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Newsletter - October 2012



Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

Principal News

I hope you have seen the banner announcing our school motto. A group of school staff have joined together with Dr. Howard Muscott, Educational Consultant, to create a school environment that is positive and enjoyable to teach and learn. Like our instructional approach, it includes a 3 tiered system to support teachers to practice effective prevention and response strategies and working with data to make effective decisions and accurately gauge progress.

Expectations for all students and adults at Danville School are respect, responsibility, and pride. Our first expectation taught, or “rolled out,” was hallway behavior. Behaviors and voice level expectations were taught during a whole school assembly. Students are recognized frequently when they are demonstrating the expected behaviors. Our school mascot, *Danville Hawke*, gave us many feathers to recognize intended behaviors! Students collect feathers in classroom nests and are recognized as a whole group. We had our first recognition assembly September 28th. The students did a wonderful job with the first roll out and were rewarded with a musical lunch. Pre-K & Kindergarten students will have a musical snack for their class celebrations.

Stay tuned for our next roll out on recess behaviors.

*Danville Hawkes soar for success
we hold our heads up high
respect and responsibility
are what give us our pride!*

Our second annual back to school barbecue sponsored by the Danville PTA was a tremendous success. It was well attended and offered families a relaxing way to reconnect after the summer months. Thank you for your continued support of our school. Without all of us working together, our school would simply be a building.

In an effort to be environmentally friendly, future newsletters will be published on the school website on the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone wishing a hard copy can notify the office and we will gladly enclose a copy in your child's Danville Delivery envelope. Visit www.danvilleschool.com for school news and information.

Nancy Barcelos
Principal

Assistant Principal News

Dear Parents,

As mentioned in earlier communications, the New Hampshire State Board of Education adopted the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to replace the current Grade Level Expectations and Grade Span Expectations that have served as our academic benchmarks for New Hampshire students. NECAP testing will continue until the Common Core assessment materials are available.

The Timberlane Regional School District has begun its transition to these newer standards. Over the next year emphasis will be given to building background and understanding of the new standards for administrators, school staff, students, parents and the community at large.

In that spirit, a variety of informational opportunities will be provided throughout the school year. These informational pieces may be in the form of newsletters, pamphlets, online resources, or presentations in various settings.

Not all of the informational sources will be developed directly by school district personnel. Material may come from experts in the field who are sharing information regarding the CCSS that we feel is pertinent, accurate, and in line with the goals of the district. Please watch for notices regarding these resources.

Timberlane Regional School District is well prepared for this new challenge. The district has been developing its professional training, materials, technological resources, and instructional strategies in a manner that supports teachers and administrators in addressing this new focus in student achievement.

Please contact your building administration for more information or with questions you have regarding this new initiative.

William Pimley
Curriculum Coordinator/Assistant Principal

Nurse's Notes

With the change in the weather comes the start of cold and flu season. New Hampshire has already recorded the first documented case of flu in the state. This is a reminder that it is not too early to call your health care provider to schedule a flu vaccine for everyone in the family over the age of 6 months. Here are some other preventative measures to help you and your family avoid the flu:

- ☑ Teach everyone to cough or sneeze into a tissue and throw it away before washing hands with soap and water. If a tissue is not available, use the crook of the arm.
- ☑ Scrubbing hands with soap and warm water is another easy way to prevent becoming sick this winter. Be sure to rub your wet hands with soap for 15 seconds before rinsing and dry thoroughly with a paper towel.
- ☑ Remind your children not to touch their eyes, noses or mouth because these are the places where germs enter the body.
- ☑ A healthy lifestyle boosts the immune system and goes a long way toward the prevention of the flu. Eating nutritious foods, regular exercise and plenty of sleep are all ways to prevent becoming sick.

Although there are no guarantees that you will not become sick, keeping yourself healthy is generally the best defense against the flu.

All About ART!

Hello Family and Friends of Danville!

I am Mrs. Rice the Art teacher at Danville Elementary School. I am looking forward to a fantastic year! Throughout the year, we will look at and talk about various artists, major works of art, styles of art, and create our own masterpieces using the elements and principles of design. Only some artwork will be sent home throughout the year. This way, the students have a variety of artwork to choose from for their very special art piece that will be in the Art Show that takes place in April sometime. Remember that art can be very messy so be sure not to have your child dressed in their very best on the day they have art. I am in need of some supplies for the upcoming art projects. If you would like to donate some of these items, please drop them off at the front office labeled "Art room" and I will pick them up.

I need...

