



## Congratulations!

Ms. Regina Williams

Denmark-Olar Middle School

Ms. Williams was recognized at the October 14 Board of Trustees meeting and received a certificate and \$25 check.



## Construction Site Update



Photo by Thompson Turner Construction

### PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Dear Parents:

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.

Dr. Ruby J. Johnson, Director of Curriculum/Instructional Services

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the recent weather related school closings, the 2019-2020 school year calendar has been revised as follows:

- **November 26** (originally scheduled as a make-up day) will be a student attendance day with early dismissal
- **December 3** (originally scheduled as a staff development day) will be a student attendance day.

Please keep your contact information current. Our district uses a "call-out" system to notify families of any school closings or schedule changes. In order to receive these notifications, the district needs your current contact information. Please update your phone number and email with your school office.

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

October 2019

## 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

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

*"A grandparent's love never grows old."*

On September 19, over 150 grandparents gathered at DOES to fellowship and enjoy breakfast with their grandchildren. The children always look forward to spending that quality time with their "Nana" or "Papa". Characteristic of a grandparent, everyone waited patiently in the long line and reminisced with neighbors, family and friends about their days in the building or other fond memories. The students guided their grandparents through the halls and a few even accompanied the children to class, so they could meet the teachers. One parent expressed driving down from Charleston that Thursday morning for that priceless moment. She wouldn't miss the opportunity to dine with her grandchild at school, a special occasion for her and the child.



A parenting session followed the breakfast. Approximately 20 grandparents remained for a group session on social-emotional learning. Grandparents experienced the importance of making positive deposits into another's social and emotional bank account and the emptiness that looms inside when no one makes a deposit or takes away from that

account. This discussion was the segue into the school's *Leader In Me* initiative and other social-emotional lessons. Students are learning to be responsible for their actions, set goals, and be aware of the feelings of others.



Thank you  
for making this event a  
Success!

You are the backbone  
of the Family.  
We Appreciate what you do!

### THANK YOU FOR CARING



A special thanks goes out to Denmark's Mayor Gerald Wright, Councilman Calvin Odom and Councilwoman Bonnie Love for their class donation of "Shoo Fly, You Can't Eat Here," a book written by our very own, Mrs. Liller Hamilton, a native of Denmark SC and former teacher at Denmark Olar Elementary School. The book about a pesky housefly and its determination to get the students' well-balanced lunches provided opportunities for critical thinking and text analysis. Miss Dianna Richburg and Miss Lora Hampton greatly appreciate this gift that keeps on giving.

### NEW FACULTY

DOES welcomes new teachers for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

From the Philippines we welcome Mrs. Annie Espineda Pinkian – 2nd grade, and Ms. Sharia Aton – 1st grade.

From Jamaica we welcome Mrs. Natalee Fairweather – 4th grade, and Ms. Narda Salmon – 5th grade.

And, transferring within South Carolina are Phaniki Jenkins – 2nd grade, Mrs. Gloria Hamilton – PE, and Mrs. Crystal White – Kindergarten.

Thank you for being a part of the DOES family.



### A Heartfelt Thanks

*Denmark-Olar Elementary School would like to thank everyone for the acts of kindness: those who donated school supplies; offered prayers; and expressed thoughts and good wishes for a great school year.*

*Your thoughtfulness has been shared with our students, faculty, and staff and is greatly appreciated.*

*Thank you for being a caring community!*



# STUDENTS of the MONTH

October 2019

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 October 14 Board meeting.



**Kiayzia Rivers**  
D-O Elementary School



**Riyanna Carter**  
D-O Middle School



**Markesha Wise**  
D-O High School

## Denmark-Olar Middle School News

Mr. Walter Baker, Principal

### GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT DENMARK OLAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Currently, we are working on increasing rigor in the classroom. In order to achieve the results we want, we have initiated a program called ClassWorks. This will enable students to not only fill in the gaps of knowledge but also to reinforce current learning. Additionally, we are expanding our use of TE21 Encase. Along with benchmark testing, Encase will enable to our teachers to vary their questioning with depth of knowledge questions that range from memorize and repeat to multiple part questions that will challenge all students' critical thinking skills.

Along with our academics portion of school, we have instituted clubs that meet every other Thursday morning. Clubs range from choir and chess to reading and scrapbooking. At Denmark-Olar Middle School we have a total of fourteen clubs.



Congratulations to Jacquez Donaldson and Kierra Glover for being named Mr. and Miss Denmark-Olar Middle. As a result of this honor, they participated in the homecoming parade and the festivities at halftime of the football game.



A well-deserved shout out goes to our cafeteria staff. On the last DHEC inspection scale, they scored 99 out of 100 points.

