

DMS 7th Grader Receives Recognition in Nicholas Green Scholarship Competition



7th Grader, Kailyn Warne received Honorable Mention in the Nicholas Green Scholarship competition. This award is given to one student in each state, along with a Certificate of Excellence by the

National Association of Gifted Children. Students nominated for this award are between grades 3 and 6. They have distinguished themselves in academic achievement, leadership, or the visual or performing arts. Kailyn is an academic high achiever, is an exceptional musician and actively participates in academics, athletics and the arts.

This award program was established through funds provided by Maggie and Reg Green to honor the memory of their 7 year old son, Nicholas, who was killed in a drive-by shooting while vacationing in Italy in 1994. The Greens felt it was important to recognize the gifts and talents in children who are now at the age that Nicholas was when he died. It is honorable of the Greens to take a terrible tragedy and turn it into a positive force of recognition.

District 879 Facility Needs Discussed

The school board's building and grounds committee has identified several high priority needs that were part of the last bond issue election in 2008. The school board as a whole continues to discuss the school facility needs of the district at special and regular meetings. All the buildings have exceeded their enrollment capacity and issues continue to exist.

The high priority needs that are under discussion include the following:

- Improve security at the main entrance of the elementary building; cabinetry to finish four existing classrooms; and repurpose the multi-purpose rooms to classrooms. The estimated cost is \$99,700.
- Add two additional music rooms to be shared by the middle school and high school. The estimated cost is \$1,062,000.
- Add two additional science rooms at the high school. The estimated cost is \$818,000.
- Add 50 additional parking spaces at the middle school/high school. The estimated cost is \$100,000.

The total cost of these needs is approximately \$2,075,000. The yearly tax impact on a residential homestead property would be about \$15.00 per \$100,000 of taxable value and \$22.00 per \$100,000 on commercial property.

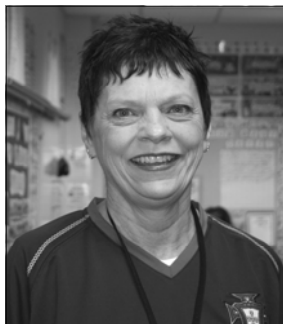
The board is sensitive to the economic climate as well as the needs of students. Discussion will continue regarding the needs and the viability of placing this on the ballot in November 2010.

For further discussion and questions, please visit my blog at <http://suptslog.blogspot.com/>.

-John M. Sweet, Ed. D.
Superintendent

Mrs. Christy Branes - Delano Public Schools 2010 Teacher of the Year

It has never been a question to Delano Elementary 2nd grade teacher Christy Branes that teaching is what she has always wanted to do. "Teaching is a privilege," said Christy. Being able to have a positive impact in the lives of so many students has been very rewarding. From her teaching experiences in Delano to four years spend in Portugal, Christy expressed, "As a teacher, I am with the children a huge part of the day. Some families are splintered and rely completely on the teacher as the one constant in their child's life." Christy feels honored to help her students learn and grow and develop into life long learners, ready for the opportunities in their future.



Christy feels it was a great honor to be chosen by her peers at Delano Public Schools. She feels that achieving excellence in the classroom can not be accomplished by an individual teacher - it takes collaboration with colleagues. After 30 years of teaching, she considers it a great accomplishment to have colleagues of all ages continue to value her teaching expertise.

As Delano's 2010 Teacher of the Year, Christy Branes will now apply for consideration at the state level for Minnesota Teacher of the Year award which will be selected this spring. We are fortunate to have passionate teachers like Christy in District 879.

Delano Elementary Raises \$5073.91 in *Change For Kids* Campaign

During the week of February 9 to February 18, 2010, Delano Elementary raised \$5093.91 which will go to benefit the Children's Cancer Research Fund and Gillette's Specialty Healthcare. The students were very eager to bring in their donations to help this cause. In the last 6 years, Delano Elementary has raised over \$25,000 for the *Change for Kids* Campaign.



