

LUMBERJACK LEDGER

NOVEMBER 2024 - FAMILY & STAFF UPDATES



DCS Families and Staff,

Can you believe that we've already finished the first quarter of the school year? We've been working hard at DCS, and we have a lot of things to celebrate. First and foremost, I want to let you know how thankful I am to work at Deposit CSD. Our kids, staff, and families are truly the best. I regularly get emails and comments about how respectful, smart, and engaged our students are when they are out in Deposit and the surrounding area. We should all feel proud of their accomplishments. This newsletter will provide you with some important dates and information about things that are going on here at DCS. Please check out the section about the upcoming capital project vote in January. Reach out with questions at any time. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. ~ Denise Cook, dcook@deposit.stier.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these events!

11/25 & 11/26 : 1/2 Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences for
Elementary; Dismissal at 11:15 AM
11/27-11/29: Thanksgiving Break
12/6: Elem. Picture Retakes
12/9: Capital Project Presentation @
5:30 PM in Elem. Library
12/9: Board of Education @ 6 PM in
Elem. Library
12/11: Winter Concert @ 6:30 PM HS
Auditorium
12/16-12/20 Spirit Week
12/20: Breakfast with Santa @ 7:30
AM in Elem. Cafe
12/23-1/3: Winter Break - No School
1/6: School Resumes



DCS staff gets in on the Halloween fun!

Winter weather is approaching! The District will send text messages, emails, and phone calls about delays and closings. Closings are also posted on our website, Facebook page and local news stations. Make sure you've opted in for text messages by texting "YES" to 68453. Also make sure your phone number is correct in the system.



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CELL PHONES AT SCHOOL:

As you know, DCS implemented a new policy at school this year that limits the amount of time our students are on their phones and other devices. Although it's been a bit of a transition, we're seeing positive results from the changes including increased student connections with peers and staff. You can see the new policy here: [73 - Student Cell Phone Use Adopted 092024.pdf](#)

REGENTS EXAMS IN JANUARY:

In January, we have many students taking Regent's Exams during the school day. In order to proctor and score the tests, there will be NO SCHOOL for students in grades 9-12 on January 21st. On January 22nd, students in grades 9-12 will be dismissed at 11:30 AM to accommodate for an afternoon exam. A bagged lunch will be provided for students on the 22nd before they leave. All other grades pk-8 will be on the regular schedule for both days.

ATTENDANCE GOAL: When your kids are healthy, we want them to be at school. From pre-k to senior year, attendance at school every day is important. Our goal is to have kids in attendance at least 95% of the time. That means they're only missing 9 days of school throughout the year. We understand that kids get sick and have other emergency situations happen. We're here to help! If you need assistance with medical care, vaccinations, or virtual appointments, make sure you reach out to our school nurses.

ATHLETICS: Congratulations to our fall athletes and their coaches!

Our D-H Field Hockey team made it to the Sectional Final this year. They finished runners-up, and we are very proud of the team's success this year. In the end, they finished with a 14-4 record. Our Volleyball team went all the way to the Section Semi-finals this year, ending the season with an 11-6 record. The D-H Football team also made it to the Section Semi-finals this year, finishing with an 8-2 record. The D-H Cross Country team had 9 runners compete in the State Qualifier. Although no runners advanced, several of them set personal best times for the season during the race. Impressive season from all athletes!



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE: Last year, we finalized the capital improvement project that was planned by the community in 2021. This included upgrades to the MS/HS including new science labs, new office areas, a new library/student cafe space, new bathroom facilities, and an upgrade to the auditorium. In March, 2024, voters approved a project that will allow us to upgrade our security systems. That project will begin as soon as New York State approves the final plans.

On January 7, 2025, taxpayers will vote on the next proposed capital project which includes but is not limited to the following:

- Air conditioning in district classrooms
- Upgrades to the elementary playground to include ADA equipment
- Upgrades to the Home and Careers room in the MS-HS
- Repairs to existing window sills and masonry to increase efficiency
- Addition of a single toilet room in the elementary building
- Replacement of handrails in MS/HS
- Built-in case work and flooring replacement in the MS HS

The scope of this project was developed with input from community members, staff, architects, and health and safety specialists. Don't forget that the taxpayers will have the final say as to whether or not the project gets approved. These projects require careful financial planning so that the end result is a zero additional tax impact for our community. You'll receive information about the project in the mail, but you'll also have the chance to attend an in-person meeting about the project on 12-9 @ 5:30 PM in the elementary library, or Zoom in to hear about the project on 1/6/25. The vote will take place on 1/7/25 from 2-8 PM in the band room. Snow date for vote is 1/8/25.



DEPOSIT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ON-SITE FOOD CENTER

LOCATION: BACK OF BUS GARAGE
WEDNESDAY: 8:30-11:00
THURSDAY: 11:30-2:00

Contact: lbigelow@deposit.stier.org
To Register, call on Mondays between 8:30 AM - 12 PM
607-467-2198 x 2321

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with food, check out our Lumberjacks' Shack Food Center located at the bus garage. Call Megan Decker or Laura Bigelow to learn more @ 467-2198 x 2231. The food center is an option for all DCSD residents and is open two days a week.



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Amanda Ray signs intent to play D2 Field Hockey for Mansfield University



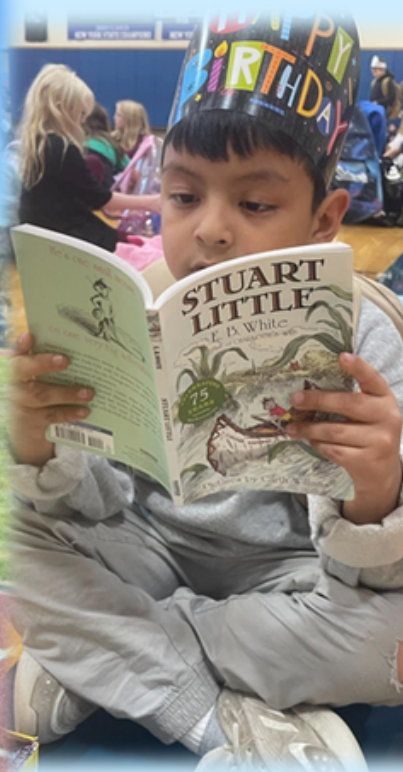
Seven new students are inducted into the Deposit Chapter of the National Honor Society



Students from Mrs. Luce's class hosted a Veterans' breakfast in honor of the local men and women who served our Country.



Homecoming King & Queen, Blake Fortunato and Darby DeGraw



Joel reads Stuart Little for the elementary school One School, One Book Program

DEPOSIT CENTRAL
SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Enjoy breakfast and spend a little time with Santa!

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 20, 2024
DEPOSIT ELEMENTARY CAFÉ
7:30 AM



CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER EAT FREE.
ADULT BREAKFAST \$3.00

IF YOU ARE ARRIVING WITH YOUR CHILD,
USE THE ENTRANCE AT THE BACK NEAR THE POOL

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

