

DHS Announces Triple A Award Winners



Delano High School seniors Connor Dykstra and Ann Berglund were selected to represent DHS and Region 2AA in the Triple "A" Award program. The Triple "A" Award program was established in 1988 and is sponsored by the Minnesota High School League. This award goes to one senior male and one senior female student that have excelled in academics, arts and athletics, thus called Triple "A".

Four State Triple "A" Award recipients were chosen, two males and two females from Class A and Class AA schools and were recognized at an on-court ceremony that was held in conjunction with the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Award recipients will receive a four-year \$1,000.00 scholarship. For information on the 2010 award recipients, visit www.mshsl.org.

Parking on Elm Avenue Under Discussion

The School District and the City of Delano have been receiving complaints about high school students parking on Elm Avenue. The problem stems from not having enough parking on campus for high school students. The problem increases as the year goes on as more students become eligible to drive.

Various solutions to the problem have been discussed, including constructing additional parking at one of three locations: the corner of Elm Avenue and Tiger Drive near the entrance to the middle school/high school; a block east of Tiger Drive on Elm Avenue where the School District owns a lot; and at 789 Tiger Drive across the street west of the elementary school. All of these solutions come with a price tag ranging from about \$58,000 to gravel space up to \$193,000 for blacktop, curb and gutter, depending on which of the three locations is chosen.

School and City representatives will meet with residents of Elm Avenue and any other interest persons on Tuesday, April 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria to discuss the problem and all the various ideas for solutions, which are not all limited to constructing additional space.

-John M. Sweet, Ed.D.
Superintendent
<http://suptslog.blogspot.com/>

Delano Elementary Teams Up With Minnesota Reading Corps

Delano Elementary School has teamed up with Americorp's Minnesota Reading Corps (MRC). MRC is a program that provides trained literacy tutors for children from age three to grade three. This is a statewide initiative to help every Minnesota child become a successful reader.

This year Deborah Dieterich has been working one on one with students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade at Delano Elementary. She provides extra support to these children as they practice their reading skills. The program supplements the classroom Language Arts curriculum with the aim of increasing the reading fluency of every child they tutor.

Students in the program meet daily with Mrs. Dieterich who has been trained in the most current reading intervention strategies. She tracks student progress weekly and works closely with classroom teachers to insure success. Students exit the program when they have met their individual reading goals.

Reading Corps is a valuable reading support to DES and we have recently been awarded a grant to continue the program in the 2010-2011 school year. **If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer at DES and would like more information about MRC, contact www.minnesotareadingcorps.com or email Lisa Downer at ldowner@delano.k12.mn.us.**

Delano Middle School Raises \$7187.87 for Pennies for Patients

Delano Middle School was buzzing during the past few weeks as the students worked on collecting donations to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Not only were they watching the pennies, quarters and dollars come in, they were also participating in several activities to remind them of the importance of helping others while having fun doing it.

The campaign began with an all school carnival which earned \$1500.00 the first day. After that, DMS held daily challenges in student base rooms which involved sequencing coins and collecting the most coins. This drive for a cause concluded with a dress up week sponsored by Student Council.

We want to thank all who donated and supported this campaign, including the Delano community, parents and staff. We also want to thank the State Bank of Delano for allowing us to use their coin counter. All of this combined made a difference in the lives of others!



DELANO HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

JOSEPH



JOSEPH is the retelling in song of the Bible story of Joseph and his many colored coat. Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber has mixed a variety of popular song styles into a fast paced and fun show for all ages. An experienced high school cast headed by seniors McKay Elwood as Joseph and Haley Kraus as the Narrator, are ready to give audiences a high energy theatrical treat. In addition to the 11 brothers, a women's ensemble and a children's choir fill out the stage. Other seniors in their final high school theatrical performance include John Trousov as Pharoah, Lee Peterson and Rachel Braden as Brothers, Emily Hemmingway, Clare Schmidt, and Carly Shouts in the women's ensemble. The show is directed by Drama Director Barb Roy with Musical Director Sandy Meyerson.

Tickets are available at the door!

April 15,16,17 7:00 p.m.

April 18 2:00 pm

Delano Middle School Auditorium

Delano Public Schools Support Wellness Policy

It's a fact - healthier students are better learners. Children who are active and eat right are more likely to do better in school. Delano Public Schools are working to create a healthier environment for everyone. We are part of a movement across Minnesota and the nation to make our schools healthier places to learn and work. We would like to encourage you to work with us and support our school wellness policy as it is implemented and improved.

Congress passed a law in 2004 that established a requirement for all school districts participating in the federally funded school program to develop and implement a local wellness policy. To comply with this law, called the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act, Delano Public Schools developed a policy to set nutrition guidelines for all food and beverages sold during the school day and established guidelines for nutrition education and physical activity for all students. The purpose of the policy is to assure a school environment that promotes and protects students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. All foods and beverages available on campus during the school day, including concessions, vending machines and cafeteria items, are required to be consistent with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans that can be seen at <http://www.cnpp.usda.gov/dietaryguidelines.htm>.