As part of this campaign, KS95 is sponsoring a party at Nickelodeon Universe at Mall of America on March 7, 2010. Every student that donated was entered into a drawing and 22 students were chosen to attend this party. Congratulations to Mrs. Peterson's 3rd grade class who took top honors by collecting \$503.95, while Mrs. Jordan's Kindergarten class took 2nd place with \$296.39.

Thank you to everyone who donated funds to *Change for Kids*. This is a great way for students to help other children in the community.

Early Childhood Education Open House



Delano Community Education is holding an Open House for parents interested in Wee Tiger Preschool and Lunch Bunch/Extended Day Preschool. These are both preschool programs for children 3-5 years of age.

When: Tuesday, March 16, 2010
3:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Where: Community Education Center
Early Childhood Classrooms
140 Elm Avenue East - Delano

Come learn about our Lunch Bunch/Extended Day program that is offered to families who would like a longer school day for their child. Parents and children can come meet the teachers, play in the classroom and enjoy a light snack. Parents will also be able to submit registration applications for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year at the Open House.

For additional information contact Jane Shaffer, ECFE Director, at 763.972.6210, ext. *113.

DHS Math Team Wins 7th Conference Title

Teams at Delano Public Schools come in all shapes and sizes. There are athletic teams and there are academic teams. The Math Team is one of the most successful academic teams in the high school and the members like to be known as "mathletes." And this is not a small team, a record 75 mathletes participated for the Tigers this year.

2010 marks the 7th straight year that Delano has placed first in the conference. In addition, the Tiger Math Team had 7 of the top 10 individuals in the conference. Conner Dykstra placed 2nd, Austin Meyer placed 4th, Zach Muckenhirn placed 5th, Kelsey Holm and James Redinger tied for 7th and Dylan Shallbetter placed 10th.

During the 2010 season, the Tigers placed first in all five meets in their eight team conference finishing 126 points ahead of their closest competitor, with a record 419 points. The team went on to place first at the conference meet. In the state meet, they finished 12th, which is the highest the Tiger Math Team has ever achieved. Kaitlin Denison led the Tigers in their final meet earning 12 points followed by Sandra Arnold and James Redinger with 11 points each. Kristin Hedtke, Kelsey Holm, Evan Lemmerman, Dirk Meyer, Zach Muckenhirn, Sheldon Way, and Dustin Ziegelman each contributed 10 points while Josh Maki finished with 9 points. Emily Hemmingway placed first for the season and will participate in the individual portion of the state tournament on Monday, March 8, 2010.



Delano High School is very proud of this very successful academic team which continues to grow and prosper year after year.

"The man ignorant of mathematics will be increasingly limited in his grasp of the main forces of civilization."

*-John Kemeny
Hungarian-American Mathematician*



DAEF would like to thank all of the people who helped in making the 2010 Gala a tremendous success.

We want to recognize the Gala Committee, DJ - John Fitzler, NHS students, Delano School District Staff and parents, Marcus Hanson, Master of Ceremonies and the auctioneer Wayne Estby for donating their time and talents. We especially want to thank our sponsors and donors. The Gala raised over \$12,800 to benefit Delano Public Schools!

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SEPTEMBER!**

Come Join the Fun!

5th Annual Tiger Fun Fair Saturday, April 17

Bring your appetite for food and fun to the Tiger Fun Fair hosted by the Delano Elementary School PIE Group. This fun-filled event is open to everyone and admission is free. It will be held at the DHS Tiger Activity Center from 4-8 pm on Saturday, April 17.

Come play on the Joust/Bungee Fun Inflatable, the 60 Foot Dragon Inflatable Obstacle Course, and new this year, the MN Vikings Moon Walk! Along with these activities are sports games, entertainment, special guests, pre-school games, face painting & crazy hair, dance clinics, clowns, and food. To top it off there will be a silent auction with themed baskets for individuals to bid on during the evening. All the games and food can be purchased with tickets. The tickets are .25 cents each and can be purchased at the door the day of the fun fair.

