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Danville Hawkes Soar for Success !

Newsletter - October 2013

Principal News

Dear Danville Families,

Safety is the premise for all rules. I ask for your support in reviewing bus safety rules with your children. Riding the school bus is the safest way for your child to travel to and from school. The greatest risk is not riding the school bus, but approaching or leaving it. Children need to be especially careful around the school bus “danger zone” which is the 10 feet in front, behind and on each side of the bus.

Get your child to the bus stop a few minutes before the bus is expected to arrive. Wait until the bus stops and the door opens before allowing your child to enter the bus. If your child has to cross the street in front of the bus, walk along the side of the road, making sure the driver can see you. Please remind your children they should be using partner voices on the bus. It is imperative students remain in their seats while the bus is moving. Remind them of the rules you have for riding safely in your family car. They remain seated, use quiet voices, and keep arms inside the car.

When approaching buses in the schoolyard or on the road, please obey the signals used by the buses. You should remain behind the bus whenever students are entering or exiting the bus. Your cooperation in following safety rules is important.

October is Fire Safety Month. Review your family plan for home fire escape plans and meeting places outside of your home. Test smoke alarms to be sure they are working properly. As our lives become busier, it is even more important to think of how prepared our families are in times of emergencies.

Danville Hawkes continue to show respect, responsibility, and pride as the core values of our school. We held assemblies reviewing assembly behavior, hallway behavior, and voice levels. Once again, the staff at Danville School is proud of their students. We look forward to continuing to teach more positive behaviors as the year progresses.

Parents Right to Know-In response to regulations set by the NH & US Departments of Education; we are required to notify you of our staff's highly qualified status. All teachers and Title One tutors at Danville School meet these requirements and are highly qualified to teach. We are also required to inform you that parents have the right to request information regarding their child's performance level in the classroom or from Title One. Any parent of an English language proficient student has the right to withdraw his/her child from English language instruction. If you have questions about these regulations, please contact me.

Happy fall!
Nancy Barcelos

Assistant Principal News

I hope that everyone is off to an enjoyable and successful school year. The month of October will be very busy for students in grades three through five. The annual NECAP testing (New England Common Assessment Program) will be administered to determine how our students are performing in relationship to state standards. Students in grade five will test starting on October 2nd and continue through October 8th. Grade four students will test starting on October 9th to October 15th. Grade three students will have testing from October 16th to October 18th. Some days will include one testing session, while others will have two testing sessions.

Parents are encouraged to have students in school and on time particularly on testing days. A good breakfast and a good night's sleep all add to potential success on test results. This type of testing reflects only a portion of a student's school success and progress. Other day to day assessments and performance indicators are equally important in measuring a student's attainment of curriculum and usage of taught skills.

Test results will be distributed from the state in mid-January. More information about testing will be shared at that time.

W. J. Pimley
Assistant Principal

Nurses Notes

Risky Behavior

Our highest priority is keeping children safe and it is never too early to start talking to them about risky behaviors. The obvious ones are cigarette smoking, texting while driving, drug and alcohol abuse. In addition, we are aware of a popular current trend on YouTube for "challenges". Teenagers and young adults have posted viral videos of themselves and others performing harmful stunts, often using simple household ingredients such as cinnamon or salt and ice. Children see these challenges as dares and the fact that such behavior is perceived as cool far outweighs any fear of life-

threatening consequences for many kids. Unfortunately, serious injuries and even deaths have occurred as a result of children taking these challenges.

Ask your children if they have heard of the challenges or if they or any friends have seen them on YouTube. This can often open the door to your discussion of risky behavior with them. Encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult when they feel unsure about something they or their friends are contemplating to help them make good life choices. Limit internet access and supervise children when they are using the computer. Remind them that they do not need to be pressured into doing anything they do not feel is right or could harm themselves or others.

Physical Education

Hello Everyone!

October is here and with it comes a lot of exciting P.E. activities. We have just finished up with our soccer unit and are moving quickly into our throwing and catching skills. As the month progresses we will be wrapping up with Halloween games, which are always some of the most interesting lessons of the year! Our fourth and fifth grade cross country team will be finishing their season in the middle of October and have been doing a wonderful job so far. I am always amazed at the amount of interest that running in a field or woods can bring to a child. Thank you to everyone who has supported our team this year! Get outside with your child and enjoy the wonderful fall weather! 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.

Music Note

Band: Mark your calendars!

- December 18th 7pm Danville Winter Concert
- March 24th & 25th Rehearsal & Concert for all 5th grade band students

All About Art

Dear Danville Families,

We have been busy as usual in the art room! All of our students have been working their very best on their **Original Works of Art** Fundraiser projects! They came out amazing!! Fundraiser projects will be sent home with catalogs the week of October 21st. Any orders will be delivered before our winter break!

The First Graders created a **Cat on a Mat**. They used their **listening** skills and careful use of **line** to create their furry critters. They also created a mat for their kitty and decorated it with an **AB pattern**.

The Second Graders learned of a magical story about an ice cream cone that turned into a fish! While listening to this story students created their own magical **Fish in an Aquarium**. They added a colorful **patterned** border to finish off their masterpiece!

The Third Graders created a bright and vibrant picture of **Hot Air Balloons** focusing on the concept of “**Space**”. They learned about making objects look **near and far** based on their size as well as having **objects placed off the page** so you don’t see it in its entirety.

The Fourth Graders created a **Cityscape** using **one-point perspective**. They carefully used their rulers to create **depth** using a **vanishing point** as their target. They added details to their buildings and scenery such as trees and cars to make it look like a real city!

The Fifth Graders created a **silhouette** of their choosing based on their interests. They learned that a silhouette is just the outline of the object that looks completely solid black when a light source is shining behind it. They created a sunset using **warm or cool colors** for the background.

I am so proud of our students! We have a great start to the year! Thank you for your continued support for the Visual Arts. Please e-mail and call me at any time with any questions:

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