The De Soto High School Graduation was held, Friday, May 26th in the gymnasium.

We are so proud of the Class of 2017 and we wish all graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

We know they will carry the De Soto Pirate Pride with them on their life journey!

The traditional cap toss was captured by Tom Stingl, retiring Art Teacher and photographer. What a great way to celebrate becoming DHS’ most recent alumni!

Early rising seniors planned and enjoyed a parking lot breakfast on their last day of school. A truly great way to celebrate graduation day! Way to go seniors!
The Storm of September 2016

Last September’s storm is one that will long be remembered for the destruction and loss affecting so many in our region. It will also be remembered for how communities and people of all ages pulled together to support one another in overcoming adversity and rising to the challenge of moving forward. Following the storm, the District immediately worked with Vernon County Emergency Management joining other public entities documenting damage and providing estimated restoration costs that would collectively total millions of dollars.

A little over a month past the storm, the De Soto Area School District was notified on October 24, that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had “declared” Vernon County for disaster relief due to the flash flooding that had caused such significant damage to the area including the De Soto Middle/High School property. A few weeks later, on November 1, representatives from FEMA and the Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) held an information meeting at the Vernon County Courthouse discussing the process for filing public assistance grants that would provide funding for restoration and mitigation projects. The De Soto Area School District submitted an application for public assistance that very day, well ahead of the November 18 deadline. De Soto High School was then selected to host a “Kickoff Meeting” for both the Village of De Soto and the school district on November 9 where the FEMA Public Assistance Coordinator described the Public Assistance Program and the lengthy application process including Federal guidelines on contracts, procurement processes, competitive proposals as well as the requirement to solicit minority owned businesses. Additionally, on the same date, FEMA, WEM, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) representatives met with the district to discuss mitigation possibilities and scope of work considerations for damaged and unrecoverable district property which included:

- Creek debris removal
- Slope sheet piling retaining wall
- Storage shed, football and track equipment
- P.E. green space, football and practice fields
- 800 linear feet of creek bank and pedestrian bridge
- Cement stairway and railing

The District worked throughout December and January abiding by Federal guidelines in the solicitation and review of civil engineer company bid proposals. The School Board awarded the contract to Stormwater Solutions Engineering, LLC (SSE) after reviewing SSE’s restoration/mitigation plan proposal (De Soto Physical Education/Sports Complex & Creek) which included providing a preliminary project cost estimate required by FEMA, topographic survey, flow/flood study modeling, concept plan, final construction plans, specification and cost estimates and obtaining FEMA/DNR permit applications. SSE’s pre-flood site review is summarized on page 3 of this newsletter. Additionally, between January and June, the District collaborated with FEMA in the preparation of four Project grants. It is important to note that FEMA funds 75% of approved project applications, the State funds 12.5% and the District is responsible for the remaining 12.5%. The District was notified on June 16 that three grant applications had been approved for funding:

- Category A—Debris Removal $1,667.36
- Category C—Slope sheet piling retaining wall $36,004.14
- Category E—Shed repair and football and track equipment replacement $29,943.70

The District’s largest Project Category G grant application for $430,735.53 was recently completed by FEMA and covers the restoration and mitigation work for the P.E. green space, football and practice fields, creek bank and pedestrian bridge and cement steps/railing. SSE’s mitigation plan is summarized on page 4 of this newsletter. SSE’s flow/flood modeling of water surface elevations demonstrated that weather patterns creating flooding conditions are occurring with greater frequency, and without mitigation, the main sports field would be submerged multiple times within a 10-year period. More has to be done beyond restoration to the fields and creek to reduce the impact of future storm damage and flooding. The District still awaits to learn the outcome of FEMA and state required reviews by archeological, State Historical Preservation Office, Tribal Nation, endangered resources and environmental departments. Until these reviews are approved and DNR permitting is obtained no work can begin or FEMA funding would be jeopardized.
The De Soto Area School District contracted with Stormwater Solutions Engineering, LLC (SSE) to provide engineering analysis and design plans mitigating future floods on the school P.E./Sports Complex and creek. Rather than solely restoring the facilities to pre-flood conditions, the intention is to introduce mitigation work that will reduce the potential for future losses similar to the magnitude that resulted from the September 2016 storm. During plan development, SSE received feedback from multiple sources including FEMA engineers, WI Emergency Management (WEM), WI DNR and the District Building & Grounds Committee. Proposed mitigation includes lowering the physical education/practice field and distributing the cut material across the main field, as well as improving site drainage and re-stabilizing stream banks. Mitigating the entire physical education/sports complex and creek banks as proposed by SSE ultimately reduces flood frequency and future damages for De Soto Middle/High School property, while maintaining or reducing flood water surface elevations on neighboring properties. The proposal is in the review and approval process by FEMA and WEM.

**PRE-FLOOD CONDITIONS**—On September 21, 2016 Vernon County, WI experienced up to 10 inches of rainfall over a period of 24 hours causing flash flooding throughout the county. De Soto school property, including the P.E./Sports Complex and creek suffered significant damage, as described in the Detailed Damage Description (DDD) report provided to SSE by FEMA. Past flood damage recorded by the District in 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, and 2013 details a history of significant disturbance reinforcing the need for mitigation work.

SSE performed a pre-flood (prior September 2016 event) site review and hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and identified several issues contributing to frequent flood damage (Figure 1).

1) Excess water from the De Soto Creek and the dry drainage channel (northeast of the parking lot and P.E./practice field) overflows on to the P.E./practice field with the flow movement directed towards the track and main field as indicated by blue dotted lines.

2) The P.E./practice field is approximately four feet higher than the track and main field. As the water surface elevation rises, the excess water in the creek and the excess water contained by the higher P.E./practice field banks, are able to suddenly overflow onto the main field. Note: location indicated by yellow circle.

3) A berm constructed to keep excess flow in the creek was breached during the September 2016 event, resulting in both excess waters and sediment from the berm collapse to collect on the main field with no defined drainage path back to the creek.
De Soto Physical Education/Sports Complex & Creek Banks

Proposed Field Mitigation—(See Figure 2 & items 1-5) A variety of combinations of mitigation and restoration practices were explored, including creek bank stabilization and lowering the P.E. and practice field as sole mitigation strategies in combination with restoring the other components of the site. The project is being reviewed by FEMA as it falls under disaster relief funding. FEMA requirements include engineering and topographic surveys, hydraulic analysis (flow/flood study modeling), and approved reviews by archeological, State Historical Preservation Office, Tribal Nation, environmental and endangered resources departments. Any ground disturbance or work on the property is not permitted to commence prior to FEMA and WEM approving the public assistance applications and restoration/mitigation plans. To do so would jeopardize FEMA funding.

The SSE proposal for field and creek mitigation includes the following and requires DNR permitting:

1) Regrading—the P.E./practice field is lowered to intentionally allow for excess creek and stormwater flow storage during large rainfall events. This connects the creek to it’s natural storage area (pre-2008 relocation of creek to west side of the practice field) and the storage area lowers creek water elevations during high flows, as well as reduces creek velocity and shear stress that erode banks.

2) Water stored on the P.E./practice field is directed back to creek, as opposed to the main field.