- ✓ Foam trays (vegetable trays from the super market)
- ✓ Paper towel tubes
- ✓ Newspaper
- ✓ Small pieces of wood-square/rectangles no bigger than 6"x12"

Please take a moment to read this information:

Importance of the Visual Arts in Education

Today more than ever the arts are needed by our young learners as an opportunity for safe expression, communication, exploration, imagination, and cultural and historical understanding.

Below are a list of reasons why the visual arts are so important at each grade level:

1. **Brain research confirms** that Arts education **strengthens student problem-solving and critical thinking skills**, adding to overall academic achievement, school success, and preparation for the work world.
2. Art classes provide students a chance to **develop cognitive and creative skills**, and to **develop their imaginations.**
3. For some students Art is their **motivation for coming to school** and an area where they have success or excel, providing an important balance in their total educational experience.
4. The arts **teach** our students **to be more tolerant and open through multicultural and historical perspectives** and through their **involvement in the creative process** itself.
5. Due to the collaborative nature of art, **students develop crucial skills in cooperative decision-making, leadership, clear communication, and complex problem solving while working with others.**
6. Regular participation in the arts **develops self-confidence, self-discipline, persistence,** and the **knowledge of how to make multiple revisions to create high quality work.**
7. The **skills and experience** that students **develop by learning to perform, create, and respond to works of art** provides a foundation for the kinds of literacy students must have to **communicate and work successfully** in our ever-changing media, technology, and information age.
8. Art Education supports not only the adolescent's intellectual and educational development but also their **personal and social development.**
9. Arts education helps develop a **positive work ethic, flexibility, and pride** in a job well done.

Thank you for your support in the Visual Arts!! Feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns:

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Sincerely,



Mrs. Rice



READ ALOUD with Mrs. Dube

I cannot believe the first month of school went by so quickly!
The first grader's stories have focused on friendship, kindness, and listening skills.
The children have amazed me with their ability to follow directions and work in their groups to help one another!

Keena Ford (of Keena Ford and the Second Grade Mix-up) has visited the second graders once again, astonishing the children with her shenanigans. Keena cannot seem to stay out of trouble! The children are learning to write in journals, just like the main character.

Ask your third grader if they happen to have a frindle they can borrow and you might just get an earful about Nick, a young child who has decided to challenge his teacher, Mrs. Granger. He believes children should be free to explore vocabulary, even if it means making up a new word and at the same time, making enemies of his teacher. Or has he?

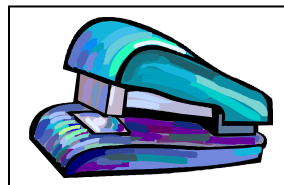
Fourth graders have taken a vow of silence in my class! Well, not really, but they are having a contest, boys against girls, to see who can stay silent, just like the children in the book we are reading, No Talking by Andrew Clement. Many of the children are enjoying the quiet, as am I, but many are bursting to be able to talk! Speaking of quiet, it was deafening in fifth grade when I read the first chapter of Wonder by RJ Palacio. Wonder is the story of August, a fifth grade boy who will be attending school for the first time. August was born with facial deformities that required many surgeries. The last line of the chapter reads, "I won't describe the way I look. Whatever you are thinking, it's probably worse." What an attention getter!

Enrichment News



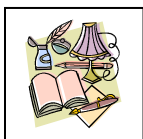
The opening day for our school store is **Wednesday, October 5** (grade 2 will begin school store in January).

School Store Opening Day!



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School store will be open during each grade level's lunch recess time. Students are invited to come to see what is available to purchase. Items range from \$.05 to \$3.50. **Students may not borrow money from others or ask for money from others.** Students are encouraged to purchase wisely and only buy if they find



something they need. Generally students will not be allowed to spend over \$5.00 at the school store.

Some items for sale include:

Pencil letters \$.05
Pop a Point pencils for \$.50
Bookmarks for \$.25
Fuzzy Animal memo pads for \$1.25
Pencil led for \$.70
Plus much, much more!

Journals from \$2.00-\$2.50
New items! Come see what we have!
Folders (2 pocket) for \$1.00
Mechanical Pencils for \$1.25
Pencil Pouches for \$2 to \$2.50



Future school store dates include: November 14 and



Dec. 12.

From the Library



A Precious Gift ...Reading With Your Child

Your child may be reading simple text, but they can understand more complex stories. The stories you share will challenge them with ideas and vocabulary that will build comprehension skills and background knowledge. It's OK to read a favorite book over and over again!

