

Voter Approved Operating Levy Expires in 2012-2013

The Delano School Board has held two informational meetings to seek input and discuss the status of the voter approved operating levy that will expire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year. Parents and community members have asked questions and shared concerns that will help us determine the amount and the length of the levy which is being proposed.

The students at Delano Public Schools consistently perform well on all measures of academic achievement. The average class size across the district is 24 students per class. Given the nature of the funding system in Minnesota, the voters of the school district determine the level of educational programming that they desire, through the operating levy.

**Voter Approved Operating Levy
Informational Meeting
Thursday, April 14
7:00 p.m.
Delano City Hall**

We would like to invite you to the third in a progression of informational meetings that began in March. We continue to look for input from parents and community members as we determine a strategic approach to solve the need to renew the operating levy.

When looking at the district's financial position, the sooner the levy is approved, the better. Our goal through these meetings is to answer questions of our stakeholders and to receive input on how to proceed in the future regarding school funding. Educational Excellence is our Foremost Goal. Our intention is to keep it that way!

**-Dr. John Sweet, Ed. D.
Superintendent**

For current school information, log on to Dr. Sweet's blog at <http://suptslog.blogspot.com/> or join the district's Facebook page at www.delano.k12.mn.us.

6th Grade Math Masters Dominate at Regional Competition

Three 6th Grade Math Master teams from Delano Middle School competed at this year's regional competition that was held at Belle Plain Elementary School on Friday, March 11. The super sixth grade mathletes took 9 out of 10 individual awards and also received numerous medals in the individual fact drill and problem solving categories. Delano Team #1 took home first place for the third year in a row, while Delano Team #2 earned fifth place and Delano #3 earned second place. The students competed in a fact drill, individual and team solving categories. All areas of math were covered from probability, statistics, percents and measurement.

Individual Award Winners: Tucker Sjomeling, Martin Eichers, Jack Weber, Isabel Fink, Allyssa Dunnigan, Grant Kangas, Kiera Grant, Seth Thaelke and Stephanie Almquist.

Fact Drill Individual Awards: Jack Weber and Tucker Sjomeling.



Front Row (l to r): Tucker Sjomeling, Seth Thaelke, Jack Weber, Martin Eichers, Allyssa Dunnigan. **2nd Row:** Grant Kangas, Kiera Grant, Stephanie Almquist, Wyatt Hill, Christian Eidahl. **Back Row:** Katie Schleif, Shanie Streacheck, Isabel Fink, Elliot Reitan, Immy Johnson

**Congratulations to all the participants
for an outstanding job!**

DMS History Day Projects Headed to State Competition

Five Delano Middle School projects took home first place honors and one honorable mention at the regional History Day competition that was held on March 3, 2011, at Mankato State University. 36 students from DMS competed in this year's regional event. All the projects were created around this year's central theme, "**Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures and Consequences.**"

Students worked individually or with small groups to develop a museum exhibit, documentary film, website or performance. These students worked for more than three months researching and developing their projects. Each project was required to use a variety of research techniques and resources which included journals, books, live interviews, archival footage and online resources.

Nationally, History Day is a highly-regarded academic challenge with more than 500,000 students involved in the competition at the local and regional fairs. The state finals will be held on Sunday, May 1, at the University



of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus.

Taking first place honors this year are:

Jenna Grangroth & Laura Kivisto

Documentary: *Large Scale Farming: The Debate of Price vs. Health*

Kailyn Warne & Alex Skartvedt

Documentary: *Roe vs. Wade: Two Year Case, Never Ending Debate*

Kailey Johnson & Emily Hartman

Documentary: *Embryonic Stem Cell Research: The Debate of Moral Beliefs vs. Medical Benefits* (pictured top)

Elliot Reitan, Thatcher Larson & Cole Vosper

Exhibit: *The Big Bang Theory* (pictured bottom)