3) Main field elevation is raised and crowned to maximum slope allowable by WIAA and NFHS regulations for high school football fields to both prevent field from inundation during high creek flows, as well as better drainage if runoff does enter the field.

4) Improved sideline drainage away from team areas to reduce or eliminate sideline ponding during games after heavy rains.

5) Use of rock size mixes, topsoil, seed, mulch and vegetative stream bank restoration will provide maximum stability and protection of stream banks, while maintaining creek quality and aesthetics.
Award Winning Staff and Board

The Stoddard American Legion and the De Soto Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) annually sponsor a Community Awards Banquet honoring veterans and auxiliary members along with area educators, local firefighters and the Vernon County Sheriff’s department. VFW Commander Jerry Halvorson honored two from the De Soto Area School District. Nicole Egge was named as the VFW Teacher of the Year and Holly Wagner as the VFW Support Staff Person of the Year. Nicole Egge is the Title 1 teacher at Prairie View Elementary and she also serves in district capacities as the Talented & Gifted Coordinator, Educator Effectiveness Coach and as a member of the English Language Arts Curriculum review team. Egge is known for her dedication to students and helping them become the best learners they can be. Commander Halverson presented Holly Wagner with her Support Staff award. Wagner began working the De Soto District over 15 years ago as one of the second shift MS/HS custodians. She changed positions to work in the kitchen for several years and was the baker responsible for the daily homemade bread and other goodies. Several years back, Wagner switched to the daytime MS/HS custodial position and assumed the responsibilities of the Lead Custodian. Along with her custodial duties, Wagner works in the CLC After-School program helping students with homework and providing student enrichment through sewing, cooking, and drama activities.

Kirk Holliday was honored for his 20 years of service on the De Soto Area School Board. Holliday received this award at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards annual conference where he was further recognized by State Superintendent Tony Evers. Holliday is the current board treasure, a position he has held for twelve years. Holliday is also a board representative on the Building & Grounds Committee and has had oversight of the MS/HS referendum project and long range maintenance and development planning for grounds and facilities. During his Board service, Holliday has worked with 5 superintendent administrations and his Board experience and historical knowledge of district operations has been greatly valued by the district.
Governor Walker Visits Prairie View Elementary

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker gave some love to De Soto students while visiting Prairie View Elementary in Retreat, WI on Valentine’s Day. Walker chose Prairie View to promote his proposed 2017-19 budget plan because Prairie View has been recognized for its outstanding academic progress. Walker took time for photo ops and to talk to school board and community members after his initial speech. He then moved to the library where he presented more information on his proposed budget for 2017-19 explaining, “We’re putting more money into education than the state has put into K-12 ever before.” Walker noted that the budget would be focusing more support in rural districts, estimating De Soto would benefit from about $600,000 more in sparsity aid. This was SOOO COOL for the students. Regardless of politics, meeting a sitting governor of the state is an experience most school-aged children will never have. SO, excited for them that he came to the school. He also did an excellent job in speaking to the entire student body.

Prairie View students greeted Governor Walker upon his arrival meeting him outside the building and then escorting him into the assembly where the Governor spoke to the entire Prairie View student body along with students who were in attendance from Stoddard Elementary and De Soto Middle & High School.

Left to Right: Prairie View 5th graders pose with Governor Walker are Madison Kumlin, Katelynn Kunert, Kyle Jarzemski and Jerry Webber.

While at Prairie View Elementary School, Representative Lee Nerison and Governor Walker congratulated Kirk Holliday for his 20-year service award presented by the Wisconsin Association of School Board at the Association’s annual conference.
De Soto Alumni, Where are they now???

2013 DHS graduate, Kody Larson, recently finished his collegiate baseball career. Kody played at Rochester Community & Technical College for two seasons before finishing his final two seasons at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, MN. Congrats Kody!

Calling All Alumni and Families

Have you moved too many times, your parents downsized or flooding or fire destroyed your yearbook(s)? We might be able to help you replace what you thought was irreplaceable!

With summer reorganizing, we have uncovered several additional copies of yearbooks. We would like to provide the community with a chance to purchase these books at a deeply discounted price.

Please call or email Jackie in the District Office, 608-648-0102 or jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi.us, to see if we have years you are missing. Most of what we have is late 90’s through 2015-16. We also have Middle School yearbooks from 1994-2016 if you are interested.

Remember, once a Pirate, always a Pirate!

TEAM DRAKE

Cheryl Russell-Miller and Ev Wick show off their new haircuts with Drake Kumlin. Their new haircuts raised over $2,000 and was collected at various spots throughout the community to support the Kumlin Family.

Holmen Football & De Soto Alumni Mark Englerth Visits Drake

De Soto head football coach Ev Wick surprised Drake by introducing him to Holmen School District Activities Director - and 1983 De Soto graduate, Mark Englerth, and Drew Becker, Abe Molline and Craig Newsome, Jr - three members of the Holmen High School football team, as well as Holmen assistant football coach and former Green Bay Packer Dback Craig Newsome. The Holmen Viking team presented Drake with a signed football and Coach Newsome gave him a signed photograph from his Packer days. Newsome played with Green Bay for four years from 95-98 followed by one season with the 49ers.

l to r: Ev Wick, Dar Kumlin (Drake’s dad), Abe Molline, Craig Newsome, Drake Kumlin, Craig Newsome Jr, Drew Becker, Garrett Redmond, Mark Englerth
2017-18 Board Meeting Dates

Monday, July 17
Monday, August 21
Monday, September 25
Monday, October 23—Annual Meeting & Board Meeting
Monday, November 20
Monday, December 18
Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19
Monday, March 19
Monday, April 16
Monday, May 21

All meetings are open to the public and held in the Middle/High School LMC at 7:00 pm unless posted differently. Remaining meetings will be set following the election.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM HI-LIGHTS

Middle/High School

Weight Training
This course, open to both boys & girls entering grades 7th-12th for the 2017-2018 school year, is intended to build core strength and flexibility for our student-athletes. Students have a set program to follow on a daily and weekly basis. A mix of circuit and strength training provide students with a full workout throughout the course.

ACCESS – (Agility, Conditioning, Core, Endurance, Strength, Speed)
The focus of ACCESS is to develop strength, speed, and overall athleticism. Workouts include speed drills, strength/core training, and flexibility drills specific to athletes and injury prevention. ACCESS is beneficial to any athlete in any sport, but is also offered to everyone interested in getting into shape. The ACCESS course, open to both boys & girls entering grades 7th-12th for the 2017-2018 school year, runs daily Mondays through Fridays starting at 8, 9, and 10 AM.

Elementary

Session 3: The “Jump Start” PK-6 program ran from July 24-August 4 from 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. The program offered enrichment and academic skill refreshers and also included a free breakfast for all students.

School Board Members
Rick Pedretti, President
Jess Boardman, Vice-President
Kirk Holliday, Treasurer
Geri Fox, Clerk
Dan Fladhammer
Brent Hutchison
Jeff Long
Dean Penkalksi
Kevin Walleser

Wellness Center Summer Hours
Open to the Community
The Strength & Conditioning Center at the Middle/High School is supervised and open to the Community.

Hours are: Tues & Thurs—6:00am to 7:00am and Mon thru Wed—6:00pm to 8:00pm.
For more information call (608) 648-0100.

