

TIGER TRACKS

Spring is Here!

Greetings Tigers!

It seems like just yesterday I was writing the last newsletter article. It is hard to believe how fast time flies. This school year seems to be moving at an even more extraordinary rate. I would like to take this opportunity to first thank all of the staff, students, and parents for your flexibility and cooperation with the changes we've experienced due to construction. We have certainly experienced obstacles, but the patience shown has made these changes much more manageable. Of course we know that we will continue to be tested over the coming spring, summer, and next school year. Since the middle school is now used as our only visitor entrance, I have gained a greater appreciation for the degree to which our facility is used by the Delano community. It is neat to see the excitement of our students and community as they peer through windows to assess the latest construction progress.



Records show that illnesses still plague some of our families, but it appears that the worst may be past. It is extremely important that everyone get and stay healthy so we can all enjoy the fruits of spring at DMS. MCA testing is right around the corner. More importantly, 5th graders will be heading to Long Lake Conservation Center (LLCC) soon, choir and band concerts are approaching, and students in all courses are beginning to "put it all together." Before we know it, we'll be celebrating another great 8th grade class and sending them on their way to the high school.

Thank you for your continued support of your DMS Tigers!

- **Barry Voight**
Principal

Science Olympiad Team Rocks State Competition

Congratulations to the Division B Science Olympiad Team, comprised of 7th-9th graders, who took 3rd place at the state tournament on Saturday, March 11. St. Olaf College hosted the tournament, in which 27 teams from 21 schools competed in 18 science and engineering events. Students from Delano brought home 1st-3rd place in 3 events and took 4th or 5th place in another seven events.

Delano Middle School's Science Olympiad teams have advanced to the state tournament each year for the past 20 years. Teams from DMS have competed at the national tournament six times.

Science Olympiad is an international non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement. Events at Science Olympiad competitions are well balanced between the science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics and technology.



SO Team - Back: **Helayna Schafer, Chloe Rodriguez, Lauren Kantrovich, Alyssa Juenke, Gretchen Ness, Kyra Van Batavia, Ethan Ring.** Front: **Ethan Thomas, Maya Rodriguez, Oliver Sturman**

April Testing - Plan Ahead!

Please note the important changes below regarding the April MCA testing schedule at Delano Middle School. Students are encouraged to get plenty of rest, a nutritious breakfast and bring their own headphones. A good balance of leisure/study time is essential as we head into a busy spring schedule of activities and celebrations. Good attendance, communication and helping students make healthy and safe choices will help ensure a strong finish to the school year.



MCA Science

Grade 8 April 3-4
Grade 5 April 5-6

MCA Reading

Grades 7 & 8 April 10-11
Grades 5 & 6 April 12-13

MCA Math

Grade 8 April 18
Grade 7 April 19
Grade 6 April 20
Grade 5 April 21

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family and student's bright future!

- Steven Schaubeger
Assistant Principal

Letters About Literature Good Luck Contest Finalists!



Letters About Literature is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on the state and national levels. Out of the 339 letters submitted in Minnesota, 63 middle school letters have moved on to state-level finalists with winners to be announced later this spring.



Sydney Kazin, Ashlynn Kley, pictured to the left and Karinne Bomstad and Chet Jakola, pictured on the right, were all smiles when their letters were chosen. The following is an example of a letter written through Karinne's eyes, about the book *Out of My Mind*.

Dear Sharon M. Draper,

I've always loved my cousin James, I just didn't fully understand him. Your book, *Out of My Mind*, helped me to better understand how he may feel.

Your book taught me at a young age that everyone is different and shouldn't have to worry about being the same as others. I realize we can do a lot of good or a lot of harm to people. While reading your book, my thoughts on people changed, whether they are just like me or have disabilities or their race or whatever it may be. More and more questions started to come to me like, what if I had cerebral palsy, or couldn't speak, or couldn't walk well, or didn't have as many friends as I do now? How would I like it? Being pushed around, treated like a baby? I would hate it! That's when I realized, I need to change. I understand everyone can impact others.

I wonder how it would be to be like Melody, to be swept away, be treated like I'm small again. The way my cousin has to be, my cousin is handicapped, so your book gave me wings to fly with him throughout his life, and I thank you for that. Lots of people look at others who are different from them and just hate on them, and they don't even know them or their story. That hurts me to see that in this world of ours. We hurt people by treating them so wrong!

When Claire was pretending to be friends with Melody to sound like a better person, I realized some people aren't always what they seem. Some people just want to look like they are amazing when really on the inside, and what we don't see, some people are real jerks! I don't want to be like that, and I don't want other people to be like that.

As you can tell, your books really changed the way I view many things. I really enjoy your books and can't wait to read more! They motivate me to want to make others happy. Thank you for helping me with this huge change in my life.

Sincerely, Karinne Bomstad

School Food Service Accounts End of Year Notice

Effective Wednesday, May 10, through the end of the year, there is no charging of any amount to purchase a lunch or breakfast. This will eliminate negative balances at year end.

Account deposits must be turned in to the office by 10 a.m. each day to be recorded by lunch time. To check your current account balance you can login to Family Access on the Delano schools website at www.delano.k12.mn.us and click on "Food Service."

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Tracie Erickson at 763.972.3365, ext. 2136, or via email at tracie.erickson@delanoschools.org

We Want Your Feedback!

Please help us by taking a very quick survey for Delano Intermediate School working groups to determine curricular options. We have created a "skills" class intended to provide learning opportunities for essential skills outside of the core subjects. This survey will help the DIS staff develop the content and scope of this class.

[Click here](#) to take this survey. Thank you!

April Calendar

3-4	MCA Science Test - Grade 8	
5-6	MCA Science Test - Grade 5	
10-11	MCA Reading Test - Grades 7 & 8	
10	MS Conferences	4:30-7:30 pm
	Butter Braid Fundraiser Pick-up	
	<i>Cafeteria</i>	4:30-6 pm
12-13	MCA Reading Test - Grades 5 & 6	
14	Holiday - NO SCHOOL	
17	MS PIE Meeting	6 pm
18	MCA Math Test - Grade 8	
19	MCA Math Test - Grade 7	
20	MCA Math Test - Grade 6	
21	MCA Math Test - Grade 5	



Earth Day is April 22, 2017
Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Replenish. Restore.
EVERYDAY!

Congrats to DMS Mathletes!



The 6th grade Math Masters Competition which took place on March 2 in Hutchinson, bode well for these smiling mathletes, as they brought home 1st and 3rd place team awards. Zach Hemmesch is all smiles as he holds his award for placing 1st out of 77 students in the individual category. Math Masters is coached by Gwen Briesemeister, Gifted and Talented Coordinator and 6th grade teacher Natalie Palmer. This program seeks to strengthen student's problem solving skills in a variety of math areas including probability, statistics and percents.



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