The needs of our school district are being assessed with the help of a tool called The School Health Index (SHI). It is a self assessment planning tool from the

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. We are looking at health related policies, activities and programs to identify strengths and weaknesses and this will enable us to identify areas that need improvement. Some of the areas being looked at include the amount and frequency of physical education at each grade level, classroom nutrition education, recess, nutritional value of foods and beverages, portion sizes, after school snacks, fundraisers, celebrations, food service staff qualifications, food rewards, beverage contracts, the amount of time for meals, and the marketing of food and beverages. The assessment will also serve as a means of measuring our improvement in years to come.

Congress enacted this law because childhood obesity is reaching epidemic proportions in our country. Poor eating habits and a lack of physical activity are the root causes for obesity and it is believed that an increase in physical activity are the root causes for obesity. It is believed that an increase in physical activity are the root causes for obesity and it is believed that an increase in physical activity and improved nutrition, through changes at school, will improve students readiness to learn.

As a parent, you can also help your children lead the healthiest lives possible by reinforcing healthy habits at home and supporting our policies at school. For more information related to healthy activities you can visit, <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>.

DHS Science Olympiad Team Shows Off State Medals



On Saturday, March 13, the Delano High School Science Olympiad team competed against 32 other teams at the University of St. Thomas and finished in 5th place. Students participating in Science Olympiad compete in building, content and lab events.

Team members pictured in the front row include Connor Dykstra, Dani Denison, Dylan Shallbetter, Cara Sandlass, Kirsten Palan, Kelsey Arens, Sandra Arnold and Emily Hemingway. Members pictured in the back row include teacher Karen Hohenstein, Dustin Ziegelman, Chris Hegmen, Avery Majjala, Sarah Trocke, Austin Meyer, Jessica Meyer, and teacher Boak Wiesner. DHS team members placed in the top three in each event.

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of K-12 Science education and helps create a passion for learning Science. In addition, it helps change the way Science is perceived and the way it is taught with an emphasis on problem solving and hands-on, minds-on learning practices.

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.

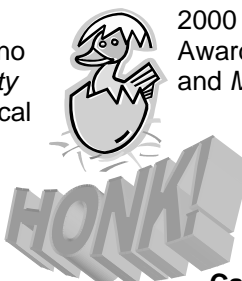
Don't miss this great event with your family!



4 Community Theatre Holding Auditions for "HONK!"

Delano Community Education is excited to announce that we have become a partner with Orono and Rockford Community Education in *4 Community Theatre*. The 2010 summer production of the musical "HONK!" will be directed by Delano High School Drama Director Barb Roy with performances in June at the Middle School Auditorium. Community Theatre is for people of all ages - children through adults. A successful production requires lots of people filling many roles, from actors and actresses to musicians to backstage crew members who help with everything from sets to costumes, make-up to properties, and more. Everyone is welcome!

"HONK!" is written by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe and is based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling." "HONK!" is the story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry Cat, Ugly must find his way home. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance in all its forms. "HONK!" is the winner of the



2000 Olivier Award, the British equivalent of the Tony Award for Best New Musical beating *The Lion King* and *Mama Mia*.

Audition Dates

Thursday, April 22, 4-8 p.m. at Delano Middle School Auditorium

Friday, April 23, 4-8 p.m. at Discovery Center, 5050 Independence St., Maple Plain

Callbacks

Monday, April 26, 6-8 p.m. at Delano Middle School Auditorium

Performances

June 23-27 at Delano Middle School Auditorium

To receive information regarding auditions or volunteering, send an email message to auditions@4communitytheatre.org. Tickets can be ordered beginning June 1 by calling 952.449.8302 or online at www.oronocommunityed.com. Complete information can be found at www.communitytheatre.org or by calling Delano Community Education at 763.972.6210.

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April Events

1,2	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	
13	ES P.I.E. Meeting	7 pm
15,16,17	HS Spring Musical	7 pm
	MS Auditorium	
17	Tiger Fun Fair	4-8 pm
18	HS Spring Musical	2 pm
	MS Auditorium	
20	MS P.I.E. Meeting	6:30 pm
24	HS Prom	
26	School Board Meeting	7 pm
27	4th Grade Music Program	7 pm
	Elementary School Gym	
29	7th Grade Band Concert	7 pm
	8th Grade Band Concert	7:30 pm

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.

Delano Destination ImagiNation Teams Advance to State

The DMS DestiNation Imagination (DI) teams displayed incredible talent at their Regional tournament in Glencoe, MN, on Saturday, March 6. Delano's DI program fielded six competitive teams and one non-competitive team this season. Teams have been working since September to creatively solve their chosen challenge. Delano DI teams were awarded three first place finishes, two second place finishes, a third place finish, two DaVinci Awards which are given for outstanding creativity, and one Renaissance Award, given for outstanding design and engineering.

The Delano Destination ImagiNation teams outdid themselves with original skits involving amazing costumes, elaborate scenery, and excellent engineering. All of these teams have worked hard over the past months and should be very proud of their accomplishments.

Delano's top five teams will now prepare for the State DI Tournament held at Anoka High School on Saturday, April 17. Come cheer these teams on as they compete for a chance to go to DI Globals competition to be held in Knoxville, Tennessee in May.



Yo-Yo Team Members (L to R): Kate Bruhn, Sally Thompson, Claire Bruhn, Tara Cady, Allyson Erickson, Sophia Pappas