Coming Soon  
to DOHS  
COLLEGE GOAL  
SOUTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, October 23  
1-3 p.m. in the Computer Lab

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
ZELDA DOUGLAS, CAREER SPECIALIST OR  
DR. BRENDA HUGHES  
DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE  
793-3307

2019 DENMARK-OLAR HIGH SCHOOL'S  
**MOCK INTERVIEWS**

AVAILABLE OPEN POSITION

**APPLICATIONS**  
JOBS - There's an app for that!

**ENTRY POSITIONS**  
Jobs you could get, NOW!

**SOFTSKILLS**  
Skills that pay the bills

**INTERVIEWS**  
Speak up and Stand out!

INTERVIEWS BY APPOINTMENT  
OCT 25, 2019 (9AM-12PM)  
SPONSORED BY THE DOHS CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

## Denmark-Olar High School News

Dr. Deonia Simmons, Principal

### DENMARK-OLAR VIKINGS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING WITH A WIN

A large homecoming crowd filled the new Viking Stadium Friday night and watched the Vikings bring home a victory against the Estill Gators. Both teams played strong defensive games, and neither scored until the second quarter. That's when both teams scored two touchdowns, and Estill took the lead with extra points. At half-time the Gators led 14-12. In the third quarter the Vikings pulled away with a touchdown by senior running back, Dareon James. The Gators reach first and goal, but the Viking defense held and at the end of the game the score remained 22 Vikings, 14 Gators.



Photo by M. Mercer



Photo by Dr. Anna Martin

Mr. and Miss Homecoming, Malik Palmer and Janiah Walker, were crowned during half time.

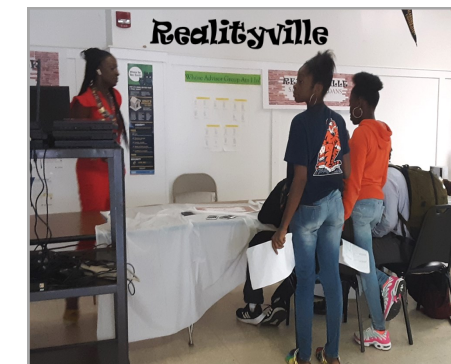
### DOHS HOLDS REALITY AND COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

The Denmark-Olar High School Career Guidance Team sponsored its first "REALITY DAY/COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY" on Friday, September 27. Reality Day was a fun, interactive financial literacy simulation for all high school students to learn the realities of life after high school or college. As a result of Reality Day students:

- Learned why financial planning skills, goal setting,

and decision-making are so important to their futures

- Learned the relevance of what has been taught in school and the impact financial literacy has on their lives
- Examined their attitudes and understanding about career choices, earning potential, job satisfaction, and the role of those concepts in attaining a quality of life
- Interacted with Denmark-Olar area business people, community members, teachers, support staff and administrators
- Worked with other students, school staff and the business community in an action-oriented setting that has the power to change students' perceptions about their future.



During **College Application Day**, seniors had the opportunity to dedicate time to begin the process of applying to colleges. We are excited that our seniors completed over 150 college applications during College Application Day with the assistance of college staff members: recruiters and admissions counselors. They also were able to:

- Learn the relevance of their involvement in activities to the attractiveness of their application
- Contrast the benefits and highlights of the colleges present
- Take advantage of college application fee waivers
- Work with other students, school staff and the business community in an action-oriented setting that has the power to change students' perceptions about their future.

We would like to thank the college and financial representatives, local businesses and community members, as well as our school administration, teachers and staff, who helped to make this event so successful.



### AN EXPERIENCE TO REMEMBER

On June 23, I attended the Congress of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists. My thoughts upon arriving were, "what if this is not for me," and "what if I'm an oddball and don't fit in." I

felt that by attending that I would feel uncomfortable the entire time; however, as I entered the Tsongas Center at the University of Lowell, I felt something different. As I looked around, I saw people in my age group that acted and thought just as I did. Soon, my nervousness faded and I was able to enjoy the rest of Congress. The mentors that were brought to speak were incredible! They touched on all of my questions and I didn't even ask them. They emphasized that they were once in my shoes and unsure on what they wanted to do in the medical field. The mentors were surgeons, medical students, last year alumni, comedians, confidence boosters, and professional athletic trainers. Each of them let me know that I was gifted and special to be a part of such a program. I enjoyed it all, but the hours were almost unbearable. The hours on June 23 were from 6 to 11 p.m. On June 24 and 25, they were from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., but I found it worth it.

I also experienced a live surgery of the knee. I found that it helped me to decide that I was not going to be an ordinary orthopedic surgeon. It was stressful at Congress to follow your passion and let it tie in with your profession. I am very passionate about sports, so I said, "I'll be a sports medicine orthopedic surgeon." A few quotes were handed off into my heart during Congress. One said, "The cave in which you fear to enter lies the treasure you seek." This stood out because it spoke directly to me as it was said. When I arrived at Congress, I didn't want to step out of my comfort zone, but I realized that this was the cave that holds my treasure for my future in the medical field. Another quote stated, "Never slow down for the world- it will have to catch up with you." This one made me realize that I was capable of tremendous things and, to come out of a small town and be nominated for National Conferences, means that my dreams are guaranteed to come true.

While I was at Congress, something that really excited me was that I was being inducted into the National Honor Society. I heard of this program at my high school, but I was not a part of it, and this one that I was inducted into is at the college level.

So, as you read the words from the future Sports Medicine Orthopedic Surgeon out of Denmark, SC, I am extremely grateful for my biology teacher, Mrs. Deon Branch, for nominating me for this opportunity. Now, from here, I'm only moving forward and it brings me great joy to see where my future leads me.

Ta'Najya Holman