Supervised and open to Students only
Mon-Fri—8:00am to 11:00am

Dave Anderson, Executive Director of the WIAA (second from left) honored De Soto staff for their years of service at the WIAA State Track Meet on Friday, June 2. Mike Chapes (left) received a 10-year service award and Du-Wayne Gronning (second from right) received his 20th year service award. Also pictured is Linzi Gronning (right) who received her 20th year service award in 2016.
Student Enrichment Activities

The school district is proud that our students have the opportunity to participate in the following enrichment activities and field trips:

♦ Fire Prevention Week—Stoddard students visit Stoddard Fire Department and Wheatland Fire Department visits Prairie View

♦ Splash Park & Sweet Shop

♦ Plays and Musicals at Viterbo—4K thru 5th grades

♦ Pumpkin Farm—4K-5K

♦ Hixon Park—1st grades

♦ Norskadalen—2nd grades

♦ Roller Skating—3rd grades

♦ Kickapoo Valley Reserve—3rd grades

♦ Villa Louis (Dousman Mansion)—4th grades

♦ Heritage Fair—4th grades

♦ Farm & Safety Trip—4th grades

♦ Bowling—4th grades

♦ State Capitol, Zoo, & Museum—4th grades

♦ Fish Hatchery—5th grades

♦ Ski Trip—5th grades

♦ Rendezvous 5th grades—sponsored by 7th grade

♦ Wyalusing—6th grade

♦ Rendezvous—7th grade

♦ Washington, DC—8th grade

♦ Mexico—High School

♦ Costa Rica—High School

♦ FFA—Senior trip to Chicago

♦ FFA—Jag Lake

♦ Field Day—All Grades—Alternate traveling every other year between Stoddard to Prairie View

What’s Happening in the Kitchen?

Did you know school lunches must meet strict federal standards which ensure that meals are well-balanced to provide students with all the nutrition they need to succeed? School lunches offer vegetables daily, including specific vegetable subgroups weekly (dark green, orange, legumes) and a limited quantity of starchy vegetables throughout the week.

The De Soto food service department continues to work on ways to reduce food waste and improve school meals despite strict guidelines. A flavor station is one cafeteria change that was introduced in October at the Middle/High school. The flavor station consists of pepper, cayenne pepper, garlic powder, parsley, marjoram, rosemary, Mrs. Dash and a variety of hot sauces. The flavor station allows kids to season their vegetables and meals themselves without adding sodium. The food service department is also working on developing a Food Service Student Advisory Committee. The students will share new ideas, promote school meals and learn about nutrition. The meetings will be held once a month during the regular school day.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director—608.457.2101 ext 610 or bknuson@desoto.k12.wi.us

Lost & Found Items

Lost and found items seem to magically appear in hallways, left in the bathrooms, locker rooms, commons, gym or library. There are a variety of nice clothing items including sweatshirts, hats, shirts and pants. We know that parents work hard to provide these items for students so we have a table located near the office at each school building. Please stop by the lost and found table the next time you are in our buildings. You may find something you had forgotten you had lost.

FREE & REDUCED MEALS

“Free and reduced meals” is a USDA government sponsored program that provides meals at a reduced cost or free to eligible families. Applications are available at your school office. There is no limit on how many times you can apply for the benefit. So, if your income situation has changed, please complete an application today to see if your family can benefit.
REGISTRATION REMINDER

Please mark your calendars and review the registration mailing sent in July!

All 4K-12 Student Registration will be held:

Monday, August 14th
11am to 7pm
De Soto Middle/High School

This will be the time to take school pictures, make lunch deposits, talk to the school nurse, find out about bus routes, athletics and so much more.

_________MEET TEACHERS & VISIT CLASSROOMS_________

Monday, August 14
6th grade/new MS students—5:30pm—New Gym; 9th grade/new HS students—6:30pm—New Gym

Wednesday, August 30
Elementary Back-to-School Night—3:30-7:30pm at both Stoddard & Prairie View

De Soto High School Supply List 2017 – 2018

♦ 2 dozen ball point pens (blue or black ink)
♦ 1 dozen correcting pens or pencils (red)
♦ 2 dozen #2 pencils (regular or mechanical)
  ♦ 2 Pink Pearl pencil erasers
♦ 10 – 20 folders (should cover the entire year)
♦ 10 – 20 College ruled notebooks (spiral or composition)
  ♦ Loose leaf paper (3 hole punched)
    ♦ Colored pencils
♦ 2 boxes of Kleenex per family
  ♦ 3 X 5 Index cards
  ♦ Basic calculator

Individual Teachers may request additional specific supplies throughout the year. The list above should last all year. Students should keep enough supplies at school to cover current classes and maintain additional supplies at home to replenish as needed. This will help with locker organization.
## De Soto Middle School Supply List 2017-2018

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### All Grades (Please turn in to Ms. C on first day for storage)
- 3 boxes of Kleenex per middle school family
- 1 container of disinfecting wipes per middle school family

### Note: Individual teachers may request specific supplies throughout the year. For the sake of organization of your student's locker, please limit the amount of extraneous materials.
Prairie View Elementary School
Supplies for 2017-2018

Pre School
Book Bag (large enough for folder, library books, and projects)
1 Folder with 2 pockets
Rest Mat (plastic/vinyl covered)
1 Box of Snacks to share with class
Extra Change of Clothes
1 Box of Kleenex

Boys Bring      Girls Bring
1 Box Markers   1 Box Crayons
1 Bottle of Glue 2 Glue Sticks
1 Box Ziploc Baggies 1 Container Clorox Wipes

Please label clothes, book bag, rest mat, folder with his/her name.

Kindergarten
Book Bag (large enough for folder, library books and projects)
2 Boxes of 24 crayons (labeled)
4 or more Elmer’s Glue Sticks
Vinyl Rest Mat (labeled)
1 Box of Snack Crackers
2 Boxes of Crayola Markers
1 Subject Wide Lined Notebook (labeled)
2 Containers of Sanitizing Wipes
1 package of Napkins

Grade One
1 - Dozen of #2 Pencils
Large Eraser and Pencil Toppers
Elmer’s Glue & 2 Glue sticks
Box of 24 crayons
Expo Dry Erase Markers
Two Folders
Pencil Box
1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
1 Container of Clorox Wipes
1 Box of Kleenex

Grade Two
1 Large Eraser and Pencil Toppers
2 Folders
1 Dozen of #2 Pencils
Expo Dry Erase Markers
Scissors
Crayons
Color Pencils
Pencil Box
2 Glue Sticks
Washable Markers
Box of Kleenex

Grade Three
1 Dozen of #2 Pencils
1 Large Eraser
24 Count Crayons
Expo Dry Erase Markers
Scissors
3 Boxes of Kleenex
2 Large Containers of Sanitizing Wipes
2 Large Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
1 - Two pocket folder

Grade Four
Scissors
2-Dozen of #2 Pencils
Large Eraser
Colored Pencils
Expo Dry Erase Markers
24 Crayons
Markers
Pencil Box
3-Large Glue sticks
3-2 Pocket Folders
1 - 1 ½ inch Binder
1 Large Container of Sanitizing Wipes

