



Congratulations!

Ms. Sophia Gardner
Denmark-Olar Elementary School

Ms. Gardner was recognized at the February 5 Board of Trustees meeting and received a \$25 check.



Denmark-Olar Middle School News

Mr. Daryl Brockington, Principal



DOMS HOLDS CAREER AND OPPORTUNITY DAY

The classrooms were filled with quality career presenters during the 2018 Career and Opportunity Day Event at Denmark-Olar Middle School, held on Wednesday, January 31st. Meredith Baker of Zeus Industrial Products, Penny Rehme from BlueCross BlueShield, and Jeannette Franklin from SC Department of Employment and Workforce, were new to the event this year and added valuable insight into the world of work. They were able to answer questions like, "What are companies looking for?" Our students' voices were heard on SCSU's WSSB Radio with Mr. "Jimmy Jam" as he did a live broadcast from DOMS.

We are always honored to host our loyal participants like Kierra Brown of the Boykin and Davis Law Firm, Stephen Ryan and Officer Judd Jones of the 2nd Circuit Alcohol Enforcement Team from Aiken, Patricia Funderburk of The Regional Medical Center, Chief Charles Grimes, Officer Jones and Officer Williams of the Denmark Police Department, and Deborah Holman of Bamberg County DSS. To share up and coming opportunities available at the High School, we had the DOHS JROTC Department, Denmark Technical College's PLTW and Mechatronics Programs, and the DOHS Peer Educators represented. The speakers shared that they really

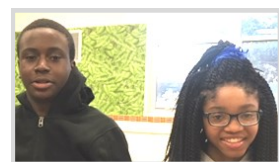
enjoyed the event and that the students were not only well-behaved and respectful but that they asked great questions.

The theme of the Career Focus program in our district is **"An eye on the future helps you focus on the present."** Events like these help our students to have multiple interactions with career options. When provided these opportunities they can make quality decisions about their future and begin to see the importance of preparing now. Events like these take a team effort and the middle school administrators, faculty, staff and students work together to make Career and Opportunity Day events meaningful and effective.

DOMS PARTICIPATES IN LEGO LEAGUE



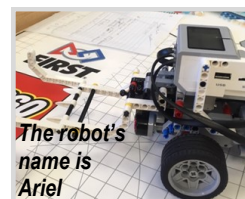
2017-2018 Denmark-Olar Middle School Viking All-Stars Robotics Team Members: (back) Seth Williams (3 yr), Ernest Brown III; (left to right) Bre'Niyah Gilbert, Caliyah Kemp (2nd yr), Mathew Donaldson, Gabrielle Bennett, Jamir Halman, Madison Meeks, Kimeya Odom



Also, Omarion Washington and Takoya Jordan Daniel

The Viking All-Stars have worked hard this year in constructing and programming a LEGO EV3 robot, developing a hydrodynamic project, and practicing the "Core Values" for the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge of 2017-2018. The team has been

practicing every Monday afternoon in the after school program this fall. The students built and set up the practice table for the missions the robot would undergo. During the robotic judging event at the challenge, they conveyed their programming and successfully completed a mission that the team had often worked on. The team researched surface water withdrawal as their project and put together a presentation at the challenge. The judges felt that their project was interesting and gave thought for developing a regulation to include permitting agricultural use of the Edisto River. As the team's motto this year was **"the pen is mightier than the sword,"** we would like to give special thanks for their help to Jakobie Wright, Jhaloni Wright, and Ray'Quan Mungin who participated in Robotics during the fall, but were not able to be on the team; Mark Poehlmann (science teacher at high school); and Charles Nightingale, who were the team's mentors and thank them for coming to the challenge.



We are also thankful to the South Carolina FIRST LEGO LEAGUE for allowing the Viking All-Stars to compete at the SC West FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

Championship since we were unable to compete at the Aiken regional challenge due to inclement weather. The team accepted the offer to go to the West Championship challenge which took even more time in preparation to meet that challenge. This extra effort from Coach Belinda Nightingale and the Denmark-Olar Middle School - Viking All-Stars Team won us a trophy that all were happy with. We truly celebrated our efforts and started the following week to work on next year's challenge. Our participation in the challenge helped us see what we need to work on. The talents of the youth are now being used to design our T-shirts, posters, and buttons. Students are excited about the future possibilities.

