due
- 27 Memorial Day Holiday
- 31 Graduation

June 2019

- 4 Half Day for Students/ Professional Development for Teachers
- 6 Students' Last Day -180th Day End of 4th Quarter
- 7-8 Professional Development/ Inclement Weather Day

****Final Board approval of proposed 2018-2019 calendar is scheduled for June 11!****

PLEASE NOTE:
The last student day for the 2017-2018 school year is June 12, 2018



Summer Programs
will begin on
Monday, June 18th and end
on Monday July 16th
at Denmark-Olar Elementary
and Middle Schools

Classes will meet Monday-Thursday
from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

The Special Education Summer Program will begin on
Monday, June 18th and end on Monday July 9th

(All programs will be closed on Fridays)



Summer Office Hours

All offices of
Bamberg School District Two
will observe the following schedule
June 11 - August 10, 2018

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday
Closed