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French Club members study French Impressionism at the Indianapolis Museum of Art

High School Clubs = Learning Fun

French Club - Mrs. Tyner

Members of “Le Cercle Francais” participate in a variety of events and activities. Holidays, such as Noel and Mardi Gras, are celebrated with “buche de Noel” and “King” cakes. For the past 25 years French Club members have volunteered at SIA’s breakfast with Santa by wearing costumes of Frosty, Rudolph, and more to entertain thousands of children. Favorite field trips include the Indianapolis Museum of Art to study French Impressionism with a professional docent and a trip to the Gallery Pastry Shop where students receive instructions from a French pastry chef and make their own macarons and croissants. The end of the year is celebrated at The Melting Pot restaurant where students enjoy a 3 course decadent fondue dinner.

Spanish Club - Mrs. Hollingsworth

Spanish Club is one of many clubs offered at the high school. It has about 30-40 members each year. The purpose of the club is to learn about the cultural happenings throughout the Spanish speaking world. For example, last year students had a taste testing of the foods of Spain. Most students were not fans of the green olives! Students also sampled foods made from the tamarind, a fruit found throughout Central America.

As a club, we were invited to a special private showing of the movie, “Coco” by another school. We celebrate various holidays, including Dia de los muertos, la Navidad y Cinco de mayo. ¡Que divertido!

Elementary School

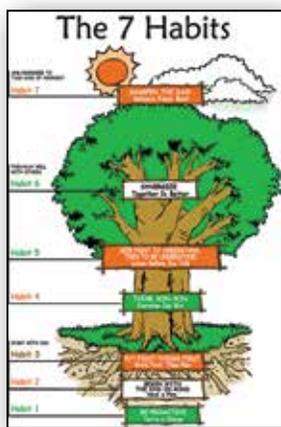
Friends at All Ages

Delphi Community Elementary School has developed many partnerships with community programs over the years; however, one relationship continues to grow stronger and stronger - our bond with our special guests at St. Elizabeth Healthcare, which is located just across the street from the school.



For several years now, our third grade students have spent time monthly at the residence - playing bingo, making decorations and crafts, reading and sharing stories, playing games, and even eating ice cream. Additionally, our students participate in program partnering St. Elizabeth with the Columbian Park Zoo that allows both the students and the residents to experience and engage with some exotic animals. Our students love to talk, share, and laugh with the residents of the facility.

At the end of last school year, approximately twenty residents and St. Elizabeth staff members crossed the street, held up congratulatory signs, and waved as the students and the school buses left the elementary for the last time that school year. We truly cherish those relationships!



The Leader in Me

DCES is thrilled to have achieved the status of officially beginning The Leader in Me process which includes the The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People is a collection of timeless principles such as responsibility, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and personal renewal written by Stephen Covey. This book is a key component of the seven habits to

be taught at our school: **Be Proactive, Begin With The End In Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win Win, Seek First To Understand, Synergize, and Sharpen The Saw.**

Staff and students are excited to begin the process, and we look forward to the rewards of not only working together, but the difference this program will make in all of our lives.

The Leader in Me is also aligned to many national and state academic standards. The process teaches students the skills needed for academic success in any setting. These skills include critical thinking, goal setting, listening and speaking, self-directed learning, presentation-making and the ability to work in groups.

During the first few months, students are working on lessons in their classrooms concerning the habits and how to live them out. If you hear your children saying "I need to put first things first," this is a way of saying they need to prioritize what is most important. Additionally, we have a "HELP WANTED!" board posted in our main hallway for students to apply for school-wide jobs. One such job is the Playground Patrol, which is responsible for maintaining the equipment. Stay tuned for more information concerning this amazing new adventure at DCES!



TRIATHLON

The annual DCMS Triathlon was held on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at Stevenson's Point in Monticello, Indiana. Students from Delphi Community Middle School, Delphi Community High School, Roosevelt Middle School, and Clinton Central Junior/Senior High School participated in the swim/bike/run event, for a combined total of 115 participants!



Middle School

DCMS...Growing LEARNERS and LEADERS!

The hard work of our DCSC school counseling/student services staff has resulted in an amazing opportunity for the students and staff of our corporation. DCSC has been awarded a \$140,000 grant through the Lilly Counseling Initiative. That means that this year, we will begin formal implementation of The Leader in Me (TLIM) across our corporation. This paradigm shift is based on Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. We believe that TLIM will benefit our students both socially and academically, based on the seven core principles that are stressed:

- ◆ Be Proactive--You're In Charge
- ◆ Begin With The End In Mind--Have A Plan
- ◆ Put First Things First--Work First, Then Play
- ◆ Think Win-Win--Everyone Can Win
- ◆ Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood--Listen Before You Talk
- ◆ Synergize--Together Is Better
- ◆ Sharpen The Saw--Balance Feels Best

We will be introducing and emphasizing these concepts to our students, as well as providing information and workshops for our parents and our community members. It truly "takes a village" to raise a child, and we believe that this all-encompassing cultural transformation will truly benefit our entire school community. At DCMS, we are especially proud to be the first middle school in the state of Indiana to be named a Leader in Me school!

