

The Voice From Within

December 2018

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

Our Focus:

Student Achievement, Accountability, Attendance

Turning It All Around

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent

Denmark-Olar Elementary School News

Dr. Lorraine Peeples, Principal

STUDENTS RECEIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR POWERPOINT DEVELOPMENTS



At the December 10 school board meeting two students were recognized for their work in the production of PowerPoint presentations for the school district.

Ashlynn Watkins is a sixth grader at the middle school. She is very active in the community. Ashlynn is a member of Mary Jane's School of

Dance and G.A.M.M. Praise Dance Ministry. She has been Miss Wee Viking and Little Miss Dogwood Festival. She was the 2018 fifth grade Valedictorian. Ashlynn received special recognition by Dr. Sojourner for the beautiful Power Points that were shared from the events held at the elementary school and throughout the district for elementary teacher, Ms. Dianna Richburg.

Cornelius Hammond is a third grader at the elementary school. He loves to help his father cut people's grass. He also enjoys playing football and soccer. He has a new passion for taking pictures after watching his teacher, Ms. Richburg, and her giving him the opportunity to practice with her camera. Cornelius received special recognition by Dr. Sojourner for taking some of the outstanding pictures that appeared in the PowerPoints from the elementary school events.

DOES PARENTING MEETING

On Thursday, December 6, DOES held a parent forum. Parents met to learn more about South Carolina's Read to Succeed Law that mandates third grade retention for students who don't meet state test requirements in reading. Dr. Peeples began the meeting by reminding parents that DOES is a Title 1 school that utilizes funds to close the achievement gap by providing student support services, instructional enhancement, professional development opportunities, and

parenting sessions. Afterwards, parents were presented the school's academic profile, how it is determined, and how the school determines and addresses academic goals. The school's report card rating was presented. The rated areas were discussed. Much emphasis was placed on the SC Ready results for math and ELA. Parents were presented with sample results, shown how to read it, and shown how results impact overall school ratings. The results from 2017 - 2018 are directly related to the instruction that is provided in 2018 - 2019.

Dr. Peeples used MAP and TE21 score reports to explain how benchmark data is used to drive instruction. Parents walked through each report to determine the standards that are assessed, the student's score, and how that score is used to predict a child's performance on the state's assessment. Sample reading passages and mathematics items were presented to parents to help parents realize the academic rigor of the tests and the amount of knowledge and stamina a child needs in order to be successful. The good cause exemption clause was explained and parents asked pertinent questions.

DOES extends a special thanks to all parents who attended. Parents' feedback is welcomed because it ensures that the school is moving in a positive direction.

Have a Safe &

Happy Holiday Season!

The District will be closed December 21 - January 1

STUDENTS of the MONTH

December 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 December 10 Board meeting.



Messiah Brown
D-O Elementary School



Gabrielle Bennett
D-O Middle School



Tania Glover
D-O High School

Denmark-Olar Middle School News

Mr. Daryl Brockington, Principal

CROSSROADS: CHANGE IN RURAL AMERICA

We were excited to extend a field experience to our students grades 6-8 at Voorhees College during the early part of December. Our students had the opportunity to view an interactive traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute.

Crossroads: Change in Rural America offers small towns a chance to look at their own paths to highlight the changes that affected their fortunes over the past century. The exhibition encourages discussions about what happened when America's rural population became a minority of the country's population and the ripple effects that occurred.

Mr. Richard Reid acted as curator and guide for this momentous occasion. We would like to thank Voorhees College for inviting our school to share in this once in a lifetime opportunity.



Calendar of Events

**DOHS
2018-2019**

JANUARY

- Jan 17 End of Qtr. 2
- Jan 18 Science Fair
- Jan 28 Report Card Pick-up/Parent Conferences

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 HONORS & AWARDS DAY
- Feb 4-15 DOHS Job Shadowing
- Feb 13 An Evening with Fathers/Daughters
- Feb 22 Black History Program
- Feb 25 Interim Reports Go Home

MARCH

- Mar 1-5 Applications for class, club, student council officers, kings and queens
- Mar 6 An Evening with Fathers/Sons
- Mar 8 Jostens Ring and Senior Delivery Day
- Mar 18-22 Election Campaign
- Mar 22 PM Assembly Election Speeches
- Mar 25 Voting

- Mar 26 End of Qtr. 3
- Mar 28 DOHS College and Career Day Event

APRIL

- Apr 4 Report Card Pick-up/Parent Conferences
- Apr 4 STEAM Night
- Apr 12 HONORS & AWARDS DAY

MAY

- May 3 DOHS Coronation
- May 6 Interim Reports Go Home
- May 15 Prom Promise/Project Condom Week
- May 24 Class Day (Class Day Practice during the week AM or PM according to final exam schedule)
- May 24 Senior Night (Senior Honors, Awards, Scholarships)

JUNE

- June 7 End of Qtr. 4
Last day for students/half day for students
Professional Development Day
GRADUATION
- June 10 Final Grades Due in PowerSchool

If you
See something
Say
something

Stay Safe!

