

Comet Community Chronicle

Moving Forward with Promise

April 1, 2019

Dear Fellow Comets,

Hello. I hope everyone enjoyed Spring Break. As we enter into the final months of the school year, I want to share that we will be offering Summer School again! With the theme *To Infinity and Beyond*, students in grades kindergarten through high school will be having FUN...FUN, and more FUN! Summer School will last 7 weeks starting on Monday, June 10th through August 1st with the week of July 4th off. Summer School is Monday through Thursday from 7:50 AM to 12:50 PM. We will be running bus routes and breakfast as well as lunch will be served. Boys and Girls Club is partnering with the district to offer wrap around care.

A variety of FUN courses will be offered this summer- Craft Camp, Ocean Adventures, Science Concoctions, Cooking, Swimming and more. We will also offer 9th grade Health for credit allowing some students to complete one required course before the year even begins. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks.

I want to finish my message sharing many of the exciting projects happening at Phoenix Middle School and Darien Intermediate School. These projects will create unique spaces for next year's students.

At Phoenix, we are about halfway complete with the renovations to the auditorium. As you may know, this auditorium was greatly in need of a facelift. We have removed the 52 year old chairs, painted the ceiling, walls, and floor, and are waiting for the new seats. In addition, we have created a unique space off the library where next year we will continue exploring computer coding (Robotics) based on the work students start in elementary school.

At Darien Intermediate, 3rd and 4th graders will experience three new spaces on the 2nd floor. There will be a designated area where students explore science through hands-on experiments, learn history surrounded by local relics, and get comfy with a book in the Drop Everything and Read space. In addition, the technology space and library are getting a new look as well.

On a final note, a reminder that **we will have school on Monday, April 22nd** to make up for one of our snow days and reach the required number of minutes required by the state.

Comet Proud,

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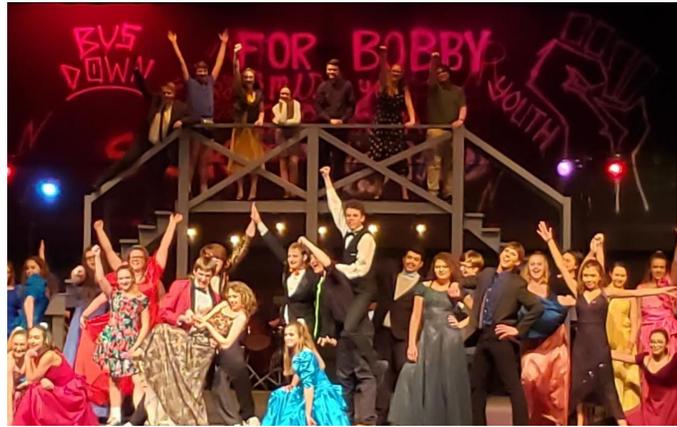
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Delavan-Darien High School

One quarter of the year remains at DDHS. We began March with many community members coming out and enjoying the UW Marching Band put on an excellent show at the high school. We followed that up with a very successful blood drive that exceeded our attendance goal with over 100 volunteers. We celebrated a successful musical as our student thespians put on three nearly sold-out shows of Footloose The Musical. Finally, we finished the month with our sophomores completing the first part of the Wisconsin Forward Exam.



Looking forward to April, we have many more activities and opportunities to get excited about. We will be hosting our German Exchange students from April 1-11. All high school students, including our exchange students, will be invited to attend Prom on Saturday, April 6, at the Riviera in Lake Geneva. This year's

theme is "Enchanted Forest." The Southern Lakes Conference will then be celebrating the top academically performing students on Sunday, April 7 as we will be participating in the SLC Academic Top Ten Banquet.

Our freshmen & sophomore students will be taking the ACT Aspire on April 9, 10, 11, 16 & 17. We will finish our standardized assessments on April 24 & 25 as our sophomores will conclude the last part of the Wisconsin Forward Exam. Then, just as we brought the month in with our German Exchange students, we will end the month with sending our own DDHS students off to Germany from April 27 through May 12.

Clearly we have offered a lot, and continue to provide many opportunities for our students and the community. Please consider supporting our Walworth County Food Drive by bringing in non-perishable food items and dropping them in the boxes outside the front office, before April 13. To find out more, we



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encourage you to attend either of the two remaining Community Collaboration events on April 1 or May 6, beginning at 6 PM in Quad 151 at DDHS.

Phoenix Middle School

March 8th Phoenix Middle School held its first ever Be-You-tiful you girls lock in for grades five and six. Girls had an opportunity to explore what it means to be strong, independent and unique, as well as how to build a community of support for each other. The participants enjoyed dinner, games and activities such as yoga, self-esteem building and self-defense.