It's hard to believe the summer has gone and we have begun another school year. The Danville school students have completed their orientation in the library. We discussed library behavior, book choice and book care. Help your child keep their library materials in a safe place at home.

Soon students will begin their information literacy lessons in the library. These lessons will help prepare them to become efficient users of information and begin to prepare them for the 21st Century. I look forward to a full year of reading and learning with our amazing Danville students this school year.

BookFlix and TrueFlix

*"Scholastic **BookFlix** is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. An engaging way to link fact and fiction! BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.*

*Scholastic **TrueFlix**™ is the only online resource that leverages the award-winning True Books content to help students hone literacy skills, build knowledge of subject-area content, and cultivate 21st Century skills through the inquiry process. TrueFlix allows*

students to graduate from "learning to read" to "reading to learn" and master content area knowledge in science and social studies, and TrueFlix supports the Common Core Standards with its featuring of multiple text types and a cross-curricular, nonfiction focus with a soft assessment feature." (Scholastic, 2012.)

Students can access these wonderful data bases from home by logging into the Danville Elementary School homepage at, www.Danvilleschool.com and clicking on the Library/Destiny link located on the left hand side of the page. You will find the link for these wonderful databases on the lower right hand side of the homepage. User names and password will appear.

Physical Education News

Hello Everyone!

School is back in session and so is Physical Education! We have jumped right back into the swing of things this year. Our first week was filled with games and activities, in order to help our students remember my rules and procedures in my class. We have since moved on to a soccer unit, which will be closely followed by a catching and throwing unit. The fall is one of my favorite times of year to teach kids about being healthy. They have a variety of opportunities to use what they have learned in class at their own houses and I encourage students to get outside and enjoy the fall weather as much as possible. Near the end of October, we will be starting our annual Halloween Unit, which is a highlight of the year for many kids. I am looking forward to a wonderful year! As always, if you have any comments or questions, feel free to email me and I will get back to you as soon as I can! I hope this note finds you happy and active!

-Patrick Ard

Danville P.E.

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Technology News

Welcome to a wonderful new school year! I am so excited to begin a new learning adventure with your children. For those of you who do not already know, my name is Mr. Doughty, and I am the Technology Teacher. I have some wonderful lessons and activities planned for the students this year. I am very impressed with the creativity and knowledge across the board at Danville Elementary. Along with my own creative lessons and activities, we are very lucky to be utilizing a new program entitled, "EasyTech". In the coming weeks and months, students will be engaging in a number of lessons and activities designed and created utilizing this program. One of the great 21st Century Skills we will be encouraging our students to demonstrate is accessing their learning from home. It won't be required, but it will be a nice feature for those who would like access to the curriculum beyond school hours. EasyTech is proving to be a fun and engaging way for our students to learn a multitude of skills and concepts regarding technology.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at the school or email me at

William.Doughty@timberlane.net. Thank you and I am looking forward to a great and creative year.

Music Note

Mrs. Cook

Welcome back!

Band: Mark your calendars!

- ★ January 8th Danville Concert
- ★ March 26th and 27th Rehearsal and Concert for all 5th grade band students
- ★ April 17th Concert for all 4th grade AND 1st year 5th grade band students

A Message from the Counselor

Simple Ways to Support “R+R=P” (Part 1) Responsibility

Danville School is working very hard to develop respect and responsibility (in order to build pride) this year and parents can offer great support to our efforts. Teaching responsibility to your children might not be as clear cut as teaching math or reading. However, Danville parents can help their children understand what it means to be responsible

Start giving your children small tasks and chores when they are young. Add to their responsibilities as they get older. Children have a natural desire to help, and you can take advantage of their willingness when they are little. Ask them to take care of certain duties and hold them accountable. Teach them to do things because it helps them and those around them. Chores can start with very simple things like having them empty trash cans or put their own plate away, and later on they can graduate to washing the dishes or making the salad for dinner. Model the responsible behavior you want your child to emulate.

Communicate with your children about responsible behavior. Let them know when you see them being responsible. Point to their specific behaviors. Children don't know what it looks like to be responsible until you tell them and show them. This will encourage them to continue being responsible. Believe in your children and show them that you believe they can be responsible. They will pick up on your belief and want to fulfill expectations. Encourage your kids to do new things for themselves and for the family, and help them achieve their goals in the right way. Not only you will help them become responsible, you will boost their confidence as well.

As good habits are formed, we will be laying the foundation for Danville's children to grow into dependable, responsible adults.

Louise Janelle

School Counselor