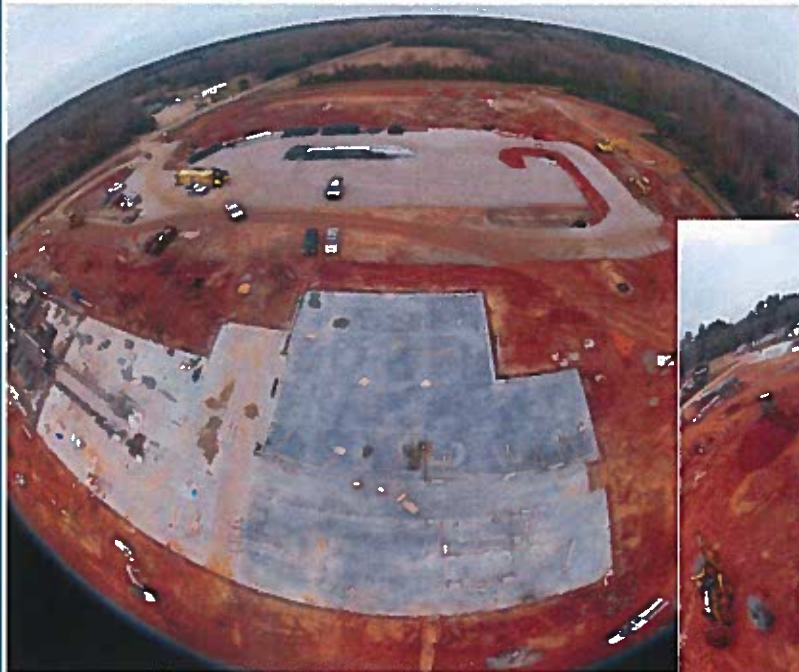
COMING SOON

January 22, 2019

ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING
for
ALL DISTRICT FACULTY & STAFF

9:00 a.m.
Denmark-Olar High School

RECENT DRONE PHOTOS OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE



WALLS ARE GOING UP!



PROGRESS IS BEING MADE!

*Thanks to Dr. Anna Martin & Art Students
For Drone Photography*



MSG Philip Robinson

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations!

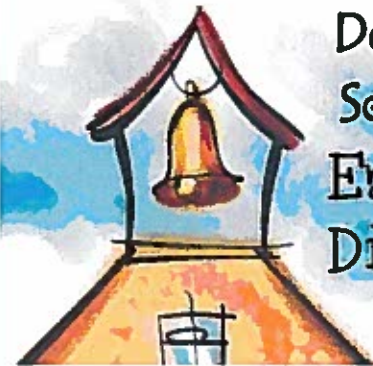
MSG PHILIP ROBINSON
MSG BARRY LEVERETTER

Denmark-Olar High School

MSGs Robinson and Leveretter were recognized at the December 10 Board of Trustees meeting and each received a certificate and \$25 check.



MSG Barry Leveretter



December 21 Schedule for Early Dismissal

The schools will observe the following dismissal times on December 21:

- 11:00 a.m. Middle School
- 11:15 a.m. Elementary School
- 11:30 a.m. High School

Breakfast and lunch will be served prior to dismissal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Bamberg School District Two Board of Trustees holds its regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the district's administrative office, 62 Holly Avenue, Denmark, SC.

The Board has rescheduled its January-April 2019 regular meetings and will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- January 7, 2019
- February 4, 2019
- March 4, 2019
- April 1, 2019

The Board will resume its regular meeting schedule on May 13, 2019. The media will be notified of any additional changes, postponements or cancellations.

Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate children with disabilities, ages 3-21, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, who may be in need of special education services. Areas of concern assessed at Child Find include -

- Academic Readiness Skills
- Achievement Skills
- Cognitive Ability
- Communication/Speech/Language
- Hearing
- Vision
- Motor Skills
- Social/Emotional and Behavioral Skills
- Daily Living Skills

Screening will be conducted January 14-18, 2019. For additional information, please contact the Bamberg School District Two Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at 803-793-3346.