

The Voice From Within

February 2020

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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

Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent

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Denmark-Olar Elementary School News

Dr. Lorraine Peeples, Principal



FIRE SAFETY

Each year thousands of people die or lose their home to fires. "Research shows that having working smoke alarms can cut the risks of dying in a fire almost half."

Fortunately, our second and third graders, thanks to a FEMA grant, have the opportunity to participate in Sound Off with the Home Fire Safety Patrol, a fire safety program for children and their families. The

grant allows local fire departments to work with elementary schools to deliver lifesaving lessons about the danger of smoke and how smoke alarms keep us safe. Students and their families will test fire alarms, learn how to prevent fires, and devise a plan in case of a home fire. Families will have the opportunity to receive smoke alarms for their homes, have a home safety visit, and receive a review of their fire safety plan. The students are enjoying the inquiry into the dangers of smoke and the lifesaving benefits of smoke detectors and safety plans.

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We would like to thank Dr. Anna Martin and the Lions club for conducting vision screenings for our students. All students who obtained parental consent were screened. Students needing follow-up care received parent notifications.

Save These DATES

We will have our annual Black History program on Thursday, February 27. The theme for this year's program is:

MOTOWN
*Rekindling the Past
and Creating the Future*

Come out and help us celebrate the legacy.



We are preparing for our Science Fair. Students should be conducting experiments, gathering data, and analyzing results. The science fair is tentatively scheduled for February 28. More information will be sent home.

On Thursday, February 13, DOES celebrated *The Love of Math*. In March we will celebrate *Read Across America 2020*. The Scholastic Book Fair will be available for students to purchase wonderful novels of their choice. We will also have *Literacy Night* for students and parents on March 5.



STUDENTS of the MONTH February 2020

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 3 Board meeting.



A'Mire Harrison

D-O Elementary School



Ashlynn Watkins

D-O Middle School



Jerome Owens

D-O High School

Denmark-Olar Middle School News

Mr. Walter Baker, Principal



It has been a good month at Denmark Olar Middle School. We have completed MAP testing and many of our students showed fantastic gains. Please make an appointment with me to review your student's score that provides a snapshot of their growth and knowledge.

Benchmark assessments are coming up and this gives us a very good idea on how we will perform on state testing in May. Our students and teachers have been working diligently to improve in every facet of education.



We will have our Academic Fair February 26 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Each Academic Fair session will last approximately twenty minutes. During this time, you can see all of the students' science fair projects, listen to a presentation on how to read your student's MAP scores, participate in activities with the various academic departments.

At the end of the evening, we will be giving away a 50 inch television. You must be present to win with your student. Only one ticket per person will be awarded. Students

that do not attend Denmark Olar Middle School will not be given a ticket for the drawing but are welcome to attend.



On February 28, at 1:00 p.m. we will be having our Black History presentation. Ms. Broughton has been working with the students to provide an entertaining program. Please feel free to attend this wonderful event and learn more about black history.

2020 STATE ASSESSMENTS LOCAL TEST ADMINISTRATION SCHEDULE		SC READY	Grade 3	EOCEP
STAR: SC	Grade 2	ELA/Reading (Session 2) Tues., May 5, 2020	(On-line Testing)	High School English II (Writing) (Online) Tues., May 5, 2020
Performance TASK		SC READY	Grade 3	EOCEP
ELA (Paper Test)		Mathematics () Wed., May 6, 2020	On-line Testing)	High School
Mon., Feb. 24, 2020 -Friday, Feb. 28, 2020		SC READY	Grades 4-8	English (Reading) (Online) Mon., May 11, 2020
ACCESS	Grades K - 12 (ESOL Students)	ELA/Writing (Session 1) Thurs., May 7, 2020	(On-line Testing)	EOCEP
ELA		SC READY	Grades 4-8	High School
Mon., Jan. 27 - Fr., Mar. 13, 2020		ELA/Reading (Session 2) Fri., May 8, 2020	(On-line Testing)	English II (Reading) (Online) Tues., May 12, 2020
ACT	Grade 11	SC READY	Grades 4-8	EOCEP
English, Reading, Writing, Math, Science (Paper Test Date)		Mathematics Mon., May 11, 2020	(On-line Testing)	High School
Tues., Feb. 25, 2020		SC PASS	Grades 4 & 6	Algebra I () (Online) Wed., May 13, 2020
SAT	Grade 11	Science Tues., May 12, 2020	(On-line Testing)	EOCEP
English, Reading, Writing, Math, Science		SC READY	(Grade 7)	High School
Wed., March 4, 2020		ELA/Writing (Session 1) (On-line Testing) Mon., May 4, 2020	N/A	Biology I (Online) Thurs., May 14, 2020
Ready to Work (R2W)	Grade 11	EOCEP		High School
English, Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Soft Skills		High School		US History & Constitution (Online) Fri., May 15, 2020
(Paper Test Dates)		English I (Writing) (Online) Mon., May 4, 2020		PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening)
Mon, March 30 -Fri., April 3, 2020				Pre-K/4 yr. ELA (Literacy) Mon, May 4, 2020 - Thurs., May 28, 2020
Advanced Placement (AP)	High School			
Computer Science (On-line Testing)				
Fri., May 8, 2020				
SC READY	Grade 3			
ELA/Writing (Session 1) (On-line Testing) Mon., May 4, 2020				