This year's motto is "DCMS...growing LEARNERS and LEADERS!" Our motto embodies the ideals stressed by The Leader in Me, as well as our philosophy and our commitment to creating and maintaining an environment that is conducive for student learning, and one that empowers our students, staff, parents, and community, because we strive for academic excellence together. Only through a strong, shared commitment between parents, students, teachers, support staff, and administrators can our students flourish and receive the quality education that is necessary for success in today's society. Together, we will create an environment that will allow our students to be nurtured, to grow, and to reach high levels of academic success.

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HighSchool

NHS - Donna Kreiling

Delphi National Honor Society has had a busy year with much more coming up.

Our NHS started the year giving the gift of life by hosting a Blood Drive in January. Our Snap-raise campaign in February and countless evenings working concessions made it possible to award \$2,000 in scholarships to 5 deserving Delphi NHS members in May.

Coming up we have the Induction Ceremony for new members in our Little Theater on Sept 26. Nathan Harmon from Your Life Speaks will be returning to DCHS as our keynote speaker for our Leadership Development day on November 2nd. Students from NHS, Student Council and SADD will participate in the day long training.

We will end 2018 with our annual Breakfast with Santa event in early December. Watch for flyers at Camden, DCES, and around town as we get closer to this funtastic event.

HS English

Students in English 12 probably feel like they accidentally walked into a Psychology class. The seniors are starting the year reading and discussing the concepts of grit, self-fulfilling prophecy, and growth mindset. The information learned in this first unit of study arm students with some skills that will not only help them succeed in the classroom, but will also help mold them into positive leaders and parents in the future.

Soon the seniors will begin the college and career unit which involves writing college application essays, resumes, and cover letters, along with participating in a mock job interview.

Welcome Back to School Oracles!

Looking Forward to a New School Year



The Educational Foundation of Delphi Community Schools welcomes back all students, faculty, and staff for what promises to be another successful year!

The Foundation recently hosted the 9th annual Settler Slam 3 on 3 basketball tournament in our high school gym. It was a fun event for the field of fourteen teams and we appreciate everyone who supported it. Look for our table at home football games as well as other school events.

Being the Change We Want to See in the World: Delphi Interact and Student-Driven Change



Delphi's Interact/Key Club is comprised of a group of students who are motivated to improve the communities in which they live. Elected officers



organize community service "task-forces" and lead their peers on whatever venture seems the most advantageous to the community being affected. There is a single club sponsor, DCHS's Jacob Mroczkiewicz, an English teacher, who functions primarily as a facilitator of meetings and a liaison to the local Rotary chapter, with whom the Interact club works very closely. If asked why the sponsor often takes the backseat in leading the club, one would probably hear "Mr. M." say that this is a club by the students, of the students, and for the students. This is truly a student-centered and student-driven club. The students who join Interact become active agents for positive change in the world around them.

There are students from various small communities in Carroll County who attend DCSC schools, so the communities that the Interact club seeks to impact are rather far-reaching. For instance, the club's student president leads a group that volunteers bi-weekly at a dog shelter in Lafayette called Natalie's Second Chance. Even though there are exceedingly few students at DCHS who live in Lafayette, it is still a community in need of assistance, just like any other. The club also volunteers locally, however. The club's student vice-president is beginning a monthly campaign to volunteer at local retirement homes, offering any service requested by their superiors. Likewise, the club's student secretary is leading the campus cleanup initiative with an aim toward making DCHS a more welcoming environment. These efforts, along with many others, are designed to exact positive change on the culture of DCHS through student-driven initiatives.

The students who join Interact are asked to be globally-minded as well. Last year, the group organized its first book drive through the African Library Project and helped facilitate the construction of a library for elementary-aged children in Kenya. This year's group will be working to facilitate the construction of a library in Botswana for the same age group. As one can see, the students who join Interact develop positive change not just throughout their own communities, but across the world. The students who chose to join Interact at last week's call-out chose more than just a resume booster; they chose to be the change that we all want to see in the world.



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You're Invited!

The board of Trustees of Delphi Community School Corporation conducts regular meetings at the Central Office on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. You are invited to attend these meetings. Please contact the Administration office in advance at (765) 564-2100 for verification.

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DCHS Band Nationally Recognized

The Delphi Community High School band was chosen in 2017 to be part of a study conducted by Dr. Thomas Reynolds for his doctoral thesis from the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Reynolds is a retired band director of grades 5-12 in the UMass area. He now

works as an adjunct full time professor at UMass to train future music educators.

He chose Delphi Community High School as one of the only Midwest schools and two other schools in New York, based on the study and practices we use in our band class. Delphi Community High School was well represented in the study that Dr. Reynolds did. He visited the school twice to observe rehearsal and to conduct interviews with four other students in the band.

The work that Delphi Community High School does is important and continues to be recognized nationally by others around the country. Mr. Dennison is proud of his band. It is a program that is filled with pride and excellence.



Newsies

This year's Parnassus staff is the midst of the back to school "training period;" however, it won't be long before you can look forward to plenty of new articles and pictures from Parnassus. The Parnassus staff takes pride in keeping the students and community informed and entertained throughout the school year.



All-School Calendar, 2018-19

September 21	Homecoming
September 26.....	NHS Induction
October 8.....	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
October 12.....	End of 1st Nine Weeks
October 17-18.....	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 22-26.....	Fall Break - No School