

Welcome to Delton Kellogg
Schools, Senator Birkholz

Our 212 Degree Challenge

- It's our life.
- We are responsible for our results.”
- “To get what we've never had, we have to do what we've never done.”

Challenge continued...

- “From this day forward, **commit** to operating at **212 degrees** in everything you do. Etch it into your thinking – into your being. Apply it to your actions. It guarantees to increase your results positively and, in so many cases, increase your results exponentially.”

WE DID IT...On the MEAP Test

- Delton Kellogg Elementary and Middle School students showed improvement on the MEAP in 20 of the 28 areas reported!
- All elementary and middle school grades met or exceeded the Federal NCLB AYP targets for the 2008-2009 school year; AND, met or exceed all of the AYP targets for the 2010-2011 school year!!!

WE DID IT...In Barry County and the Southwest Michigan Regions

- Elizabeth Jackson, a Delton Kellogg Middle School 8th grader, won the countywide spelling bee competition and survived 9 grueling rounds in front of a crowd of 500 people, as our spelling bee champion. At the end of her round, only three of the original 22 students were left standing!
- In the Write Away Contest (open to all Barry County students), 15 of the 23 writing awards were given to Delton Kellogg High School students!
- Our high school graduation rate was the second highest in the entire Kalamazoo area.

WE DID IT...In Odyssey of the Mind

- The Delton Kellogg School District hosted the Region 4 Odyssey of the Mind competition. Over 2,000 people came together on our campus to compete in a creative problem solving competition. Thirty-four children on 5 different teams from the middle school and elementary school proudly represented Delton Kellogg Schools.
- The DKMS Earth Trek Team earned a first place finish in the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition and went on to the University of Iowa to compete in the World Competition, earning a ninth place finish (out of 54 teams)!

WE DID IT...In Athletics!

- Twenty-two of the 2007-2008 graduates are participating in collegiate athletics.
- The varsity volleyball team won the league championship for the first time in school history! Coach Magelssen was named the Region 11 Coach of the Year!
- The 2009 Girls Volleyball team was the runner-up in the State Finals.
- The 2009 Boys Cross Country Team competed in the State Finals.
- The boys varsity wrestling team came in second in the KVA championship and won the Team District competition.
- The Varsity Team and several individual wrestlers advanced to the regional competition, three advanced to the State competition, and one medaled at the State competition!
- The Competitive Cheer Team earned first place in the KVA Conference!

On the 2009-2010 MEAP Tests

- While the scores are still embargoed, we can tell you that it appears from the preliminary reports that our scores did improve significantly, especially in the area of mathematics.

WE DID IT...In the AP classes!!!

- 60% of the AP Calculus students earned a perfect score of 5-the national average is 18%!
- Nine of our students have been named AP Scholars!

WE DID IT...In Post-Secondary

- One graduate admitted to the United States Air Force Academy.
- 173 college applications already sent out for a graduating class of 117 students.
- One volleyball player with full ride scholarship for five years to WMU. Expect 2 or 3 more to be announced.
- One student will be attending an Ivy League University.
- In the class of 2010, 30% will be entering four year universities, 40% will be attending community colleges, and 30% will be in the military, tech schools, or working.
- Anticipate total 2010 scholarships for DKHS students to amount to approximately \$600,000-\$700,000.

WE DID IT...On the ACT/MME exams!!!

- Delton Kellogg high school scores improved in all areas of the ACT/MME!
 - Reading proficiency went up 15%...from 52% to 67%!
 - Writing proficiency went up 16%...from 31% to 47%!
 - Total English/Language Arts went up 16%...from 43% to 59%!
 - Mathematics went up 22% this year...from 38% to 60%!
Science went up 15% this year...from 50% to 65%!

WE DID It...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

■ Mathematics

- Gull Lake - 68% proficient
- Delton Kellogg – 60% proficient
- Thornapple Kellogg – 60% proficient
- Wayland Union – 58% proficient
- Hastings – 53% proficient
- Plainwell – 53% proficient
- Martin – 24% proficient

WE DID IT...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

■ Reading

- Gull Lake – 71% proficient
- Thornapple Kellogg – 68% proficient
- Delton Kellogg – 67% proficient
- Hastings – 63% proficient
- Plainwell – 63% proficient
- Wayland Union – 63% proficient
- Martin – 49% proficient

WE DID IT...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

■ Science

- Plainwell – 67% proficient
- Gull Lake – 66% proficient
- Delton Kellogg – 65% proficient
- Thornapple Kellogg – 60% proficient
- Hastings – 58% proficient
- Wayland Union – 55% proficient
- Martin – 49% proficient

WE DID IT...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

■ Social Studies

- Delton Kellogg – 95% proficient
- Plainwell – 92% proficient
- Gull Lake – 91% proficient
- Martin – 90% proficient
- Thornapple Kellogg – 88% proficient
- Hastings – 85% proficient
- Wayland Union – 86% proficient

WE DID IT...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

■ Writing

- Gull Lake – 53% proficient
- Plainwell – 48% proficient
- Delton Kellogg – 47% proficient
- Thornapple Kellogg – 46% proficient
- Wayland Union – 38% proficient
- Hastings – 36% proficient
- Martin – 27% proficient

WE DID IT...On the MME/ACT, Compared to Neighboring School Districts

- Total English/Language Arts
 - Gull Lake – 65% proficient
 - **Delton Kellogg – 59% proficient**
 - Plainwell – 59% proficient
 - Thornapple Kellogg – 58% proficient
 - Wayland Union – 52% proficient
 - Hastings – 51% proficient
 - Martin – 35% proficient

WE DID IT...In Kindergarten!

- The kindergarten teachers were asked to star in a video for teacher training that will take place across the state.
- The video is focused on improving student achievement through effective data teams.

The Impact on Children...

- “I’ve gotten the data back out and I’ve shown them... ‘this is what you did on the first day of school and this is what you are doing now.’ Not only is it confirming for me, that I am **pushing** them further, but it’s for them as well.”
 - Jenny Wandell
- “60% are at level 3 and higher. When we started the year 57 didn’t know a single sound. So, we have **pushed** them harder this year and they’ve really come through with that. We are doing things I never thought I’d be doing in kindergarten.”
 - Ruth Ann Prentice
- “I had one student who started the fall needing the Title I services but he graduated out of that and now has blossomed in his reading and reads way beyond the proficient level.”
 - Ruth Ann Prentice

The impact on teachers...

- “When I look at our class and how they started the year and how they are finishing now, I am so proud of them!”
 - Val Whaley
- “Sometimes when you get 4 and 5 year olds you have a tendency to hold back a little bit. I think that this year when we look at what a kindergartener’s writing looks like, and what their reading can look like, that we’ve **pushed** harder and haven’t held back, and we’ve gotten great results!”
 - Kathy Spall
- “We are doing things that I never thought I’d be doing in kindergarten.”
 - Ruth Ann Prentice

So now what...

- “Keep the momentum going...it is so easy to fall back on what we used to do.”
 - Becky Boze

Message From Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education

- “Educators do society’s most important work by preparing our children for work and for life. No other task is more critical to our economic future and our social progress.”

Senator Birkholz, we need your help...

- We have been working at 212 degrees for several years in both the financial and academic realms.
- We have made a tremendous difference in spite of the continuous decline in revenue and resources.
- The cuts that will be required in the 2010-2011 school year will have a significant impact on our ability to continue to provide the outstanding education Delton Kellogg students deserve.

What can you give to our children?

- “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
 - Winston Churchill