To volunteer and be part of this big event, please call Jennifer at 763.972.3605 or email sunshine41@frontiernet.net.

Don't miss this great event with your family!



Be a Life Long Learner - Delano Community Education

Mike Lynch's Minnesota Starwatch Party

Join popular WCCO Radio meteorologist Mike Lynch for his Starwatch Party. After a brief indoor orientation, we will go outside and get to know the constellations. We will use large reflecting telescopes as we view Saturn, star clusters, nebulae, galaxies and other wonders in our skies. You get a great handout package with star maps and much more! **This event will be held at Rockford Community Center and the Rockford High School Baseball Field on Friday, March 5, 2010. The fee is \$12.00 per individual or \$29.00 per family (two adults and children under 18 living in the same household).**



Adult Enrichment Classes Starting Soon!

Computer Applications

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| Intro to Microsoft Excel 2007 | March 8 & 10 |
| Intermediate Excel | March 22 & 24 |
| Intro to PowerPoint | March 2 & 4 |

Arts and Crafts

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| Card Chaos | March 16 |
| Digital Scrapbooking | March 23 |

Around Home/Hobby/Yard & Garden

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| Square Foot Gardening | March 11 |
| Cake Decorating | March 16 & 23 |
| Recession Friendly Decoration | March 22 |

Animals

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| What's New in Horse Health Management | March 8 |
| Pet First Aid | March 20 |

For complete information on these classes and many more great opportunities, look through the winter/spring brochure, visit our website at www.delanocommunityed.com, or give us a call at 763.972.6210. Copies of the brochure are available at the Community Education office at 140 Elm Avenue, the Tiger Activity Center, and the Delano Public Library.

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March Events

2	ES Conferences & Book Fair	4-8 pm
3	HS Student Council/NHS Blood Drive	
4	ES Conferences & Book Fair	4-8 pm
5	ES Kindergarten Conferences	8 am -3:40 pm
8	ES Conferences & Book Fair	4-8 pm
9	ES P.I.E. Meeting	7 pm
16	MS P.I.E. Meeting	6:30 pm
18	Kindergarten Round-Up	6:00-8:30 pm
22	School Board Meeting	7:00 pm
23	Kindergarten Round-Up	6:00-8:30 pm
26	HS/MS End of Quarter	
29 - April 2	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	

Check out daily school activities at:

Delano Elementary
<http://delanoelementary.posterous.com>

Delano Middle School
<http://delanomiddleschool.posterous.com>

Delano Public School blogs bring you pictures and videos of what students are doing during their school days. Log on and check them out!

The **2010-2011 School Calendar** has been posted at www.delano.k12.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Health Chicken Pox Vaccination Law Change

Minnesota law says children must get certain immunizations before going to school, including varicella (chickenpox), unless they have a legal exemption. However, after a child has had chickenpox, they are immune to it and don't need to have varicella shots to go to school. **Starting on September 1, 2010, for children enrolling in kindergarten and seventh grade, Minnesota schools can no longer accept a parent/guardian's signature as proof that a child has had the chickenpox.** Instead, a doctor will need to sign a form saying that the child does not need to get varicella shot(s) because:

- They are already immune because they had chickenpox disease that was either laboratory confirmed, medically diagnosed, or described well enough to the doctor by the parent/guardian to clearly indicate disease.
- They have a medical reason for not getting the shot(s).
- They have had a lab test showing they are already immune to chickenpox.

If you are not sure if your child has had the required varicella immunizations, please contact your primary care physician or clinic.

For more information about chickenpox, immunizations, and Minnesota's School Immunization Law, please call or visit the website of the Minnesota Department of Health Immunization Program at 651.201.5503 or at www.health.state.mn/immunize.