Anna Schleper & Rylee Sevigny

Exhibit: *The Orphan Train: On Track to a New Life.*

SNAP/Food Support Program Offers Assistance to Local Families

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) sponsored by Second Harvest Heartland, is working with Wright County Food Shelves and Financial Services of Wright County to spread the word about the SNAP Outreach Program and how it can help families in District 879. This program reaches out to individuals and families to increase awareness about the availability of SNAP benefits, and provides enrollment assistance to those who are eligible. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, only 64% of eligible individuals take advantage of SNAP benefits, leaving a large portion of this resource unused. These are the ways SNAP can help:

- Provide you with information about SNAP/Food Support Program
- Screening to determine eligibility
- Application assistance
- Advocacy through the SNAP/Food Support Process

These services are free of charge. For more information on Second Harvest Heartland and the SNAP Outreach Program, log on to www.2harvest.org. You can also contact Carrie Lindquist, SNAP/Food Support Outreach Specialist for Wright County at clindquist@2harvest.org or via phone 612.247.1446.

Don't let you, your family or your neighbors go without nutritional meals. Reach out to those who care and can help when assistance is needed. Contact SNAP today!

Would You Like to Share Your Voice in a Community Choir?



Did you sing in high school or college and want to sing in another choir? Do you sing in a church choir, but you would like another chance to sing during the week? Have you always wanted to sing in a choir but have not had the chance to sing? Mr. Andrew Beard, Delano High School Choral Director, is organizing a community choir to sing at this year's May 24 high school concert. This group will meet on Thursday mornings from 7:15-7:45 a.m. The first rehearsal will be April 24. Singers are asked to attend at least 3 of the 5 rehearsals between April 21 and May 19. For more information please contact Andrew Beard at abeard@delano.k12.mn.us or via phone at 763.972.3365, ext. 3057.

District Schools Raise Money for Pennies for Patients

From Early Childhood Family Education to Delano Elementary and on to Delano Middle School, students were striving to raise awareness and collect pennies for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. Students learned about charitable giving and were involved in activities at school to raise awareness about these devastating diseases.

The ECFE program held a carnival that raised \$500.00. The elementary school kicked off their fundraiser by inviting Will Pogue's mother, Jamie, to speak about how this disease has impacted their family. Will is a kindergartner at DES and is in remission. Elementary staff and students went on to raise \$7,648.12. At the middle school, the students held a carnival filled with games and activities to kick-off their fundraiser. The students sold smoothies to raise money and brought in their own coins, dollar bills and donations from parents to support the cause. They also received a generous donation from Precision Tools to help bring their total to \$7,200.01

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and pennies to this fight against Lymphoma and Leukemia. Funds for research to find a cure for these diseases depends on education and community effort!

"Take Note"

Delano Music Boosters Dinner & Silent Auction

Come support the Delano High School band and Choir Programs! Solos, duets, trios, quartets - choral and instrumental, will showcase their talents at this dinner sponsored by the Delano Music Boosters.

When: Sunday, April 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Where: DMS Auditorium

Cost: \$16.00

Tickets are available at Coborn's and the Delano High School office.

"Our students work extremely hard and this event provides these ensemble groups an opportunity to perform for the community," expressed DHS Band Director Jason Koets.

"This promises to be an exciting night of musical entertainment and will include performances by the Jazz Band, Sound Revolution, and numerous small ensembles who have practiced all year to perfect their pieces for competition," added Andrew Beard, DHS Choral Director.

The mission of the Delano Music Boosters is to advocate for the band and choir programs by providing support to staff and students, raising funds to increase student music opportunities and fostering musical growth in the community.

Destination ImagiNation Teams Rock at Regionals

Delano Public Schools were well represented at the regional Destination ImagiNation (DI) tournament that was held on Saturday, March 12, at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. Twelve teams competed in an array of challenges that were chosen by team members last fall.

Delano Elementary teams consisted of one 2nd grade team, two 3rd grade teams and two 4th grade teams. One of the 4th grade teams, **The Sugar Packets**, solved their Challenge A-Technical problem with class, taking 2nd place and gaining a spot to compete in the state tournament.

