

# DK Schools Community Newsletter

GROWING TOGETHER. PURSUING EXCELLENCE

## A Word From The Superintendent

With the holiday season quickly approaching, this is the best time, but also the busiest time, of the year.

To keep track of what's going on in each building, the best place to look are the weekly newsletters each school building sends out. Our website's calendar has a ton of events listed, including all the high school sporting events. Also, on the backside of this newsletter are many of the upcoming events and the high school winter sports schedule.

This is a great time to too to talk to your student about our new Character Education slogan, "Defined By Character- Not Circumstance." As the holidays approach, schools often see a rise in discipline referrals. This maybe due to the extra excitement that accompanies special events. It

could be caused by the fact students have been back at school now for a few months and the "honeymoon" period is over. By focusing on their "character" and not "circumstances," we can encourage students to stay focused on having integrity, respect, and perseverance. Although we're all familiar with student starting to lose motivation as seniors, often called "senioritis," even Kindergarten students begin to get fatigued by the daily challenges of school. Students need Christmas break as much as the rest of us.

This is the perfect time to encourage students to keep up the hard work, despite the busy holiday schedules, as we pursue excellence.

-Kyle Corlett, Superintendent

## Course Highlight

Middle School teacher Nicholas Claus advises the robotics club whose robot took its first steps last week! The club is part of the district's focus on promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Our focus on STEM begins with a STEM class in elementary, taught by Mr. Bates, and continues through high school, where we hope to start a robotics team this school year. These programs wouldn't be possible without teachers like Mr. Claus, Mr. Bates, and, of course, DKS students.



## Emergency Early Dismissals

With winter fast approaching, it's a great idea for parents to make an emergency plan for what to do if students are sent home early or if school is canceled due to inclement weather or power outage. If school is canceled, who will watch your young ones? If school is released early, will someone be home when the bus drops them off?

With the recent power outage the school experienced, it would be good for parents to know some of the guidelines the school district follows if school should be canceled. Without going into too much detail, first, if the power is out for one hour, with no communication from Consumers Energy that it's coming back, we will cancel school for the remainder of the day. There are some circumstances when an exception can be made, but without water and heat, it is not good to keep students too long. However, it is a priority to feed students lunch if possible. Second, we want to give parents at least one hour notice that their child is coming home. So when creating your emergency plan, consider that you will receive one hour notice, unless the circumstance requires students to be sent home faster. If you have any questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.

## Strategic Plan Update

As part of the strategic planning process, the superintendent has led a focus group with parents and high school seniors. Five parents provided feedback from everything from safety to academic programs. The five students provided feedback on everything from school lunches to AP classes. Scheduled next is a focus group with staff members, followed by surveys for students, staff, and community members. The school board will then use the information from the focus groups and surveys to create goals for the next 3-5 years.

## Panthers Pursuing Excellence

-Thank you to all of the veterans who attended our Veteran's Day assembly. We are blessed to have so many veterans locally who have served in the armed forces and for students and staff who show appreciation for their service. A special thank you to Sara Knight and Margaret Martin for their hard work to present this wonderful program.

-Congratulations to our students who completed Fall sports including our football, soccer, and volleyball teams.

Also, congratulations to the students in the high school play "Emma" for a great play and to the band for their successful fundraising.

-Our new Character Ed. logo is "Defined by Character- Not Circumstance." You can find posters, like the one in the picture on the right, all around the schools. Each school is recognizing students for displaying the character traits, such as integrity, perseverance, and respect.



Above: Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Boze speaks with students while a character education poster is visible on her white board.