Grade Five
Scissors with point
1-Dozen of #2 Pencils
Colored Pencils
Expo Dry Erase Markers
1 Highlighter
Crayons
Markers
3- Spiral Notebooks
2-Large Glue Stick
Ruler Metric and Standard
3-Folders
100 Index Cards
STODDARD ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2017-18

EC/4K
Large Backpack (Labeled)
1 Pkg. Glue Sticks-Boys
Vinyl Rest Mat (Labeled)
1 Two Pocket Folder (Labeled)
Change of Clothes (Labeled)
1 Box of Snacks
1 Box of Kleenex
1 Box of Markers-Girls
1 Bottles of Elmer’s School Glue-Girls
1 Box Quart Zipper Bags-Girls
1 Box of Crayons-Boys
1 Pkg. of Anti-Bacterial Wipes-Boys

KINDERGARTEN
Large Backpack (Labeled)
Napkins
Vinyl Rest Mat (Labeled)
Clorox Wipes
2 Boxes of 24 Crayons
Child Scissors (Labeled)
1 Bottle Elmers Glue
2 Large Pink Erasers
4 Jumbo Elmer’s Glue Sticks
1 Large Box of Kleenex
1 Box of Snack Crackers
1 Pack of Dry Erase Markers(Expo)
1 Box of Thick Crayola Markers
1 Box of Thin Crayola Markers
1 Box Highlighters
1 Red 1Subject Wide-Lined Notebook
1 Plastic Pocket Folder (Labeled)

GRADE 1
1 Box #2 Pencils 1 Pack Glue Sticks
2 Large Erasers Pencil Box (Labeled)
Crayons (24) Backpack (Labeled)
Scissors 2 Boxes of Kleenex
Choice Folder (Labeled) Wipes-hand
Dry Erase Markers 1 Box Snack
1 Pack Napkins
5 Notebooks-Wide-Lined- green, yellow, blue, red, choice

GRADE 2
Crayons (24) Scissors
1 Box #2 Pencils Pencil Box
Elmer’s Glue (White) 2 Boxes of Kleenex
2 Pocket Folders 1 Box Crackers
2 Large Erasers
2 Large Glue Sticks (White)
Colored Pencils
2 Wide-Lined Spiral Notebooks

GRADE 3
#2 Pencils 2 Fine point Dry Erase Markers
Scissors 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
2 Highlighters
2 Pocket Folders
1 Pkg. Notebook Paper & 1 Notebook (Wide-Lined)
Eraser
1 Pencil Pouch or Box
1 Large Glue Stick
12” Ruler (In. & Cm.)
Crayons (24)

GRADE 4
#2 Pencils & Sharpener
2 Red Pens
2 Pocket Folders-Different Colors
Crayons
Ruler (In. & Cm.)
Eraser
1 Bottle of Elmer’s Glue
2 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Pack of Loose-Leaf Paper (Wide-Lined)
Pencil Box
Colored Pencils
Yellow Highlighter
2 Dry Erase Markers
Scissors
1-1” Three Ring Binder
3 Notebooks-Different Colors

GRADE 5
2 Notebooks
#2 Pencils
Colored Pencils
Erasers
Red Pens
Highlighters
Ruler (Metric & Inches)
6 Pocket Folders
Crayons (24)
4 Boxes of Kleenex
Pencil Box
Small Scissor
In January, twenty-seven De Soto Agriculture seniors enjoyed Von’s final annual senior Ag trip to Chicago (before retirement!) and gained a wealth of educational knowledge. They travelled via Amtrak from La Crosse and stayed at the Palmer House Hilton in the Loop. They enjoyed the Willis Tower (formerly Sears), Museum of Science & Industry, Shedd Aquarium, Field Museum, and the Federal Reserve. Other schools that travelled with the group included Viroqua, Kickapoo, La Farge, Seneca, Westby, Brookwood, and River Ridge. Highlights were the stunning daytime views on the Willis Sky Deck, The Bean panhandler, U-505 submarine, dolphin and 4D shows, Chicago pizza, and Miller’s Pub’s RIBS!
The Grand Excursion Floats Again

In 2004 the Art Department was asked to paint a mural for the Grand Excursion for the Village of Ferryville. This mural was destroyed by the flood in 2008. The Ferryville Vision and Promotion Board asked the Art Department repair and repaint the original mural. The money raised for repainting the mural will help support the 2017 yearbooks. The students who helped Mr. Stingl with the mural were Julia Stalsberg and Fletcher Helgeson. The Art 3 class scrapped the old paint off and the wood shop class fixed the supports on the back of the 4 section mural.

Poetry Contest with Mrs. Alfson

This Spring Mrs. Alfson facilitated a poetry contest for the Middle/High School. Many thanks to staff judges Mr. Morrison, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Crandall and Mrs. Gronning.

Middle School Free Verse
1st Place: Alan Matson

High School Free Verse:
1st Place: Brianna Ziegler
2nd Place: Liam Schaller
Honorable Mentions: Tymber Huebner and Kole Berg

High School Haiku:
1st Place: Rachel Veglahn
2nd Place: Ben Rice
Honorable Mentions: Brandon Parr and Austin Anderson

High School Limerick:
1st Place: Julia Wopat
2nd Place: Wendy Hoff
Honorable Mentions: Gary Zellmer and Mrs. Alfson’s CST

Congratulations to all who participated and shared their creativity!

DE SOTO BAND STUDENTS
SUMMER BAND LESSONS!!

Summer back-to-school band lessons began Tuesday, July 18 and are held in the De Soto Middle/High School band room.

Mr. Arneson will be in the band room on a daily basis from 9:00am to as late as 3:00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Students are welcome individually or in groups. Mr. Arneson notes that everyone should plan on a lot of fun practicing together or with him!

For questions or to schedule a particular date/time, please contact Mr. Arneson by cell at: 608.606.4268 or school at: 608.648.0109
FORENSICS AWARD WINNERS

Please extend your congratulations to the forensics students who participated in the State Forensics Competition this past Saturday in Madison. All of them performed at their best, earning Silver and Gold awards. A Silver is earned for scoring 23 or 24 out of 25. A Gold is earned for scoring a perfect 25 points. Thanks to teachers who offered their time and allowed students to practice and perform in their classes.

GOLD AWARDS:
Group Interpretive Reading - Eliana Klemme, Johnny Ziegler, Sean Ziegler and Izzy Audetat

SILVER AWARDS:
Four Minute Speech - Ethan Heckler
Play Acting - Cassidy Gillespie, Rachel Wellman, Grace Mitchell and Katelyn Krause
Play Acting - Kayla Hermier, Breanna Pedretti and Grant Chapes
Play Acting - Xenia Ibarra and Sam Marley
Solo Acting Humorous - Anna Busteed
Solo Acting Serious - Sierra Martinson

TECH ED CLASS VISITS TRANE

Mr. Fuglsang and his Manufacturing class spent part of the day at Trane Plant 7 seeing how hard it is to “Stop a Trane”.

DOSE OF REALITY

Mrs. Kuchta coordinated the Junior Class attending Reality Days held at Westby High School. This is a great opportunity for students to experience life after High School. Students are assigned jobs, income levels, family size and more. Organizations and businesses are on hand to show students how to pay their bills and manage situations as they arise. What a great dose of reality!