The teams from Delano Middle School, three 5th grade teams, one 6th grade team and one 7th grade team showed their depth and talent during the competition and will be sending three teams to state. The 5th grade teams, **Ah-ha**, taking 3rd in the Challenge 3-Theatrical and **Yo Yo Beanz**, taking 1st in Challenge E-Structure Building. Also taking 1st place, was the 7th grade team **Progress in Reverse**. The competed in the Challenge B-Scientific problem and their experience shined through.

Delano High School also has two teams that are advancing to the state competition. These teams, **New and Improved**, took 1st place in Challenge B-Scientific and

WOW blew past the competition with taking 1st place in the Challenge A-Technical problem. Delano student Alex Harris and her Orono DI team, **Late Night Pool Crew**, will also be advancing to state by winning the first place honors in Challenge D-Improv.



The Sugar Packets, shown competing above, in the Challenge A-Technical problem.

The state tournament will be held on Saturday, April 16, at Champlin Park High School.

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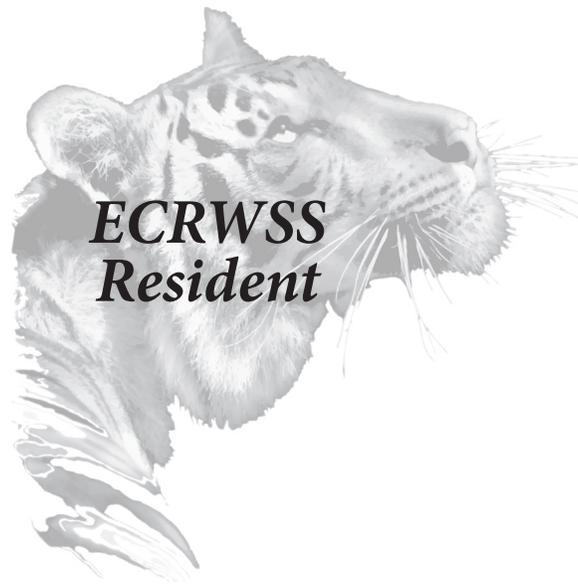
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April Events

1	Spring Break - NO SCHOOL	
7	4th Grade Concert	7 pm
	Community Education Advisory Council Meeting	6:30 pm
10	Delano Music Boosters Dinner & Silent Auction - DMS Auditorium	5 pm
11	DHS P.I.E. Meeting	7 pm
12	DES P.I.E. Meeting	7 pm
	DHS Site Base Meeting	7:15 am
13	DMS Site Base Meeting	7 am
14	Operating Levy Informational Meeting	
	Delano City Hall	7 pm
	Tiger Kids Club Summer Registration	4-7 pm
	DHS Spring Musical	7 pm
15	DHS Spring Musical	7 pm
16	DHS Spring Musical	1 pm
	Tiger Fun Fair	4-8 pm
	Tiger Activity Center	
19	DMS P.I.E. Meeting	6:30 pm
22	Holiday - NO SCHOOL	
25	School Board Meeting	7 pm
28	7th & 8th Grade Band Concert	7 pm
30	Prom	
	Grand March - Tiger Activity Center	5:00 pm
	Dinner/Dance	7:30 pm

For the most up-to-date athletic schedules, log on to www.wccconference.org. Game changes and updates are posted daily.

Come Join the Fun!

6th Annual Tiger Fun Fair
Saturday, April 16



Bring your appetite for food and fun to the Tiger Fun Fair hosted by the Delano Elementary School P.I.E. 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 16.

Come play on the Crayon Playland Moonwalk, the Castle Obstacle Course and the Joust/Bungee Fun Inflatable. Along with these activities, the evening will be filled with sports games, pre-school games, activities such as face painting and balloon animals and lots of food! NEW this year is a chance to win an IPOD Nano by playing in the Cash Vault. For BIG prizes, look for the games with the Tiger Paws. 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 each and can be purchased at the door the day of the fun fair.

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