

TIGER TRACKS

Happy Spring DMS Tigers!

As I'm writing this article for the newsletter, "State Tourney Fever" is sweeping through the middle school as our high school athletic teams prepare for their end of season runs. It is exciting to observe the enthusiasm of the entire community rally around our school activities. Delano has much to be proud of.



Alex

Unfortunately, that fever isn't the only thing passing through the middle school. DMS has been hit hard by particularly nasty illnesses recently. Hopefully the warm weather will allow everyone to open the windows, get outside for some fresh air, or start the spring cleaning a bit early to rid ourselves of these bugs. We are approaching a difficult stretch in the school year and school attendance is extremely important. We have limited breaks scheduled as we approach the spring months and MCA testing is right around the corner.



Miles

Finally, please help me welcome three new staff members to the DMS team. All three are joining us as our full time staff are welcoming new additions to their families. **Mrs. Alexandra (Alex) Lindstrom** - School Counselor, is replacing Nicole Gohman from February 2 to April 21. **Mr. Miles Wangensteen**, Social Studies Teacher, will be taking over for Mrs. Marji Miller in 8th grade World Geography some time in March through the end of the school year. **Mrs. Teresa Campbell** will be assuming the 5th grade teaching position in place of Mrs. Erin Olson. She will take over the rest of the year as soon as Mrs. Olson departs for her newborn children.



Teresa

We are excited to welcome these new members to the DMS Team. Please don't hesitate to reach out to them and be sure to meet them during spring conferences on April 10, 2017.

- **Barry Voight**
Principal

Preparing for MCA Tests

We are heading into the last trimester of the 2016-2017 school year. Things are literally heating up! As we head into spring, please keep April's MCA testing in mind. The DMS testing schedule is posted on the middle school website, but the following is a summary of upcoming testing dates. **MCA Reading tests will be administered April 3-7, beginning with 7th and 8th graders on Monday and Tuesday and ending with 5th and 6th graders on Wednesday and Thursday. MCA Science tests will begin with 8th graders testing on April 10-11, and 5th graders testing on April 12-13. MCA Math tests will be administered April 17-21, beginning with 7th and 8th graders on Monday and Tuesday and ending with 5th and 6th graders on Wednesday and Thursday.** Please encourage your child to get plenty of rest, nutritious breakfasts and a balance of leisure/study time as we head into a busy spring schedule of testing.

In addition to testing, the spring is filled with band/choir concerts, extra-curricular activities, Tiger Pride celebrations, the Long Lake Conservation 5th grade trip and much more. Please make a concerted effort to plan any family vacations, student appointments and other absences to outside the school day, especially on testing days if at all possible. Regular attendance is crucial as we prepare students for a strong finish academically, socially, physically and emotionally.

We believe in partnering together with you to help your student achieve their potential. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your family and student's bright future. These are exciting times!

- **Steven Schaubeger**
Assistant Principal



We Exceeded Our Goal!



We did it! Delano Middle School's goal of \$8,000 was surpassed by \$291.63! This is the highest dollar amount DMS has ever raised in an effort to support the fight against blood cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world while providing free information and support services. In 2016, 3.1 million dollars went to support blood cancer research in Minnesota alone. Over the years, Delano Middle School has raised \$91,594.11 for Pennies for Patients. This equates to 183 families receiving travel expenses of \$500 each.

Congratulations to Mr. Schramel's class and Mrs. Olson's class for achieving the highest classroom totals. These classrooms will be rewarded with a Domino's Pizza Party.

We want to thank our students, parents, staff and community members for their generous donations towards this important cause. Without your time and contributions, this would not have been possible!



Winter Activity Day Fun!



Snow tubing, skiing, swimming, fun and games and crafting were all part of the fun of Winter Activity Day. A day for students to experience new opportunities and share activities with those they may not have met before - new friendships are formed with students and staff!

MS Science Olympiad Team 2nd at Regions



The MS "Division B" Science Olympiad team won 2nd place out of 11 teams at the Regional Competition on Saturday, January 28 at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. The 7th-9th graders competed in pairs in a variety of testing and construction events like Anatomy, Meteorology, Microbe Mission, Rocks & Minerals, and Tower building. Each member of the team took home at least one 1st-4th place medal.

Team members pictured above include: **Front Row (l to r):** Ethan Thomas, Alyssa Juenke, Oliver Sturman. **Back Row (l to r):** Chloe Rodriguez, Lauren Kantrovich, Kyra Van Batavia, Helayna Schafer, Gretchen Ness, and Ethan Ring.

Their next stop is the state competition to be held on Saturday, March 11, at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN.

March Calendar

7	Butterbraid Fundraiser Kick-off MS Jazz Festival Jazz Festival Concert	7 pm
	<i>MS Auditorium</i>	
20	MS PIE Meeting	6 pm
23-24	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	
27	Teacher Workshop - NO SCHOOL	



The 2017-18 School Calendar was recently approved by the Delano School Board and is posted on the front of the Delano School website. [Click here](#) to view the 2017-2018 Calendar.

This will help you plan your schedule for the coming school year. The 2017-2018 calendar reflects shorter breaks and a condensed year due to building projects on campus.

Middle School Jazz Festival - March 9

Delano will host the 3rd Annual Middle School Jazz Festival on Thursday, March 9, 2017. This festival gives middle school musicians an opportunity to see other middle school jazz bands perform and work with professional musicians. This is a non-competitive event. There will be four area middle schools participating this year.

The featured group at this year's festival will be *The Adam Meckler Orchestra*. Trumpeter Adam Meckler has toured all over the world as a performer with bands such as the *Youngblood Brass Band*, *Jack Brass Band* and the *Jana Nyberg Group*. His orchestra is loaded with great local musicians that will bring high energy big band sound to the Delano Middle School auditorium. The orchestra will provide clinicians during the day to host a master class for middle school musicians. In the evening, they will host a concert beginning at 7 p.m. in the DMS auditorium.

Tickets for the evening concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They can be purchased in advance from Mike Dailey, DMS Band Director via email at mike.dailey@delanoschools.org or phone at 763.972.3365, ext. 3060.

This is going to be a fantastic, high energy concert you won't want to miss!



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