MathCON

Eighty De Soto Middle and High School students elected to take part in a national online math competition. De Soto students joined over 45,000 students from across the nation who took part in the competition during a seven week testing window between January 16 and March 3. Test questions required ingenuity and insight and students participated in a 45 minute timed test consisting of 45 math problems with a varying degree of grade level difficulty. Last year, seven students from Wisconsin received scores earning them either a bronze, silver or gold ranking with one middle level student earning a grade level national championship title. State and nation wide rankings are not published to date, however, fourteen De Soto students scored above 200 earning Honorable Mention recognition. The De Soto MathCON coach is high school math teacher, Ms. Chelsey Oswald.
DE SOTO TRAP SHOOTING CLUB
The De Soto Trap Club has a new tool to use when practicing in poor weather conditions, a simulator. The Retreat Sportsman’s Club recently invested in a shooting simulator using funds requested through the De Soto School District Community Fund 80 program. What a great way to share resources to help all youth have the opportunity to experience the sport of trap shooting. Thank you coaches Scott Kelly, Caron Malin, Kirsten Jandrin and all the parents and community members who assist with the program. Your support is so valued!

UW-Platteville Engineering Expo
On Thursday April 6th, De Soto High School students in Mr. Campbell’s Physics and Applied Science classes traveled to the University of Wisconsin – Platteville’s Engineering Expo to take part in the Model Bridge building contest. The balsa wood bridges were tested on how many pounds of force they could withstand before breaking. The average load held by the bridges built by the classes was an impressive 202 pounds. Patrick Gillespie had the highest strength to weight ratio, earning himself a t-shirt and 29th place out of 440 entries. Darin George’s bridge tested the strongest, holding 258 pounds and finished in 30th place. Other top 50 finishers were Sierra Tully, Julia Wopat, Isaiah Kunert, Ben Rice and Brandon Parr.

Pictured from L to R: Skylar Honken, Tony Boardman, JunYoung Lee, Pat Gillespie, Taylor Olson, Julia Wopat, Sierra Tully, Ryan Lagerman, Brandon Parr, Darin George, and Austin Anderson.

SCHOLAR ATHLETE
Logan Scoville was named a WIAA Scholar-Athlete for 2017. Logan was one of 32 student-athletes selected from over 1,000 applicants. He was honored at an awards ceremony held at the Jefferson Street Inn on May 7. In attendance were his parents, Gary and Deb Scoville, and football coach/5th grade teacher, Ev Wick. Logan will attend UW-L next fall.

Congratulations Logan!
WHEATLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT COORDINATES AREA AGENCIES IN MOCK CRASH AT DE SOTO HIGH SCHOOL

Area law enforcement, fire departments, Gundersen Lutheran and Vossetieg Funeral Homes participated in a mock car crash at De Soto High School. This event was a “safe” way for students to experience what happens at a car accident site and the dangers of driving while impaired. Several students and staff participated as actors in the event. The event was timed before Prom and Graduation to help students understand the choices they make could change their life and the lives of others. We thank our community’s emergency responders for the work they do every day!
Prom was held at The Court Above Main, a beautiful new venue for the event. The lady’s dresses sparkled and the gentlemen looked very sophisticated.

Juniors on prom court are pictured from left to right: Izzy Audetat, Fletcher Helgeson, Olivia Strasser, Dylan Chapes, Jenna Trussoni, Sebastian Hatch, Jordan Gilman, Evan Overby, King Tony Boardman, Queen Susanna Dammon, Grant Chapes, Sierra Martinson, Joel Greener, Sarah Knutson, Jessie Poulin and Katelyn Creger.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
De Soto was lucky enough to host five foreign exchange students during the 2016-17 school year. What a great experience for our students and host families. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact Mrs. Gronning—608-648-0102.

L to R: Lovisa from Denmark, Lee from South Korea, Janus from Denmark, Chia Lin from Taiwan and Anna from Moldova

State Bound DHS Girls Track

4 X 200 meter relay team
1 to r: Junior Sierra Martinson (alt), Freshman Tymber Huebner, Senior Lauren Voelker, Senior Victoria Chapes, Freshman Brianna Carmen, Junior Jordan Gilman (alt)

The ladies finished 14th at the state track meet held at UW-La Crosse. Great job!!!
The Class of 2021 celebrated their 8th grade promotion to High School with a celebration of their accomplishments. Students were recognized for academic and athletic achievements. Mr. Von Glahn, retiring Agriculture Teacher, spoke to the class and shared his wisdom on navigating the next 4 years and beyond. The 8th graders also presented Mr. Von Glahn with a cake to celebrate his retirement. The students demonstrated leadership skills in their various responsibilities in coordinating the event. Students chose a Hawaiian theme to make the event more festive. Congratulations to all!

Here come the Freshmen!

8th Grade Promotion
Class of 2021
De Soto Middle School 8th graders had an unforgettable experience in Washington, D.C. this year. Sites they toured included Gettysburg and Washington, D.C. (at Arlington Cemetery, Air Force Memorial, Wounded Veterans Memorial, the Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial, Kennedy Center, Korean War Memorial, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, MLK Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Air and Space Museum, and more!). A new experience for DMS this year was having the opportunity to tour inside the White House for the first time. (See the red-carpeted photo below). The class grew closer and more adaptable in traveling, as they toured via three different buses along the way. They showed utmost respect to Veterans when a Freedom Honor Flight group arrived at the Memorials, and the 8th graders stopped and were the first to welcome them with handshakes and a 5-minute round of applause. They proudly represented De Soto Schools. The class is grateful for all the support in making this trip possible.

--Mr. Crandall, Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. Kelly, & Mrs. Gronning

May 14-18, 2017: 8th grade in Washington, D.C.
NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award

Ron Von Glahn was selected for the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators Lifetime Achievement Award. Judging took place at the 2017 Region III Conference June 19-21 in Wahpeton, ND.

NAAE recognizes retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels with Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Von Glahn was the recipient from our NAAE region and was recognized with a plaque at the 2017 NAAE Convention in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is sponsored by Ford as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

Prairie View Elementary

State Superintendent Tony Evers praised Prairie View Elementary for being among 178 schools in the state that received Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition honors for the 2016-17 school year during a special May 1 ceremony at the State Capitol in Madison.

The state superintendent recognized 21 High-Achieving schools and 21 High-Progress schools as identified by results from 2015-16 statewide assessments; nine schools earned both High-Achieving and High-Progress

United States Military School Visits

Most months during the school year, one or more branches of the United States Military set up an informational table during high school lunch. The information table is located just outside the cafeteria in the entrance hallway. Military personnel do not move about the cafeteria and those students interested in learning about a particular branch of service must approach the information table of their own accord. During the year, representatives from the Army National Guard visit the middle/high school campus for purposes including providing ASVAB testing results, fitness instruction including a climbing wall experience, social studies, Civil War presentations and bullying education services.
Elementary Excitement

Battle of the Books

The Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) sponsors an annual Battle of the Books competition for any school district in Wisconsin. This year we had eight teams from our elementary schools:

**Prairie View**
- Wolf Quest: Kassidy F, Makendra H, and Abrianna M
- The Owls: Cheyenne F, Shawna H, and Jazmine J
- The Virtual Space Cats: Kadin M, Gatlin M, Kylee S, and Ethan T

**Stoddard**
- Moonlight Sonata – Cat Version: Callie G, Leyna S, and Cecilia V

The top team from each elementary competed at Warrens for the Mississippi Valley Gifted and Talented Network “battle.”

