

# The Voice From Within

January 2020

## BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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

*Dr. Thelma F. Sojourner, Superintendent*

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### BAMBERG TWO CELEBRATES SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

Bamberg School District Two will join school districts throughout the state and nation to celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January. More than 600 locally-elected and appointed school board members throughout the state will be recognized by schools and communities for their service and dedication to public education.



L-R: Mr. Larry Bias, Mrs. Beverly Bonaparte, Mrs. Blossom Thompson, Mrs. Loretta Goodman, Bishop Tonie Holman

As a part of School Board Recognition Month, board members participated in an official signing of the South Carolina School Board Member Ethical Principles during their January 13 school board meeting. By signing the principles, school board members publicly vowed to uphold effective governance principles and pledged to improve public education in their community. The board members also received pins from the SC School Board Association and gifts from the District.



Mr. Larry Bias was recognized for having achieved 15 years of service on the Bamberg 2 Board of Trustees. He was presented a certificate and pin from the SC School Board Association.

*Please join us in celebrating the service and accomplishments of our school board members!*



### Denmark-Olar Elementary School News

Dr. Lorraine Peoples, Principal

#### DECEMBER DELIGHTS

December is always a delightful time of the year. At DOES, December brings celebrations - from classroom socials to school-wide programs. Project STREAM kicked off the festivities as they motivated students to "Get Lit on Fire For Learning." Students showcased to parents what they learned and activities they engaged in during the first semester. Since students' experiences with the arts are limited, student expression through the arts is always the highlight of the program. Students' paintings were displayed. Teachers even showed their artistic talents by designing and decorating the backdrop. Singing and dancing are definitely strengths for our students, and they enthralled the audience with outstanding performances.



The chorus sang *Powerful* from the television series *Empire* and *Conqueror*. Dancers danced to the tune of *Blessings on Blessings* by Anthony Brown. They were spectacular.

The celebration continued the following day as the school presented to the community *Christmas Around the World*.

Each grade level represented a particular country and its Christmas traditions. The grade levels decorated their seating sections in the gymnasium and competed for bragging rights for the best section that represented the program's theme. Kindergarten walked away with the title.



The program commenced with an international parade. Each grade level class entered the gym, brandishing something that represented their country; some waved flags, some wore hats, others wore native attire as they entered and greeted family and community friends.

The program incorporated the talents of each grade level as children acted, danced and sang their way into the audience's heart. Of course, the highlight of the program was Santa, who entered during a rendition of *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town*, and cheers and laughter.

Our programs are testaments to our students' gifts, talents, and ability to perform well. We expect the same enthusiasm for academics: the same desire to showcase what is learned in the classroom, and family / community

support for educational programs. We thank all of our parents and friends for attending these programs and look forward to seeing you at our next event.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY

Thursday, January 9, was Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. DOES took a few minutes to let the Denmark Police Department know how much they are appreciated and how they encourage students to be leaders.

#### A WINTER HARVEST



Who says hard work doesn't pay? The fifth grade Project STREAM students have reaped a winter harvest of collards. There are many other vegetables: carrots, cabbage, lettuce, and broccoli that have been planted and are growing well. Under the guidance of Mrs. Lara Buss, the fifth graders nurture the garden weekly. They anticipate another harvest soon that can be sampled.



#### THANK YOU!

A special thanks to the Nu Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. They provided Christmas gifts to all 4 and 5 year old kindergarten students. Thank you for sharing Christmas cheer and always supporting our students.

# STUDENTS of the MONTH

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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 January 13 Board meeting.



**Hannah Stewart**  
D-O Elementary School



**Trae Ellis**  
D-O Middle School



**Leviticus Bell**  
D-O High School

## Denmark-Olar Middle School News

Mr. Walter Baker, Principal

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DOMS -

It's been a good month at Denmark-Olar Middle School. By the time you read this, MAP testing will be complete. Every student that shows sufficient growth in each category will be awarded with an ice cream party with drawings for prizes.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Jaya Konka for receiving the coveted Bamberg School District 2 "Teacher of the Month" award. This was a well-deserved recognition for Mr. Konka's hard work.

As we move into the new semester, it is important for students to complete all assignments for each class. This includes all "Classworks" assignments which can be completed at home with internet access.

In February the Lion's Club will be screening students for possible vision issues. We will be sending home an "opt out" form with your student. Only sign this form if you do not want your student's vision tested.

Also in February, we will have an Academic Night at Denmark-Olar Middle School where we will enjoy a night of fun and door prizes. This will afford you and your student to participate in

educational games and talk with your student's teachers.



Golf will be starting up in February. If you have a student interested in playing a sport that they can enjoy the rest of their lives, have them get in touch with Mr. Baker.

All students are required to have a physical to participate in golf activities as well as any other sport sanctioned by the SC High School League.



**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

Screenings will be held January 26-February 1, 2020. For additional information, please contact the Bamberg School District Two Office of Programs for Exceptional Children at 803-793-3346.

## Construction Site Update



*Photo by Thompson Turner Construction*

Construction and renovations are continuing. Renovations are underway on the "E" wing of the high school.

## 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:

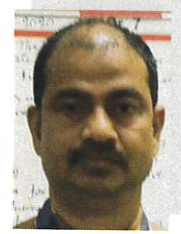
- Whether the student's teacher -
  - \*has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - \*is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been 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.



# Congratulations!

Mr. Jaya Konka  
Denmark-Olar Middle School



Mr. Konka was recognized at the January 13 Board of Trustees meeting and received a certificate and \$25 check.

## Denmark-Olar High School



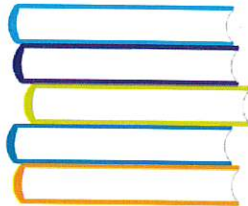
## VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

2019-2020

1/24	6:00	Away**	Wagner-Salley
1/28	6:00	Away**	Blackville-Hilda
1/31	6:00	Away**	Hunter-Kinard-Tyler
2/4	6:00	Away**	Estill
2/7	6:00	Away**	Williston-Elko
2/11	6:00	Away**	Ridge Spring-Monetta
2/13	6:00	Home**	North

\*\*Region Games

## 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:

- February 3, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m.
- March 2, 2020 @ 12:00 noon
- April 6, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

## NOTICE OF ASBESTOS REINSPECTIONS

In compliance with the US Environment Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), we performed inspections of each of our school buildings for asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) in the fall of 1988. The inspection findings and asbestos management plans have been on file in each school administrative office since that time.

The EPA requires us to perform reinspections of the asbestos materials every three years, plus an 804 surveillance inspection every six months. An accredited asbestos inspector performs these inspections. In addition, a DHEC licensed accredited management planner reviews the results of the inspections and recommends actions we should take to safely manage each asbestos material in our buildings.

We have maintained an ongoing review of all ACBM in our schools during the three year re-inspections and the six month surveillance inspections. Currently, our Asbestos Management Plans are in good condition and we will continue to manage our program as recommended by the accredited management planner in accordance with EPA/DHEC guidelines and requirements.

Our schools' Asbestos Management Plans are on file in the district's administrative office and may be viewed during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Asbestos Program Manager, C. L. Brunson, is available to answer any questions you may have about asbestos in our buildings at 803-584-3446 or 803-584-3392.