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### Upcoming Events

- Sun., November 19- Free Brunch Fundraiser at Grove Street from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for Delton Kellogg Community Foundation's scholarships
- Wed., November 22- ½ day for Students & Staff (Thanksgiving Holiday Break)
- Thu., November 23- NO SCHOOL
- Fri., November 24- NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 6-11- Book Fair at Delton District Library (closed the 10th)
- Sat., December 9- Craft Show and Home Town Christmas 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in MS Gym Wed., December 13- Preschool Christmas Program- 6:30 p.m. in HS LGI
- Thu., December 21- HS Band Christmas Concert in HS Gym Fri., December 22- Full day of School for Staff & Students
- Fri., December 22- Elementary Christmas Program- in Elementary gym
- December 25, 2017 - Jan. 5, 2018- NO SCHOOL (Holiday Break)

### Winter Sports Schedule

#### Girls Junior Varsity Competitive Cheer

12/02/17	Plainwell	Away	TBA
12/30/17	Delton	Home	9:00 am
01/13/18	Gull Lake	Away	1:00 pm
01/20/18	Paw Paw	Away	10:00 am
02/09/18	Caledonia	Away	6:00 pm
02/14/18	Vicksburg	Away	6:00 pm

#### Boys Varsity Wrestling

12/02/17	Lakewood	Away	8:30 am
12/06/17	Hamilton	Away	6:00 pm
12/09/17	Delton	Home	9:00 am
12/13/17	Constantine	Away	6:00 pm
12/16/17	Holland	Away	9:00 am
12/20/17	Galesburg Augusta	Away	6:00 pm
12/29/17	Ionia	Away	9:00 am
01/10/18	Martin	Away	6:00 pm
01/13/18	West Catholic	Away	9:00 am
01/17/18	Coloma	Home	6:00 pm
01/20/18	Hopkins	Away	9:30 am
01/24/18	Fennville	Home	6:00 pm
01/27/18	Lakewood	Away	TBA
02/03/18	Coloma	Away	9:00 am

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12/13/17	Constantine	Away	5:00 pm
12/20/17	Galesburg Augusta	Away	6:00 pm
12/22/17	Holland	Away	5:00 pm
01/06/18	Lakewood	Away	TBA
01/10/18	Martin	Away	6:00 pm
01/12/18	Three Rivers	Away	4:30 pm
01/17/18	Coloma	Home	6:00 pm
01/24/18	Fennville	Home	6:00 pm
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#### Boys Varsity Basketball

12/05/17	Kelloggsville	Home	7:00 pm	
12/08/17	Schoolcraft	Away	7:30 pm	
12/15/17	Hackett	Away	7:30 pm	
12/19/17	Martin	Home	7:00 pm	
01/05/18	Lawton	Away	6:00 pm	
01/09/18	Parchment	Away	7:00 pm	
01/12/18	Constantine	Home	6:00 pm	Hall of Fame Night
01/16/18	Kalamazoo Christian	Home	7:00 pm	
01/19/18	Galesburg Augusta	Away	7:30 pm	
01/23/18	Fennville	Home	7:00 pm	
01/26/18	Schoolcraft	Home	7:30 pm	
01/30/18	Maple Valley	Home	7:00 pm	
02/02/18	Hackett	Home	6:00 pm	
02/06/18	Martin	Away	7:00 pm	
02/09/18	Lawton	Home	7:30 pm	Winterfest
02/13/18	Parchment	Home	7:00 pm	
02/16/18	Constantine	Away	7:30 pm	
02/20/18	Kalamazoo Christian	Away	7:00 pm	
02/23/18	Galesburg Augusta	Away	7:30 pm	
03/01/18	Saugatuck	Away	7:00 pm	

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01/03/18	Delton	Home	6:00 pm
01/06/18	Northpointe Christian	Away	TBA
01/10/18	White Pigeon	Away	6:00 pm
01/13/18	Gull Lake	Away	1:00 pm
01/17/18	Coloma	Away	6:00 pm
01/20/18	Paw Paw	Away	10:00 am
02/02/18	Portage Northern	Away	TBA
02/03/18	Gobles	Away	3:00 pm
02/09/18	Caledonia	Away	6:00 pm



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