The Bamberg School District Two Board of Trustees has rescheduled its regular meetings as follows:

March 5 April 16

The meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the district's administrative office located at 62 Holly Avenue in Denmark. The Board will resume its regular meeting schedule (on the second Monday of the month) on May 14.

Bamberg School District Two is fully committed to affirmative action and to its policies of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in all programs, activities, services, and employment with regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, status as a person with a disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity and protected veteran's status. Bamberg Two seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. Reasonable prior notice is needed to arrange accommodations. Evidence of practices not consistent with these policies should be reported to the individual who the District has designated as its Title IX Coordinator: Director of Human Resource Services, 62 Holly Avenue, Denmark, SC 29042 (803) 793-3346, Ext. 1019.

The Voice From Within

February 2018

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent
www.bamberg2.org

A Reminder to Parents -

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 which take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.

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.

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 in kindergarten through twelfth grade with a goal of all students becoming proficient readers by the end of third grade.

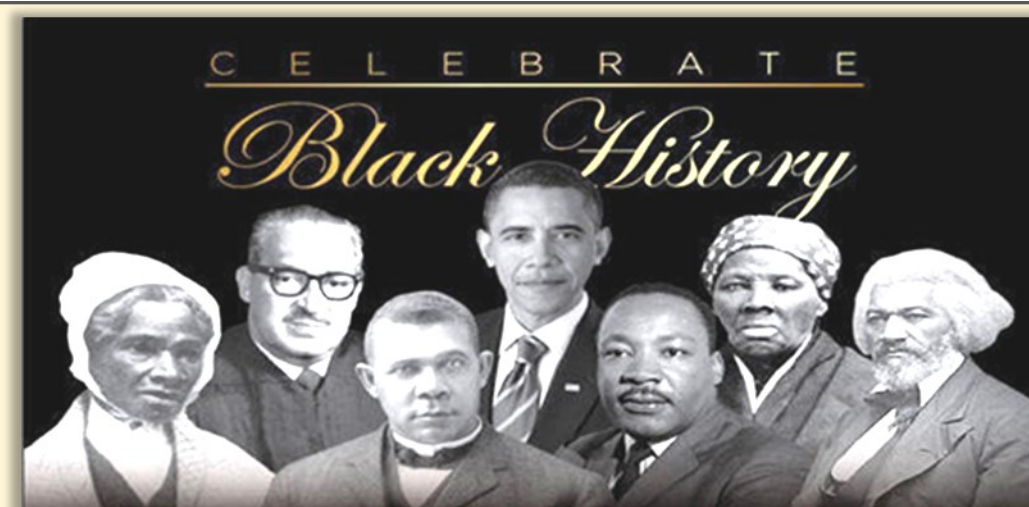
Earlier in the school year, Denmark Olar Elementary School held a parent forum for parents of 2nd and 3rd graders to apprise parents of SC's Read to Succeed ACT, particularly Third Grade Retention. The policy states, "Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a student must be retained in the third grade if the student fails to demonstrate reading proficiency at the end of the third grade as indicated by scoring at the lowest achievement level on the state summative reading

assessment that equates to Not Met 1 on the Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (PASS)."

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Lorraine Peeples or Simone Hinds (reading coach) for further details. The complete documents can be found at the SC State Department of Education's website: <https://ed.sc.gov>.

Good Cause Exemptions include students...

- with limited English proficiency and less than two years of instruction in English as a Second Language program;
- with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates the use of alternative assessments or alternative reading interventions
- with disabilities whose Individual Education Plan or Section 504 Plan reflects that the student has received intensive remediation in reading for more than two years but still does not substantially demonstrate reading proficiency;
- who demonstrate third grade reading proficiency on an alternative assessment approved by the board and which teachers may administer following the administration of the state assessment of reading;
- who have received two years of reading intervention and were previously retained;
- who through reading portfolio documents the mastery of the state standards in reading is equal to at least a level above the lowest achievement level on the state reading assessment; and
- who successfully participate in a summer reading camp at the conclusion of the third grade year and demonstrate



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the

STUDENTS of the MONTH February 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 February 5 Board meeting.