The Stoddard team, The Sparkly Unicorns… and Cole, earned 570 points and were 4th out of the 24 teams. The Prairie View team, The Virtual Space Cats, earned 300 points.

We should be very proud of our children who took the initiative to read a lot of books and compete in this kind of trivia contest.

KIDS COLLEGE

Prairie View and Stoddard had the opportunity to send students to Kid’s College at UWL on Friday, May 5th. The students had the opportunity to tour the campus and go through a couple of interactive courses geared towards their interests. Students from L:R – Jerry Weber, Gage Mortimer, Zahara Fisher-Wallin, Cole Walz, Abigail Eckert, and Chelsey Gronning.

Elementary Music Concerts

Stoddard and Prairie View Elementary students were busy this spring preparing for their Spring Concerts. They showcased dance moves, instrument playing, practiced reading skills and some dressed up as rockstars. Audience attendance was outstanding, what a supportive community! The concerts were a great showcase of the culmination of skills students had worked on throughout the school year. Great job everyone!
Young Author’s Night

Prairie View’s Title 1 Program teamed up with the PTO to present a fun night of celebrating the writing achievements of our students. Each classroom from PreK- 5th grade had writing to share. There were class books, biographies, collaborative writing and more for visitors to read. Mrs. Buchner also had over 300 pieces of student art work on display! Festival Foods and the PTO provided a free meal for all who attended. There was also a long line at the cotton candy machine and we tried out our brand new popcorn machine. A big thank you to the students, parents, teachers, staff, and PTO members that made this night a HUGE success!

Ms. Keidinger’s 3rd grade class at Prairie View learned about the Caldecott Medal during their library visits. The Caldecott Medal is awarded for outstanding illustration in children’s picture books every year. The class decided to create their own award, using criteria similar to the Caldecott Medal, and called it the ‘Pirate Medallion’.

Students then spent several weeks reviewing a selection of recently published picture books and evaluating the illustrations. They each filled out a nomination form, rated the books and presented their views of why they felt the book deserved to win a ‘Pirate Medallion’ in 2017.

The class voted on the books and each illustrator was contacted and mailed their certificate and Medallion. The chosen illustrators were Brendan Scott Wenzel, for his illustration of Some Pets, Elise Parsley for her illustration of The Magic Word, and Suze Esterhas for her photographs in Sea Otter Rescue. The illustrators were excited to learn about the classroom project and happy to receive recognition for their work.

The photo below shows the 3rd grade class with the certificates and books who won this year’s Pirate Medallion awards.

5th Graders from Prairie View took a trip to De Soto during the final week of school to clean up along Old Hwy 35 and the Third Pond area. Great job everyone!
Prairie View’s 21st Century Community Learning Center

This year students at Prairie View Elementary had the opportunity to participate in the after school program CLC. Around 50 students took part in this year’s program. The students went on field trips to Kickapoo Valley Reserve, Bigley Pool, Norskedalen Nature and Heritage Center, Nordic Lanes, the Rotary lights, and Vernon Square Cinema. These field trips came as a reward to the students for their hard work on homework and enrichment time for math and reading. The students also had activities some nights such as, art, biology/science, library, cooking, crafts, Spanish, guidance, and archery. A few high school student were allowed to come assist students with their homework. Throughout the year many of the students in CLC made big strides in their ability to complete their homework on their own. When talking to students about what helped them the most one 3rd grader said “it really helped when someone helped me one on one with my homework”.

Holly and Lori helped direct plays this spring during CLC. Pictured to the right are students in “The Little Red Hen”.

Pictured to the Left: Students went snowshoeing this Winter at Norskedalen.  Pictured to the Right: Students in the sleigh at the Rotary Lights.

De Soto High Art 4 Students Share & Inspire

Seniors and juniors in Mr. Stingl’s Art 4 class created graphite portraits of the Prairie View Preschool class. Each high schooler was given a picture of a preschooler in Ms. Sedlmayr’s class, along with a description of something special about that child. These veteran Pirates took it one step further and surprised the Preschoolers by hand-delivering their artistic works. The time they spent with the preschoolers, playing games and getting to know them, gave meaning to these portraits because of the personal aspect as well as the inspirational aspect. As the preschoolers are beginning their public school journey they got to interact with students who are approaching the finish line of their own public school journey. We see that progression with faculty as well as students as Ms. Sedlmayr (who was once a student of Mr. Stingl’s) is currently in the early years of her teaching journey and Mr. Stingl is completing his teaching journey with De Soto school districts with his upcoming retirement. All in all, it was a fun experience enjoyed by all that participated.
Prairie View 5th Grade Explores the Great Outdoors

Blowin’ in the Wind
Mr. Wick's 5th grade class finished up their science unit on renewable sources of energy and built wind cars to show off what they learned. Pictured above to the left are the many great ideas, good job everyone!

Fishin’ Through the Ice
Mr. Wick moved his classroom to the great outdoors in February. The students learned some of the basics of ice fishing and safety leading up to their day on the ice. Special thanks to Jerry Boardman, Don Lathrop, Brett Weber and parents who attended for helping out with the equipment and making the day enjoyable for our students. Pictured below to the left are the fisherpeople and their gear.

Stoddard Elementary Recognizes Volunteers and Staff

PTO Supporters All the Way
The Stoddard Elementary PTO would like to give a huge “Thank You” to Dev and Kerri Moser as they leave us to begin their adventure with all three of their daughters now in middle school.

Dev and Kerri, we are so thankful to you for your many years of hard work and dedication to the PTO. Your creative thinking and willingness to always go the extra mile have played such a large part in the success of the organization. Thank you for the countless hours of planning, fundraising and Sam’s Club runs over the years. You two will be so greatly missed!!

Love,
Stoddard PTO friends and Stoddard Elementary Staff & Students

Win When You Lose
In the Fall, staff at Stoddard Elementary began their own version of “The Biggest Loser” weight loss and fitness program. The challenge began in October and went through December. Fourteen staff members participated sending in their total weight loss and percentage loss weekly. The winner was decided by whoever had the highest percentage lost. The 1st place winner was Tracy Gray with a 10.46% loss!! The 2nd place winner was Abbey Sedlmayr with an 8.25% loss!!

Great job ladies! A total of 109 pounds were lost altogether by the 14 participants.

This was a fun, healthy activity for all participants. This challenge made everyone aware and accountable for good or bad eating habits. It’s easier to be healthy when others are supporting your efforts. Even though Tracy was the Biggest Loser, we were all winners.
Spring Sports

Baseball 2017 Ridge & Valley Conference Champs!