Congratulations to the Phoenix Academic Bowl competitors in the team Second place finish. Students were selected by their teachers to represent the Comets in one of the following subjects: Math, Science, Language Arts or Social Studies. In addition, there was a multi grade level current events competition. Below were the results:

Anna Lock- First Place, grade 8 Language Arts, Joshua Brown - First Place grade 7 Mathematics, Logan Thiele - First Place grade 7 Social Studies, Tyler Kligora- First place grade 6 Social Studies, Felipe Leal, Olivia Van DeBogart, Tyler Kligora, Thomas Cobb and Camden Lockhart- First place team current events.

Thomas Cobb - Second place grade 8 Science, Camden Lockhart- Second place 7th grade Science, Olivia Van DeBogart - Second place 7th grade Language Arts, Kylene Yartey - Second place grade 6 Math

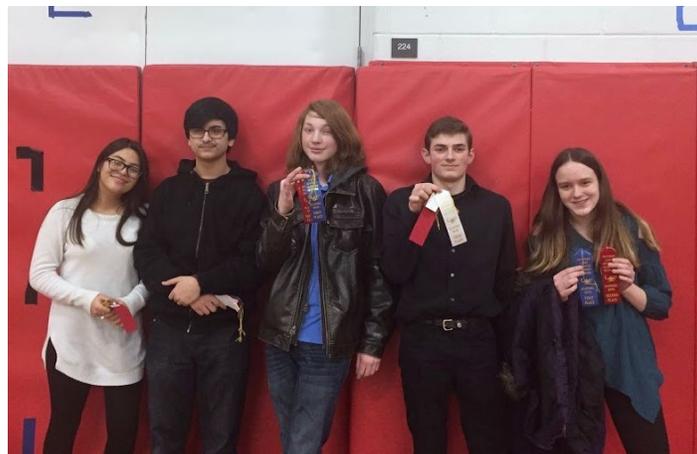
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Ezekial Rice- Third Place grade 8 Social Studies, Felipe Leal Jr. - Third place grade 8 Math, Mason Rodrigues- 7th grade Science

Other participants included: Melanie Mayorga grade 8, Maahi Patel grade 6, Sebastian Duran grade 6 and Alaina Sorg, Grade 6.



Forward Exam is Coming: Phoenix Middle School students and students around the state will be taking part in the annual Wisconsin Forward Exam. This exam is used to create our annual school report card. The last two years our report cards have significantly exceeded expectations, and we hope to maintain that score. Testing will occur on April 8, 9,10 as well as April 15 and 17. You can help by encouraging your student to get a good night of rest and encouraging them to give their best effort. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Mark Your Calendars for these coming Events:

April 16 - Spring Pictures by Lifetouch

April 19 - No School

April 26 - Grade 6,7,8 Activity Night 6PM-8PM

April 30 - Spring Band Concert 6PM-8PM

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Turtle Creek Elementary School

The Turtle Creek students competed in the 2019 Mount Everest Reading Challenge. Throughout the school week (this is an in-school challenge) teachers kept track of the minutes their class read silently; also known as DEAR (Drop Everything and Read). The goal was to read 1000 minutes to reach the summit in 6 weeks and 17 classes made it to the top. In all, the students read 22,693 minutes. The students learned all about Mount Everest through geography, math, science, history, and fun facts about mountain climbing.

This year a group of our "veteran" students, AKA 4th graders, are working with our 1st graders. Fourth grade Peer Helpers were nominated by their classroom teachers to participate in this opportunity. The students meet with their 1st grade buddies three times a week for 10 minutes to work on sight words (reading and spelling common words seen in text). It's a win-win for all of our students! Our 1st graders very much enjoy the time and 1:1 attention with their buddy and are flying through their words. Our 4th graders equally enjoy supporting and interacting with our youngest students while growing their leadership, responsibility, and empathy skills.

Our Reading Restaurant was a huge success. Teachers chose a theme for their rooms and each room had books to read and snacks to eat. The restaurants/themes included The Chocolate Factory, Digital Diner, Marvelous Musical Munchies, Dinosaur Diner, Clark's Cupcake Cafe, Count and Chow, The Machine Room, Sight Seeing, L&L Laugh Lounge, Inventos Impresionantes, Leaders y Liders, and Fountain of Fairy Tails. It was great to see all the families spending quality time together!



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The 4th graders began their Forward testing the week before Spring Break. They will be completing the Science portion of this before break and then the Social Studies, ELA, and Math portions in April. The 3rd graders take the ELA and Math portions and will complete these in April also.

Wileman Elementary School

Thank you to all the families that attended our Math Mania 2019 Activity Night! The students were able to show off some great math skills to their parents and take home some simple and fun activities to work on building their number sense at home!



Our 4K families also had a great time attending our monthly Outreach event focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math). The students were able to move around from activity to activity and problem solve, build and use their creativity! This is a great time for families to come to school and participate in activities together!



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Wileman Upcoming Events:

4/1: School back in session

4/5: Report Cards go home

4/19: No School-Good Friday!

4/22: **Students are in session** (originally an inservice day)