Devin Hammonds
D-O Elementary School



Lakiyah Coleman
D-O Middle School



Jessie Collins
D-O High School

Denmark-Olar Elementary School News

Dr. Lorraine Peeples, Principal



DOES HELD SECOND QUARTER AWARDS DAY PROGRAM

Our second quarter awards day program was held Wednesday, February 7. The following students were recognized:

Pre-Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance- Kymani Jamison, Trevin Jerido, Leihsa Bryant, Chyna James

Character Students- Jaysean Earlington, Khaleiyah Smith

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance- Jayden Clarke, Brendan Miller, Shawnae Murray, Jordan Shuler

Character Students- Jayden Clarke, Taylor Thomas, Jordan Shuler

First Grade

Principal's List- Lasir Halman, Faith Murvin, Jasmine Cook, Zaniya Edmunds, Makayla Hartwell, Isaiah Jones, Quanae Raysor, Christin Beard

Honor Roll- DiQuavian Banks, Sincere Brown, Kennedy Glover, Antone Jenkins, Nasir Levy, Jamiyah Moody, Kendrick Glover, Roniah Riley, Evert Comer, A'Miracle Walker, Kavionna Salley, Tremaine Stephens, Antonio Williams

Perfect Attendance- Jasmine Cook, Kendrick Glover, Kimberly Hartzog, Quanae Raysor, Kavion Cheatham, Veronica Johnson, Jiya Gajjar

Character Students- Zanya Sanders, DiQuavian Banks, Veronica Johnson

Second Grade

Principal's List- Reginae Youmans, S'Mya Dickerson

Honor Roll- Charles Sanford, De'Wayne Smith, Jah'Mari Williams, l'Leah Brown, Adele Hudson, Jordin Floyd, Kiayzia Rivers, Nas'ir Wright, Ma'Terius Rumph, Breona Chisolm, Shy'Dajah Stroman

Perfect Attendance- Adele Hudson, l'Leah Brown, D'ziya Johnson, Kareem Jones, Jaylah Moody, Nevaeh Nimmons, Jamarion Brooks, Kiayzia Rivers, Scotty Green, Kamaury Irons, Thomas Sims, Cornelius Hammond, Reginae Youmans, Lastin Washington, Breona Chisolm, Ja'liyiah Hightower

Character Students- Jaylah Moody, Kiayzia Rivers, Travine Felder

Third Grade

Honor Roll- Charles Donaldson, Mekenzie English, Sharay Housey, Addyson Hudson, Carlos Taylor, Shamyia Washington, Ny'Heem Williams, Faith Jenkins, Faith Jerido, Zy'Asia Brown, Breanna Eaddy, Ma'Kiya Green, Ke-Riana Williams

Perfect Attendance- Charles Donaldson, Addyson Hudson, Rinari Innis, Donnie James Ja'Kell Sanders, Dekayla Pou, Ja'Nyshia Sanders, Shamyia Washington, Jaibari Young, Laravious Bamberg, Zy'Asia Brown, Faith Jerido, Joy Johnson, Ke-Riana Williams

Character Students- Shamyia Washington, Zy'Asia Brown

Fourth Grade

Honor Roll- Marvin Bryant, Zytez Jerido, Zaila Richardson, Xavian Walker, Jamari Washington, Skylah Washington, Da'Marcus Wheeler, Mileaha Johnson

Perfect Attendance- Zytez Jerido, Ra'Jahn Rice, Tatyana Roberts, McKenzie Sanders, Da'Marcus Wheeler, Quinasia Wroten, Tyra Hartzog, Amaya Green, Latavia Sincino, Maurice Washington, Chandler Dowling, Geontae Staley, Kenneth Tyler, Tristan Thomas

Character Students- Shamekia Gerrick, Da'Marcus Wheeler, Chandler Dowling

Fifth Grade

Principal's List – Ashlynn Watkins

Honor Roll – Katlynn Cramer, Trinity Lingard, Dereon Jones, Jalisa Shuler, Selena Taylor, Makenzie Wallace, Kenneth Yarsiah, Reginald Youmans, Carlos Johnson