Softball 2017 Ridge & Valley Conference Champs!
From L to R: Kylee Boardman, Jade Ann Oliver, Sydney Kennedy, Rachel Gianoli, Olivia Strasser, Jenna Krzewinski, Jenna Trussoni, Julia Wopat, Susanna Damon, Lane Buchner, Taylor Olson, Hannah Skau, Ava Brosinski, Analia Johnson, Roxanna Haakenson, Riley Anderson

Congratulations Pirate Baseball WIAA Regional Champs!
De Soto Pirates pictured below with their Regional Championship trophy after defeating defending state champion Ithaca 4-0 at Stoddard. Way to go!

Girls Track 2017

Boys Track 2017
From L to R: Tony Boardman, Matt Pedretti, Grant Chapes, Ethan Heckler, Hunter Pedretti, Dylan Chapes, Trevor Rebahn, JunYoung Lee
IMPORTANT DATES

August
- Mon, Aug 14—All Student Registration 11am-7pm @ MS/HS
  *6th grade open house 5:30pm in the New Gym
  *9th grade/new student open house 6:30pm in the New Gym
- Tue-Thur, Aug 29-31—Teacher In-Service
- Wed, Aug 30—Elementary Back to School Night 3:30-7:30 @ both Elementary Schools

September
- Fri, Sept 1—First Day of School!
- Mon, Sept 4—No School—Labor Day
- Fri, Sept 15—No Classes—Teacher In-Service

October
- Thur, Oct 12—Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
- Fri, Oct 13—No Classes—Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30-11:30am
- Fri, Oct 27—No School

November
- Tue, Nov 7—End of 1st Quarter
- Wed-Fri, Nov 22-24—No School-Thanksgiving Break

December
- Mon-Fri, Dec 25-29—Winter Break

January
- Mon, Jan 1—Winter Break
- Fri, Jan 19—End of 2nd Quarter
- Mon, Jan 22—No Classes-Teacher In-Service

February
- Thu, Feb 15—Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm
- Fri, Feb 16—No Classes—Teacher In-Service
- Tue, Feb 20—Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30pm

March
- Tue, March 27—End of 3rd Quarter
- Fri, March 30—Spring Break

April
- Mon, April 2—Spring Break

May
- Sun, May 6—Scholarship Night & NHS Induction
- Fri, May 25—Graduation
- Mon, May 28—Memorial Day

June
- Fri, June 1—Last Day of School
- Mon, June 4—Teacher In-service

Please note:
⇒ The first two inclement weather days will not be made up.
⇒ February 16 may be used as a make-up day for inclement weather.

School Calendar updates are available on the District website calendar:

**BLOOD DRIVE**
The De Soto High School Student Activities Council is sponsoring a blood drive in conjunction with student registration.

Date: Monday, August 14
Time: 12:30-5:30pm
Place: Commons

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**
Meet teachers & visit classrooms!

6th grade
Mon, Aug 14—5:30pm—New Gym

9th grade/New Students
Mon, Aug 14—6:30pm—New Gym

Elementary Back-to-School Night
Wed, Aug 30—3:30-7:30pm
at both Prairie View & Stoddard

**Giving Back to the Community!**
De Soto Football tackles the July storm damage in the Stoddard area.
# High School Guidance Information

## Fall/Winter To-Do List

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## Freshmen & Sophomores

- Stay on track with your classes and grades.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities & volunteer!
- Strengthen relationships with teacher and school staff.
- Seek out leadership positions.
- Become familiar with general college entrance requirements.
- Make a list of colleges you’re interested in and start researching them.
- Explore and research different career opportunities.
- Begin exploring ways to save money for college and learn about financial aid and scholarships.
- Talk to your family about your options, goals, and hopes and dreams for the future.

## Helpful College & Career Exploration Websites:

- University of Wisconsin System: [www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu)
- Wisconsin Technical Colleges: [www.witechcolleges.org](http://www.witechcolleges.org)
- Wisconsin Private Colleges and Universities: [www.wisconsinmentor.org](http://www.wisconsinmentor.org)
- Minnesota College and Universities: [www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu)
- Credit Transfer Wizards: [https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/wizards/](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/wizards/)
- Wisconsin Career Pathways: [https://wicareerpathways.org/CareerPathways](https://wicareerpathways.org/CareerPathways)

## ACT Exam – ALL Juniors will take the ACT + Writing on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

**Sign Up for the ACT - [www.actstudents.org](http://www.actstudents.org)**

Students who wish to take the ACT, beyond the one required exam during their junior year, can do so at their own expense and time. Online registration is the fastest way to sign up for the ACT.

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**Sending your ACT Score Reports -**

Create an account or log in to your ACT Web account and follow the steps for sending your scores. You must pay by valid credit card ($13 per report sent). You will need your ACT Identification Number to create an account if you have already taken the ACT.

Test Fees: ACT—$46  ACT+Writing—$62.50
* Fee waivers are available to those who qualify.

Ask Mrs. Jandrin about requesting a fee waiver.

## 2018-19 Registration for Classes

Student will register for 2018-19 classes in March 2018. Pay close attention to graduation requirements to ensure you have all of the necessary courses.

De Soto High School Graduation Credit Requirements:

- 4 English
- 3 Science
- 1.5 P.E.
- 0.5 Health
- 1.0 Informational Science
- 9.5 Elective
- 3 Math
- 3 Social Studies
- 1.5 Vocational
- 1.0 Fine Arts/Foreign Language
Looking Ahead to Career and College Readiness:
The Wisconsin Department of Education will be funding a computer software program called Career Cruising. We are very excited to begin utilizing this amazing resource in hopes to better prepare our students for college and career readiness. Career Cruising will play an essential role in all students’ academic and career development beginning in the fall of 2017. Career Cruising provides the perfect opportunity for the following development:

- **Know:** Students use Career Cruising to know their skills, aptitudes, and strengths through comprehensive assessments.
- **Explore:** Students explore post-secondary education pathways and career choices to fully understand their options.
- **Plan:** They create a plan for success, and use Career Cruising to ensure they stay on track.
- **Go:** With a plan in hand, it’s time to Go! Students start working today to achieve success tomorrow, with the option to re-assess at any time during their academic journey.

District Assessment Coordinator Report

**2017-2018 Wisconsin State Testing Dates:**
- September – October – Fall PALS (PreK-2nd Grades)
- October – PSAT (11th Grade – voluntary)
- November – ASVAB (10-12 Grade - voluntary)
- January – NAEP (Math & Reading - Randomly Selected 8th Grade Students)
- February 27—ACT + Writing (11th Grade)
- February 27-March 13—ACT with writing for Students Testing with Accommodations
- February 28—ACT WorkKeys (11th Grade)
- March 20—Makeup ACT + Writing (11th Grade)
- March 21—Makeup ACT WorkKeys (11th Grade)
- March 19-May 4 – Wisconsin Forward Exam (3-10 Grades); DLM ELA & Math for 3-11 grades, Science grades 4 and 8-11, Social Studies grades 4, 8 & 10
- April 9—May 11 – ACT ASPIRE (9 & 10 Grades)
- April – May – Spring PALS (PreK-2nd Grades)

**2018 AP Test Dates – Cost: $93 per exam**
- Students taking an AP course are NOT required to take the AP Exam
- May 7 (Afternoon) — AP Psychology Exam
- May 9 (Morning) — AP English Literature & Composition Exam
- May 11 (Morning) — AP U.S. History Exam
- May 17 (Afternoon) — AP Statistics Exam
SENIORS

College Applications - Do NOT Wait until the Deadline
The UW-System begins looking at applications on September 1, 2017 for fall 2018. Technical colleges may not have application deadlines BUT their programs (i.e. welding, health science programs) fill up VERY fast.