If you participate in Job Shadowing

The eighth grade students at D-O Middle School had their job shadow opportunity on Tuesday, February 11th and the high school students, grades 9th through 12th had an opportunity between Monday, February 3rd and Friday, February 14th to do a one-day job shadow experience and oh the places they went. Approximately 19% of the students eligible to participate in a job shadow experience did so.

Job shadowing in Denmark-Olar School District Two is always an anticipated time among students. It's an opportunity for them to "try on" a career for a day and see whether or not it's a good fit. Our students have shadowed varied jobs, IT professionals, engineers, truck drivers, veterinarians, teachers, cafeteria workers, retail workers, football and basketball coaches, a judge and more. Students turned in their consent form and the Career Specialist, Ms. Zelda Douglas, confirmed the information and provided them with a packet to be completed and a packet to give to their job shadow host.

Job shadowing is a very enriching experience. You get valuable insight into the world of work. Students are exposed to adults that are engaged in their chosen field who often serve as mentors and they get feedback, overwhelmingly positive, regarding their soft skills. Ms. Douglas said, "The fact that our students go out and receive compliments on their behavior is no shock to me. It's one of the advantages to living in a small town like Denmark. Good manners are still encouraged and expected. We work on skills like correctly shaking hands, providing eye

contact, posture, what not to wear, and being accountable, among other things, but the core of who they are, who their parents are raising them to be cannot be perfected in a session or two. So, I am glad to work hard toward this goal because the experience not only gives the students a memorable impact but it tends to give the professionals that host them some hope that there are great students out there with great promise."

DON'T MISS THE 2020 DOHS

COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY

Thanks to the awesome collaborative efforts of the DOHS guidance department, the principal, teachers and staff, and the Career Day Student Ambassadors, this year's College and Career Day scheduled for March 26 will be one of the most information and fun packed yet. Our theme this year is **"See It-2020!"** We want to encourage students to research and delve deeper so that they have a clear plan to work toward. From 8:30-11:30 a.m. we will host career professionals representing 14 of the 16 career clusters.



literacy for part two of Career Day. From 12:30-2:00 p.m. we will have two interactive presentations by representatives from SC CARE (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) Program and the SC Department of Consumer Affairs.

After our lunch break, the Career Guidance Department will continue what has been a year-long focus on financial



From 2:00-3:00 we will have our Health Eating/Active Living segment. We hope to have healthy snacks available for all who attend and great fun activities!

The active living events will include musical chairs, an obstacle course, and hoola hoop/jump rope competition. Every student will have an opportunity to participate in three activities. This College and Career Day event is intended to address the whole person. We don't want to just produce workers, we want to produce creative, well-rounded citizens.

DOHS has earned the College Board **AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award** for attaining female student representation in AP Computer Science Principles for 2019. Out of 20,000 institutions that offer AP courses, DOHS is one of only 639 to be recognized for achieving this important result in AP Computer Science Principles.

The 2020 Census is safe, easy, and important. The 2020 Census can be taken in under 10 minutes and helps ensure that South Carolina receives the necessary federal funding to benefit our residents. You can take part in the 2020 Census beginning April 1st.

Visit <https://www.census.gov/> for more information on the upcoming Census.



Congratulations!

Ms. Hortense Miller
Denmark-Olar Elementary School

Ms. Miller was recognized at the February 3 Board of Trustees meeting and received a certificate and \$25 check.



Construction Site Update



Photo courtesy of Thompson Turner

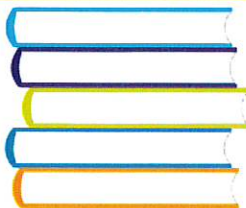
PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, Bamberg School District Two would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student's teacher -
 - *has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - *is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - *is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact your child's principal.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT day



Bamberg School District Two
Saturday, February 29, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

62 Holly Avenue
Denmark, SC

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

BOARD MEETINGS RESCHEDULED -

The Bamberg School District Two Board of Trustees will meet as follows:

March 2, 2020 @ 12:00 noon
April 6, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

The media will be notified of any changes, postponements or cancellations.