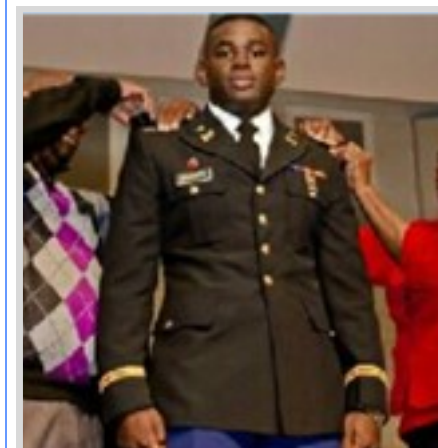
Perfect Attendance – Colin Lindsey, Donesha Galloway, Kenneth Yarsiah, RyNaisha Barnes, Makenzie Wallace, Reginald Youmans, Katlynn Cramer, Omarion Beard, Jalisa Shuler, Jermaine Walker, Ja'Quima Brown, Ashlynn Watkins, Makayla Mays, Connell Baker, Ed'Dajah Bryant, Michael Jenkins, Trinity Joe, Armari Keller, Yadira Montero-Perez, JaLeighia Patterson, Aveion Walker, Erin Williams, Shaphair Brooker

Character Students – Mekhyah Ellerbe, Amari Keller, Jaheim Jones



Denmark-Olar High School News

Mr. Mickey Pringle, Principal



Jeffery Sanders

Jeffery Sanders, a proud alumni of Denmark-Olar High School Class of 2010, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the U. S. Army and sworn in December 2016. He was pinned by his parents Eartha and Jeffrey Sanders, Sr., and gave his first official salute to his sister, Specialist Sharaine Sanders.

Recently, Sanders graduated from the Field Artillery Basic Officer Leadership Course. He is currently a field artillery officer stationed at Fort Hood, TX. He is responsible for destroying, neutralizing, or suppressing the enemy by cannon, mortar, rocket and missile fire and helping integrate all fire support assets into combined arms operations. Sanders earned a bachelor's degree in health and recreation with a minor in military science from Voorhees College. *Internet Source*

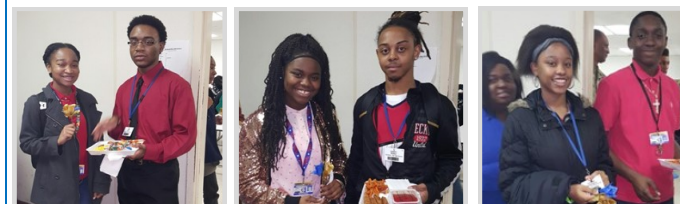
Congratulations
to our alumni!

BEING SWEET ON VALENTINE'S DAY



This year the Gentlemen's Club at DOHS honored their fellow female students for Valentine's Day by handing them a flower pen and carrying their lunch tray for them during lunch. The young ladies were surprised and welcomed the gracious attention. The young men made them feel special and displayed chivalry by catering to their every need...napkin, fork, etc.

The Gentlemen's Club is advised by MSGs Leveretter and Robinson. The aim of the group is to discuss male-related topics and explore ways to enhance good character and qualities in young men.



DRAKE SURPRISES DENMARK NATIVE WITH \$50,000 SCHOLARSHIP CHECK



Drake and Destiny James

Destiny James has become "that girl who met Drake" or the girl who Drake gave \$50,000 but she had no idea she was about to have the experience of a lifetime, when she agreed to meet with university staff on Monday.

The 20-year-old Denmark, S.C., native is a public health major at the University of Miami. And campus was abuzz that Drake, the singer, would be showing up on campus to record his latest music video among students. But James had already committed to something more important: as a scholarship recipient, she had agreed to record a video for would-be donors. She figured if the video could help another student attend the school thanks to a scholarship, it was worth skipping the Drake video shoot.

"He just walks up to me and says, 'Hey, Destiny,'" James said Drake told her. "And I went crazy. 'Did you just say my name?'" Drake told her he had heard about her, where she came from and of her scholarship essay, James said. He added that for his new music video, he wanted to do something different and give back. "So I'm going to give you \$50,000 to go toward your tuition," he said. "He kept saying, 'I know you're going to do great, I'm so proud of you,'" James said.

James said she was raised in a low-income, single parent home in Denmark. Her mother worked hard, while also stressing education to her daughter. James did just that, bringing home A's and dreaming of someday attending college, perhaps an Ivy League school. "I just always wanted to go to these big, crazy schools that were so far away, and people would look at me like I was crazy," she said. Her grades and determination took her to the University of Miami, where she is scheduled to begin her senior year in the fall. She hopes to continue on to a Master's degree and return to South Carolina once she's done. *Photo Credit: The Miami Hurricane*

An Evening for Fathers & Sons

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
6:30 p.m.
Denmark-Olar High School
197 Viking Circle
Denmark, SC

Dinner will be served

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