Specific University of Wisconsin Application Deadlines:
UW-Madison: Nov 1 (Early Action) Feb 1 (Regular)  UW-Eau Claire: December 1  UW-La Crosse: February 1
UW-Milwaukee: March 1  UW Colleges: May 1

Scholarships – START APPLYING NOW!
Local Scholarship Packet – DUE ON FRIDAY, MARCH 2 2017 – TURN INTO MRS. JANDRIN
Where to find additional scholarship opportunities:
- School Counseling Scholarship Webpage: http://www.desoto.k12.wi.us/dhsdms/index.htm
- Student’s School Email
- Scholarship Bulletin Board
- Individual College/Universities
- Parent’s employers & affiliations

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
** SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NIGHT & NHS INDUCTION**
SUNDAY - MAY 6, 2018 @ 7 P.M.

The valedictorian and salutatorian for De Soto Area School District will be the graduating senior who has been enrolled, at a minimum, in De Soto High School for their junior and senior years (enrolled by the Third Friday in September). Students entering De Soto High School without a grade point average will not be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian awards/honors. The valedictorian at De Soto High School is the student who has the highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of his/her senior year. The salutatorian is the student who has the second highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of his/her senior years. Grades for the seven semesters of high school, including a participation in a District-recognized foreign exchange program for no more than two semesters, will be used to determine the grade point average. Grade point averages will be figured to the third decimal point.

- All graduating seniors with a 4.0 GPA or who share the highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of his/her senior year will be co-valedictorians.
- All graduating seniors who have or who share the second highest cumulative grade point average after the first semester of his/her senior year will be co-salutatorians.

Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship—Student(s) identified as a valedictorian(s) at the end of the first semester of his/her senior year will be considered for this scholarship. Students must be a resident of Wisconsin and the United States, and meet the criteria of the De Soto Area School District valedictorian policy. The valedictorian who commits to attending a Wisconsin eligible higher education institution will be the District’s designee. If more than one valedictorian commits to an in-state UW system university, the tie-breaking procedures for the 2017-18 school year are Steps 1, 2 & 3. Starting in the 2018-19 school year Step 2 utilizes the District administered ACT + Writing composite score.

Step 1) The grade point average, to the third decimal point, for all academic core courses (English, Math, Science & Social Studies) taken in the first 7 semesters will be used to designate the scholarship recipient; Step 2) If the tie remains, the highest ACT+Writing composite score submitted by the end of the first semester of the senior year will be used to break the tie. (Starting in the 2018-19 school year—The highest ACT composite score received through the District administered state ACT + Writing assessment will be used to break the tie); Step 3) If a tie remains the De Soto High School Scholarship Committee will review a standard scholarship application completed by each of the students involved and by simple majority vote determine the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient.
## 2016 - 2017 Q4 Honor Roll

**06/02/2017 - De Soto High School**

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### Representative from Western Technical College

Dave Fish is a Career Coach from WTC who visits De Soto High School once a month to meet individually with students. He helps support students in gathering information about Western’s programs and application process, along with providing career coaching services. Even though Dave Fish is an expert on Western Technical College and all of the programs they offer, Dave also helps students explore careers based on their interests and skills and directs them to different programs and colleges that will help them reach their goals.
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### Incoming 6th graders cleaned up after the June storm damage at Wyalusing State Park. Proud to be a Pirate!
Dear Parents or Guardians,  

Summer is almost over! In planning for the next school year, below are the required immunizations in Wisconsin. If your child is not up to date on their immunizations, please try and get them over the summer and then send me a copy at the beginning of the school year. Preschool, kindergarten, and sixth grade will all need immunizations as well as any students that were behind on those from last year. Kindergarten students also need to see a dentist and an eye doctor. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. Hope everyone has a good summer.

Thank you,

Opal Hostert RN
De Soto Area School District
ohostert@desoto.k12.wi.us
608-648-0104

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**STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW AGE/GRADE REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age/grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his/her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.

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1. D= diphtheria, T= tetanus, P= pertussis vaccine. DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine for all students Pre-K through 12; Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. Note: a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
2. DTaP/DTP/DTP vaccine for children entering 5K Kindergarten: Each student must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (either the 3rd, 4th, or 5th dose) to be compliant. Note: a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
3. Tdap is adolescent tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine. If a student received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering the grade in which Tdap is required, the student is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.
4. Polio vaccine for students entering grades 5K Kindergarten through 12. Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. Note: a dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
5. MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. Note: a dose four days or less before the 1st birthday is also acceptable. Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases (measles and mumps and rubella) is also acceptable.
6. Varicella vaccine is chickenpox vaccine. A history of chickenpox disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to varicella is also acceptable.
De Soto Booster Club

The De Soto Booster Club is an organization that is proud to support our students in the De Soto Area School District. We provide encouragement and financial support for our academic, artistic and athletic organizations. Some of our projects have included Sod for the Pit, Homecoming Tailgate Parties, Athletic Awards Banquets, Banners for the new Gym, Prom Prizes, contributions for guest speakers, Middle School Yearbook and assisting groups or organizations with fundraising events, such as the Gun raffles.

We are looking for new members. De Soto Booster Club membership is open to all people in the De Soto Area School District. The annual membership is only $10 per family per year, and a lifetime membership is only $100. Lifetime members are recognized with their names engraved on a plaque displayed in the De Soto High School.

Children of actively participating Booster Club members are eligible to qualify for a scholarship their senior year (Active means 4 Booster Club Events each year, 2 of which must be a 50/50 event during both the students Junior and Senior Years).

Please join us! Complete the form below and return it to:

Teri Young, Treasurer
W405 State Hwy 162
Stoddard, WI  54658

Forms can also be returned at the Back to School Registration on August 14th or at a Booster Club meeting. Meetings are usually the 1\textsuperscript{st} Wednesday of the month. Please make your check payable to De Soto Booster Club.

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Name_____________________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________________
City_______________________State____________Zip_____________________
Email Address______________________________________________________

Please select one:  
_____Annual membership $10
_____Lifetime membership $100

Thank You. We look forward to working with you!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Booster Club Gun Raffle is August 12 at Retreat Sportman’s Club starting at 5pm
Only 300 tickets sold!  Chance to win 10 guns!  Chinese Raffle, Walk Arouind & Wine Raffle too!
Contact Jeanna Larson for tickets—608-457-2329 or a Club Member

Part of the proceeds will help restore The Pit!  Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!!!
NOTICE TO ALL DISTRICT RESIDENTS: The school newsletter is not sent to all box holders. The newsletter is sent home with students during the school year. Copies will be put in the banks and post offices in the District as well as Pedretti’s in Genoa, Pronto in De Soto, at the Red Mound Store and Stoddard Kwik Trip. It will also be on the district website at http://www.desoto.k12.wi.us/. Please contact us at 648-0102 if you want to receive a copy of the Newsletter.