



# CHALK TALK

## DEERFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2010

#### Chalk Talks with Superintendent

Deerfield Public Library  
10:00 – 11:00 AM  
May 12<sup>th</sup> 2010



#### Upcoming BOE Meeting Dates

May 17, 2010 6:30 PM  
June 21, 2010 6:30 PM



#### BOE Members

Chris Page-President  
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#### DCSD Administration

Michelle Jensen, Superintendent  
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Principal  
Mark Becker, ES Principal



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#### Early Release Dates

May 12, 2010 – 1:30 PM  
May 26, 2010 – 1:30 PM  
June 4, 2010 – 1:30 PM

#### Middle School Dates

May 27, 2010  
6:00 PM  
MS Awards Night

**Spring Greetings!** As the school year draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our graduating seniors and staff retirees. The Class of 2010 with 52 graduating seniors will celebrate their commencement on Sunday, June 6 at 1pm in the high school gymnasium. During my senior interviews, students often share their gratitude for the many opportunities they have enjoyed in a small school setting. They feel supported and encouraged by the staff and by the community. What a terrific foundation for their future!

Additionally, we also wish our staff retirees well in their retirement plans. This year we will celebrate the service of three individuals who have a combined service of almost 100 years to the district. Eleanor Hicks and Karen Grob have served the district for many years through secretarial and aide positions helping teachers and students. Veda Stavonet, a middle/high school family and consumer education teacher, has devoted 31 years to students and families through her teaching and advisorship positions. The public is invited to join the district in celebrating their service and retirement on Tuesday, June 1 from 4-7pm at the Cambridge Country Club. Tickets for the optional buffet are available by calling the district office. –*Superintendent Michelle Jensen*

#### Principal's Corner - *Mark Luetschwager, MS/HS Principal*

Fourth quarter symbolizes the end of the academic year. Academically, we prepare for the finality that the end of the school year brings. Final tests and student projects are the theme in many classrooms.

Some important events that may go unnoticed also occur. The ACT and PLAN tests are administered to students in April. The tenth graders just completed the PLAN test on April 15<sup>th</sup> and many other juniors and seniors have been taking the ACT test throughout the year as they prepare for college. The PLAN test sponsored by ACT is a precursor to the ACT test taken by many high school students. We administer the PLAN test during the sophomore year. The results of the PLAN test are valuable to individual students as well as school districts as they provide a glimpse into areas of academic strength, as well as academic areas that may need improvement. Colleges use the ACT test as a benchmark for admission and often help determine the path a high school senior will follow. The PLAN and ACT results from our students give the administrative team and teaching staff valuable data to help us prepare for the upcoming school year.

As we reflect on all the great events and accomplishments of the 2009/2010 school year, we send another great senior class on to start the next phase of their life. I am confident that our seniors have acquired the skills needed to be successful beyond high school and wish them well.

#### District Objectives

Based on the community feedback at the *Forward... Together* event, the following four objectives were established by the Board of Education for 2009-2010.

**Student Achievement:** The DCSD will provide high quality programs for all students that lead to the continued improvement on all measures of student achievement.

**District and School Climate/Wellness:** The DCSD will provide a safe, secure, and connected environment for students, staff, and community.

**Community Relations:** The DCSD will strive for meaningful collaboration with stakeholders and will ensure that communication between school, home, and community is continual and open.

**Budget and Finance:** The DCSD will devote resources to the district priorities in a fiscally responsible manner.

### High School Dates

May 22, 2010  
8:00 PM - Midnight  
Prom

June 2, 2010  
6:00 PM  
Senior Awards Dinner

June 6, 2010  
1:00 PM  
High School Graduation



### District

June 1, 2010  
4:00 – 7:00 PM  
Cambridge Country Club



**WDEE** – Cable Channel 95 or  
986 ..... DVDs can be ordered for  
most school events by calling  
(608) 764-2514

### Principal's Corner - *Mark Becker, Elementary School Principal*

As we go down the home stretch of the school year, we have many exciting events taking place at the elementary school. Some of these are happening in particular grade levels, while others are school-wide events.

**Music** – Our grades 3-5 students put on a wonderful performance for our school community in our annual spring program on April 15. The students sang a variety of patriotic songs that celebrated our heritage as Americans. If you would like to catch another performance from our talented musicians at the elementary school, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will be performing under the direction of Mrs. Thomas.

**Summer School Registration** – Online registration for summer school began on April 20. The link for all summer school information is at the top of the district website – [www.deerfield.k12.wi.us](http://www.deerfield.k12.wi.us). Summer school session A runs from June 14-July 2 and session B runs from July 12-July 23. You may also sign up for Extended Summer School through the community center online as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Becker at 764-5442 ext. 5201.

**Character Education Day** – Character Education Day will take place on June 3 at the elementary school. Students are treated to a morning of games, a picnic lunch, and a DJ in the afternoon for their hard work all year supporting good character in our school.

Thank you for your support in creating a positive learning environment for our students.

### Referendum Update from the Business Office

It is exciting to provide the Deerfield Community with an update on the expenditures related to the school referendum passed by voters in September, 2008. We are nearing the completion of the second year of the 5-year referendum to improve school facilities, replace curriculum and refresh technology. The 2009-10 approved referendum allocation is \$325,000.

Below is a categorized summary of school referendum expenditures for the current school year through March, 2010.

#### **Curriculum \$56,216**

Major curriculum expenditures include new science textbooks for grades 6-8; new curriculum for the tech education department and new curriculum software for the high school computer lab.

#### **Facilities \$228,963**

Major facility improvements include updating the controls and the computer system for the high school HVAC system; painting and resurfacing the high school gym floor; new interior doors and hardware throughout the high school and new sinks/plumbing/walls in the art classroom.

#### **Technology \$20,188**

Major technology improvements include refreshing a high school computer lab and purchasing a student computer for each elementary classroom.

School administrators and the board of education continue to plan forward for the remaining three years of the referendum. Future projects tentatively scheduled for next year include phase II of the high school roof repair project, parking lot/asphalt repairs, replacing curriculum and refreshing another district computer lab.

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